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The Mission of Inwood Christian School 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

The ICS annual Christmas Carol Sing will be held on Friday, December 22, beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the school gym. Coffee will be served at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join the students as they perform some of their favorite Christmas Carols.

Following the Christmas Carol Sing, the students will be dismissed for their Christmas Vacation.

ICS SUPPER/AUCTION

The annual ICS Supper & Auction is being planned for Friday, January 19, 2024. Please return your reservation to ICS or CRC mailbox #132 by January 5, 2024. All proceeds from the auction will go towards the ICS general fund.



The ICS Board,
Staff, and
Students wish you
all a blessed and joyous
Christmas Season.
We give thanks to God
for His greatest gift to
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many blessings to ICS.

FROM THE OFFICE

November and December are busy months at ICS. The first quarter of the school year ended on Thursday, October 26, and Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on November 2. The students presented their annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 10. Thanksgiving vacation began on November 22 with an early dismissal, and there was no school on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24.

During this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, ICS would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the supportive ICS parents and Society, the ICS board who so willingly give so much of their time, to our dedicated staff, to our students, and especially to God for His endless guidance, care, and blessings that He has given to ICS.

Even though December will be a short month of school, the students will be kept very busy. The students will have their Christmas Music Program, the classes will be having their Christmas parties, and they will be having their annual Christmas Carol Sing. The students will be dismissed from school at 11:30 a.m. on December 22 for their Christmas Vacation.

The ICS Board, Staff, and Students wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas Season. We give thanks to God for His greatest gift to us— His Son! We thank Him for His many blessings to ICS.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 6 -	Chapel
Dec. 12 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14 -	Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 22 -	Christmas Carol Sing, 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 22 -	Car Pool at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 -	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 3 -	Classes Resume
Jan. 3 -	Chapel
Jan. 9 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 10 -	End of the 2nd Quarter
Jan. 11 -	Basketball vs Worthington, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12 -	Early Dismissal, 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 -	Basketball vs Sanborn, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 19 -	ICS Supper/Auction, 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23 -	Basketball vs Rock Valley, home, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 25 -	Basketball vs Sheldon, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 -	Assessments
Jan. 30 -	Basketball vs Ireton, home, 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 1 -	Basketball vs Worthington, home, 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 3 -	Basketball Tournament at Western
Feb. 7 -	Chapel
Feb. 14 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16 -	No School
Feb. 19 -	No School, Presidents Day
Feb. 23 -	No School, Staff Professional Development

ICS FALL DRIVE

The School Board is conducting its annual Fall Drive. The board has set \$60,000 as its goal for this year. We ask that you give this drive your prayerful consideration. Your donations may be sent to the school or placed in CRC mailbox #159. We thank you for all your past support. Your donations are very much appreciated!

ICS Board

FOUNDATION NEWS

Are you pondering a gift idea for that person on your list who has everything? How about giving a gift that keeps on giving? If you would like to make a donation to the Inwood Christian School Society Foundation, Inc. in that person's name, their gift would keep on giving to the school every year and would be impacting children for years to come. Many gifts given for material things come and go, but a gift to the foundation will continue to bless the upcoming generations. Please contact the school office or any Foundation Board member if interested. Board members are: Dustin Schouten, Jeff Meyer, Harold Van Voorst, Jim Bleeker, Dale Kollis and Josh Van Grouw (board representative).



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(Those with summer birthdays are listed as half birthday and celebrated on the half birthday during the school year. The others are their actual birthday.)

December 3 -	Wendy Vande Vegte (half birthday)
December 3 -	Wren Vande Vegte (half birthday)
December 5 -	Ethan Stearns (half birthday)
December 5 -	Scott Davelaar (half birthday)
December 6 -	Cambrie Henrichs (half birthday)
December 7 -	Ava Rozeboom
December 18 -	Renna Grevengood
December 27 -	Miss Rebecca Schouten
December 29 -	Ella Baumeister (half birthday)
January 4 -	Taysen Van Beek (half birthday)
January 7 -	William Attema
January 7 -	Luke Bonnema
January 7 -	Ruth Bonnema
January 9 -	Owen Davelaar (half birthday)
January 12 -	Andrea Cardenas (half birthday)
January 14 -	Nora Davelaar
January 16 -	Blair Lems
January 16 -	Parker Lems
January 23 -	Lennox Leloux
January 24 -	Seth Leusink (half birthday)
January 28 -	Mrs. Cristina Hernandez

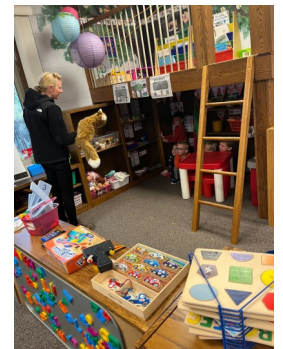
Wax Museum

As part of their Social Studies curriculum, the 3rd and 4th graders chose a historical figure to research. They wrote, memorized, and presented their facts to the other classes and to our parents and grandparents. The students did an amazing job!



