

## **Hearts & Hands/School Information**

*Hearts & Hands is a group made up of all the mothers of Inwood Christian School students. Its purpose is to support the teachers and school by purchasing many of the extra things for the school (SMART boards, computers, sports equipment, etc.). In order to do this, we need to raise funds, and this is where we need everyone's help and cooperation. It may seem a little overwhelming, but overall if everyone works together it goes really well. The following is a brief summary of these activities as well as a description of some regular events of the school.*

**Veterans Day Program** - Veterans are invited to join the children at school for a short program followed by hot lunch. Parents, grandparents, and friends are also invited to join the children and stay for lunch (free-will donation). The Promotions Committee assists with this Program.

**Grandparents Day** - This is usually held in the spring. The children can have their grandparents, special friend, or a parent come to school for the day. The children usually put on a small program for their guests, and then they take their guests with them to their classroom and show them what goes on in class. To end the day, they have lunch together and then the grandparents or friends are free to leave.

**Track Meet** - In the spring, the Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade hold a track meet on the church parking lot by school. The kids run races and relays. This is not a big competition but mostly held for fun. All the kids are rewarded with a certificate when they are finished. The kids have a great time participating and cheering for everyone else. Usually the kids go home with their parents after the track meet.

**Şcrip** - Şcrip is a program that helps with tuition costs. In Şcrip, you get an order form which you fill out and can turn in at school, Sew & More, or the Inwood Christian Reformed Church. You order gift cards from vendors at which you shop, and a percentage of the sale goes to the school and toward your child's tuition. An order form listing the dates for ordering can be found on the school's website. You may also order Şcrip online. Contact Marge Kollis or Kara Schouten if you have any Şcrip questions.

**Christmas Carol Sing** - The children have a Christmas party in their rooms in the morning on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. They do not exchange gifts with each other, but in the past years they have had a cause to donate money towards. After their parties, the students all come together in the gym and have a Christmas Carol Sing. They sing all sorts of songs and have a great time. Parents, friends, and family members are more than welcome to come watch and even sing along on a few songs. After the Christmas Carol Sing, your child may leave with you.

**Hostess Supper** - This is the largest fundraiser for the school and is held in the gym. This is a night where the whole Inwood Christian School Society is invited. The evening begins with a catered supper followed by an auction. The money raised during the night goes for the general operation of Inwood Christian School. Everyone is asked to join us. You will also be asked as a parent to contact a list of 4-6 businesses assigned to you to see if they would be willing to donate something for the auction. We also ask that each family donate two items to be auctioned off. This is a great time to invite family members or anyone that shows any interest in our school.

**Fall & Spring Social** - Hearts & Hands holds a social after the Fall and Spring Music programs. All parents are assigned either bars or dessert (dessert is not a cake) to contribute for the social. You are asked to bring a 9 x 13 pan. We do this as a small fundraiser and as a way for people to stay and get to know each other. This is a good time to invite family and friends to see your children perform in the programs.

**Room Mothers** - Room mothers are asked to plan a Christmas party and a birthday party for the teacher. They do not have to do it by themselves—they should ask the other mothers of the students in that room to help out. They

are also asked to line up other parents as drivers for any activities involving their classes. The room mothers have \$20 in Scrip money to give to the teacher and an additional \$20 for food/prizes.

**Basketball Tournament** – This is one of the biggest fundraisers, and every parent (dad and mom) is asked to help. We hold a basketball tournament on a Friday and Saturday in January, usually the first full week-end. We invite lots of teams from the surrounding areas. All mothers are assigned to bring food, and all mothers and fathers are assigned a time to work. You may be working the concession stand, taking tickets, keeping the scorebook, etc. If you cannot be there at your scheduled time, it is up to you to trade with someone.

**Cookie Baking** - Hearts & Hands bakes cookies to sell at Sew & More, and this is also one of the biggest fundraisers. You will be asked to either mix the batter or bake the cookies approximately 5-8 times during the year, including the summer. The mixing and baking takes place in the Inwood Christian Reformed Church kitchen. At the beginning of each school year, you will have a chance to indicate which times and days work best for you to work your shift. If you bake, you will either work with another mother, or you can find your own helper. If you find your own helper, then you will not be scheduled to bake as frequently. You will receive training before you will need to work on your own. We bake chocolate chip, peanut, raisin, and cereal cookies and sell them for \$3 a dozen. If you cannot bake on your turn, it is up to you to find a replacement.

**Parents Night** - Everyone is invited to this event, but only the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade kids and parents participate in the games. On this night the girls play against their mothers in volleyball, and the boys play against their fathers in basketball. Ice cream sundaes have been served the past few years, and it is a great night to come watch all the students interact with their parents.

**Library Committee** - Kandace Brands and Jori Gulker are the school's librarians. This committee helps them in the library if there is something they need. They also help cover new books that are purchased.

**Box Tops** - Box tops is a very easy fundraiser that we do. You collect the box tops off various products and send them to school. You can also go on to the box tops website ([www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)) and shop from there and the school will also get credit for this.

**Pizza Ranch Tabs** - These are the tabs that you get off the carry-out boxes at Pizza Ranch. You can send these to school, and these are turned in for cash to the school.

**Pizza Sales** - Hearts & Hands sells frozen pizzas each fall and spring. You will each receive a sheet showing the kinds of toppings available and the cost of each pizza. Please turn the sheet in to school by the due date. The pizzas need to be picked up at the designated time because the school does not have enough room to keep everything cold.

**Coke Caps** - Collect and turn in the plastic caps of Coke products or the coded parts of the boxed Coke products. The coke points are accumulated and used towards items purchased for the school.

**Mentor Moms** - These are experienced moms that you can call to ask questions. You can also call any Hearts & Hands officer. The new moms are encouraged to ask questions—all mothers want to help out the new moms.

This is a list of many of the fundraisers and special events going on at school throughout the year. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to call or e-mail any of the Hearts & Hands officers.

Kay De Vries  
712-753-4316  
[kay@bcckk.net](mailto:kay@bcckk.net)

Karen De Vries  
712-473-2100  
[mkdv1997@hotmail.com](mailto:mkdv1997@hotmail.com)

Jamie Van Voorst  
712-476-5762  
[hjvoorst@c-i-service.com](mailto:hjvoorst@c-i-service.com)

Val Faber  
712-753-2309  
[stevevalfaber@hotmail.com](mailto:stevevalfaber@hotmail.com)

