



INWOOD

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Website: www.inwoodchristian.com
E-Mail: inwoodchrofc@alliancecom.net

302 East Madison
Drawer C
Inwood, IA 51240

Phone: 712-753-4541
Fax: 712-753-2434

ICS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of ICS is to provide an atmosphere in which each unique child of God is challenged both academically and Biblically to live as a Christian, serving Him in all areas of life.

2026-2027 Theme

“Believe, Grow,
Serve”

Aug./Sept.

Matthew
22:37-39
(Believe)

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT

The Inwood Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

August 28, 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

HEARTS & HANDS MEETING: Please plan to join us for the annual fall meeting on Monday, August 31 at 7 pm in the ICS gym. Your attendance is highly encouraged. We will look at teacher project requests, sign up for yearly committees and discuss any other pertinent topics. If you have any questions you can contact Jacklyn Nieuwendorp (605-929-2398 or jacklynpunt@gmail.com). See the agenda attached to this week's newsletter.

COOKIE BAKING: Please note the sign-up sheet attached to the newsletter about cookie baking. This is a great fundraiser for Hearts & Hands and we need all the families to help make this a successful fundraiser! Please turn in your sign up sheet to the school office by

SCHOOL PICTURES TO BE TAKEN: School pictures will be taken by Photography by Hank on **Tuesday, September 15**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. An envelope showing the picture packages available will be sent home next week. Before a student can have his/her picture taken, he/she needs to have a pay envelope filled out and returned. These envelopes need to be returned to each student's teacher by **next Thursday, September 10**. Please note that a class picture is included in all packages. If you do not purchase a package, class pictures may be purchased for \$11.00.

HOT LUNCH: Beginning this year, we have started a school-led lunch program. Attached is a copy of the letter that was sent out in August. Donations are gratefully accepted and help us create a successful and sustainable lunch program for our students. We can accept USDA grade meat, uncut fruits and vegetables and non-expired canned goods. Thank you greatly to all who have donated so far to this program.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE: **Wednesday, September 23**, at 8:30 a.m., the whole school will be participating in the annual “See You At The Pole” event celebrating our freedom to pray. We invite and encourage everyone to join us as the 7th & 8th grade students lead us in prayer.

KIDS BANK: ICS has the great opportunity of once again partnering with Security Savings Bank to help teach our school about financial literacy. The students will have the opportunity to open up a real bank account (or link their current bank account) and deposit money in it through the school. SSB will come once a week to have students input the amount they are depositing and see their new balance. There are multiple contests that go along with the number of deposits you make throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about banking and get a savings account started. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Stearns (amystearns@inwoodchristian.com) or Samantha Antrim (SSB) (samantha.antrim@bankwithssb.com). All students new to ICS will be coming home with a packet, if any other students would like to join, please contact the school office. Please remember this is completely optional.

SCRIP ORDERS: Scrip orders can be dropped off at the school, Todd's True Value or mailbox #139 at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church by Thursday of every week. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program please contact Leah Vande Vegte (605-929-5789).

NICSTO FORMS: All NICSTO forms need to be turned into the office by **Thursday, September 3**. If you need another copy of the form, please contact the school office.

TEACHER WEB PAGES: Be sure to check the web pages of your students' teachers for important information from them. As the year goes on, the teachers will update with assignments and information that pertains just to their class. You can find each teacher's web page by going to the ICS website (www.inwoodchristian.com), click on Academics then click on the teacher's web page you wish to see.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK: The Parent/Student Handbook was given to each family at Open House. Take the time to acquaint yourself with the policies of ICS. After reading the Handbook, **please complete the page showing you read the Parent/Student Handbook and return it to the school office by August 31.**

REMINDER: If your student(s) will be going somewhere other than their normal destination after school, the school needs a note (or at least a phone call) from parents telling us this information by 3:00 p.m. If we do not receive a note or phone call, your student(s) will be sent to their normal destination.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 2 -	Chapel
Sept. 7 -	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
Sept. 15 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 -	Kids Bank
Sept. 15 -	School pictures taken, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 18 -	NO SCHOOL, Staff Development
Sept. 23 -	See you at the Pole, 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 1 & 2 -	Heartland Teachers Convention - No School

THEME FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

**"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
MATTHEW 22:37-39 (BELIEVE)**

August 14, 2026

Dear Inwood Christian School Families,

We are writing to share an important update regarding our school lunch program. As you know, beginning this school year, we will be transitioning from participation in the federal lunch program to a school-led lunch program.

As we make this change, we want to assure you that there are still many rules, regulations, and food safety standards that must be followed. Requirements regarding food sourcing, certified food products, storage, preparation, and sanitation remain in place, and we are committed to maintaining a high standard of compliance and safety. We will continue to work with the same food safety inspector who has served us in the past and has been an excellent resource for our school.

In addition, we are consulting with other local Christian schools that have successfully transitioned away from the federal lunch program. Their experience and guidance are helping us as we develop a program that best serves our students and families.

One of the greatest benefits of this transition is the opportunity to have more control over the ingredients used in our meals. This flexibility will allow us to prepare healthier and higher-quality food for our students while continuing to meet all necessary food safety requirements.

As we launch this new program, there will be startup costs associated with supplies and establishing our initial food inventory. To help provide a strong foundation for the program, we have reached out to our society members for financial support. If you would like to contribute toward this effort, please contact a board member for more information. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated and will help us create a successful and sustainable lunch program for our students. We can accept USDA certified meat, uncut fruits and vegetables and canned goods.

We are excited about the possibilities this change brings and look forward to providing meals that better reflect our school's values and commitment to student well-being.

If you have any questions about this transition, please reach out to a member of the School Board. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

The Inwood Christian School Board

HEARTS & HANDS AGENDA

August 31, 2026 7:00 pm

President – Jacklyn Nieuwendrop **Vice President** – Jessica Bonnema

Treasurer - Brittany Lems **Secretary** – Kelsey Blankespoor

1. Opening Devotions and Welcome – Jacklyn Nieuwendrop
2. Reading of Minutes from February 2, 2026 – Kelsey Blankespoor
3. Counting of Members 4.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Brittany Lems
 - a. Proposed Annual Expenses
 - b. Vote for Annual Expenditures
5. Old Business/Fundraising/Committee Updates
 - a. Scrip- Leah VV
 - b. Cookies – Abbey VB
 - c. Easter Bake Sale- Shirley VE, Kadee VB
 - d. Spring Program Social- Kelsey B
 - e. Siouxnami Report – Leah VV
 - f. Library Report – Abbi D
6. New Business
 - a. Project Requests from Teachers
 - i. Annual allowance?
 - b. Fundraisers for 2026/2027 School Year
 - i. Pizza? Sweet corn? Coffee?
 - c. Room Moms for Music? PE? More support?
 - d. Teachers’ support with time vs. money
7. Vote on Teacher Projects, 1 additional Fundraiser
8. Sign up for Committees
9. Concept & Minutes read by Kelsey Blankespoor
10. Closing Prayer – Jessica Bonnema