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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.

2019-2020
Theme

“KINGDOM BUILDERS”

Aug./Sept.

Parable of the Great Banquet

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.

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a good start. We have 48 students in grades K-8 this year coming from 27 families. The new families joining our ICS family are Tyler & Ashley Attema (Emily-Kdg.), Tyler & Liz Bonestroo (Skyler-Kdg.), Brian & Gwen Denekas (Carson-7th, Collin-4th, Ceagan-1st), Adam & Bethany Eisenga (Jonathan-Kdg.), Mike & Randi Grevengoed (Ruby-Kdg.), Mark & Heidi Kock (Landan-7th, Eva-6th, Paytan-5th, Ella-2nd, Marcus-Kdg.), Greg and Brooklyn Meendering (Chyles-Kdg.), and Josh & Jessica Van Grouw (Weston-Kdg.). We also welcome Mrs. Sydney Durbin as our new preschool teacher/kindergarten para, Mrs. Paulette DeWeerd as our new music teacher, and Mrs. Kenzie Hoekstra as a new kindergarten para. Welcome to all of you! We are glad you are a part of our ICS family!

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER: Since more than half of the parents have requested a paper copy of the Friday Newsletter, we have decided we will be sending out paper newsletters again this year to all parents. The Friday Newsletter will be sent home with the youngest student in each family. Please ask your student for the Newsletter each Friday and take the time to read it as it is an important link between the school and home. The Friday Newsletter will be printed on **purple** colored paper this year. It can also be found on the school's web page.

NO SCHOOL: There will be **NO SCHOOL** next **Monday, September 2**, because of the Labor Day holiday.

TEXT MESSAGES: The school sends out text messages and/or e-mails to alert parents/staff of early dismissals, late starts, and no school days due to bad weather and for other reminders throughout the year. If you have not already been receiving these messages and wish to start receiving them this year, please go to one of the following links and complete your sign up. You can sign up for both texts and e-mail, and both parents may sign up. It is easy to sign up, and we want to encourage everyone to participate. Even though you may have listed your numbers on your registration sheet, you need to go to the links and complete your sign up. The school is unable to just sign you up. We are going to send out a "Test Message" on **Wednesday, September 4**. If you receive this test message, you are in the system already and do not need to do anything. If you do **not** receive our "Test Message," please sign up at one of the following addresses:

<http://www.remind.com/join/prek-8> or <http://www.remind.com/join/3b864>

THEME T-SHIRTS: Theme t-shirts will be handed out to the students next Wednesday. We will also be taking the all-school picture for our Website with our theme shirts on Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon so that we can get both the morning and afternoon preschoolers included.

HEARTS & HANDS MEETING: Hearts & Hands will be meeting on **Monday evening, September 16**, in the music room beginning at 7:00 p.m. All moms of ICS students are invited and encouraged to attend. More detailed information will be coming with next week's Newsletter, but please reserve the date now. Hope to see you there! (Hearts & Hands)

SCHOOL PICTURES TO BE TAKEN: School pictures will be taken by Photography by Hank on **Monday, September 16**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. An envelope showing the picture packages available is being sent home with each student today. 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 Friday, September 6**.

Please note that a class picture is included in all packages. If you do not purchase a package, class pictures may be purchased for \$10.00. If you wish to have a younger child's picture taken, pick up a pay envelope from the school office on **September 16**.

HEARING SCREENINGS: On **Wednesday, September 11**, NWAEA will be conducting hearing screenings on preschool through fifth grade and eighth grade students. Parents will be informed of any concerns. If you do NOT want your child's hearing screened, please contact the school as you need to fill out a form stating this.

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 contact us on the top right, click on staff directory, and then click on the teacher's web page you wish to see.

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. If we do not receive a note or phone call, your student(s) will be sent to their normal destination.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK: The Parent/Student Handbook was sent home with the students at Open House/Opening Day Chapel. 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.

NICSTO GRANT FORMS/ICS GRANT FORMS: NICSTO and ICS Grant forms that were sent with your registration packet need to be completed and returned to school by **Friday, September 6**, if you have not already done so. Page 1/2 of your tax form which shows the family income must be attached to these forms. If you have any questions concerning this or if you need another form, please call the school office at 753-4541.

FREE/REDUCED HOT LUNCH FORM: If you have not already done so and would like to apply for free/reduced lunches, please return your forms ASAP. If you have questions concerning this form or if you need another form, please call the school office at 712-753-4541.

BOOK ORDERS: Many of our students order books through the book clubs available through school. For easier bookkeeping purposes, the school sends one check to the book company when placing orders. If you send a check for your student's book order, **please make the check payable to Inwood Christian School**, not the book club as stated on the order form.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY: The 2019-2020 class enrollment list and the school directory are being sent home with the newsletter. The staff directory can be found in the back of the Parent/Student Handbook.

Mrs. Vander Veen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 2 - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept. 3 - Preschool Back-to-School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4 - Preschool Begins
- Sept. 4 - Chapel, 2:20 P.M.
- Sept. 9 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11 - Hearing Screenings for PreK - 5th & 8th
- Sept. 16 - School pictures taken, 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16 - AM/PM SonLight Classes combined in the AM
- Sept. 16 - Hearts & Hands Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 - Early Dismissal, 11:40 a.m., teacher inservice; buses will be running at 11:40 a.m.
- Oct. 2 - Chapel
- Oct. 3 & 4 - NO SCHOOL, Heartland Teachers' Inservice



THEME FOR SEPTEMBER - Parable of the Great Banquet

**For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.
But seek His Kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.**

Luke 12:30-31

Cookie Baking Sign up

It is time to set up the cookie baking schedule for 2019-2020.

There is a need for more mixers – if you would like to mix, please mark the mixer options **and** also the baking options that work for you.

Please circle below which options will work for you; if more than one option works, please circle all that will work; and if you have a preference, number the options in the order of preference. If you have any questions, please call Jamie at 712-476-5762 or 712-470-1490 or Linda at 712-476-2944 or 712-470-0243.

Name: _____

Please circle and number in order of preference

Mixer – Monday Morning

Mixer – Tuesday Morning

Baker – Monday Morning

Baker – Tuesday Morning

Baker – Monday Afternoon

Baker – Tuesday Afternoon

Baker – Monday Evening

Baker – Tuesday Evening

***Please return this to the ICS Office before September 6th, or
if you would rather, please send an e-mail to meyerjlk@gmail.com***

Cookie Committee

Linda Meyer

Jamie Van Voorst