Preschool

Preschool has been very busy learning! Throughout October, we worked our way through the “tree study.” In that study we learned all about how trees change, the characteristics of trees, the different kinds of trees, and what food trees give us. During our study we went on a tree hunt, and Miss Emily came to school to teach us about squirrels and ladybugs. The students loved learning about God’s creation! After the “tree study”, we started our “clothing study”. This study focused on how clothes are made, where we get clothes from, and what uniforms community helpers wear to work. One of our favorite days was when we tried on some real firefighter’s gear! We have been having a blast in preschool playing and learning with all of our friends!



Kindergarten

The kindergartners kept busy in the classroom during the month of November. During math time we explored both 2D and 3D shapes. We were very surprised to find so many shapes in our classroom! We ended our unit by bringing examples of spheres, cubes, cylinders, cones, and pyramids for Show and Tell.



During the week of Thanksgiving we focused on the goodness of God. After reading about the First Thanksgiving, the kindergartners created a class booklet filled with writings and illustrations of what they were thankful for. Each student was given a copy of the booklet. Other Thanksgiving activities included making turkey headbands and joining the rest of the students for a meal in the gym.

1st & 2nd Grade

Greetings from 1st and 2nd grade! We've been doing so much learning and having so much fun! Before Thanksgiving, we partnered up with 3rd and 4th grade and learned about pilgrim children and a Native American boy. We listened to their stories and learned about their ways of life. We compared it to our lives now, talked about how we would live in that time, and how we still celebrate Thanksgiving today.



We've also been learning about how God provides for us. A recent Bible lesson series was the Sermon on the Mount, we learned about how God always provides. We learned about how we don't need to worry about anything, because God takes care of us. He loves us and has plans for all of us. Birds don't worry about where they find food, because God provides for them. We made bird feeders for them, out of pinecones, peanut butter, and bird seed.



Blessings to all of you in the upcoming Christmas season!

3rd & 4th Grade

Monday, October 20th, was National Candy Corn Day! Who doesn't love candy corn?! After reading about the history of candy corn, the students participated in several chemistry and STEM activities. We first learned about "solutions". Each child had a specific liquid they prepared and put one piece of candy corn in. The liquids included rubbing alcohol, Sprite, Listerine, vegetable oil, Dawn dish soap, and vinegar. The students were surprised to see that the candy dissolved the quickest in the Sprite! The only liquid it did not dissolve in was the oil. The next activities needed our creative thinking! We first had to build as tall of a square as possible using craft sticks and pieces of candy corn. The tallest tower was built by Emily and Blair at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$! Building a catapult to launch the candy came after the tower building. We followed their suggested design, but were not very impressed with the results. The students then had some time to design and build their catapult however they wished! We then went to the gym to launch the candy. The winners' launch went from the stage and hit the wall on the far side of the gym! We weren't expecting that great of success, but it sure made us all excited! The winning catapult was designed by Owen and Lennox! Here are a few fun facts we learned about Candy Corn:

- *It was invented in the late 1800s.
- *It was first called Chicken Feed.
- *Each piece use to be made by hand.
- *An estimated 35 million pounds of candy corn is produced each Year.



5th & 6th Grade

The 5th and 6th graders have had a great start to our year. We are over a quarter of the way through the year and have learned so much! We just finished a unit in our Bible class with a focus on Daniel. The students did a great job of making detailed illustrations of each of the stories talked about. We were also able to “Disguise a Turkey” for Thanksgiving to keep it safe from the dinner table :) We had multiple different, very creative designs, including a Dominos Pizza Delivery Man, a hunter, a Harry Potter character, a Christmas tree, and many more! The students also made great posters for an end of the unit project on the first settlements in North America. We had posters featured on Jamestown, New Amsterdam, as well as Fort Christina and Boston.

One of the newest adventures we have embarked on as a class has been our Pen Pals program. We are currently paired up with students from the RISE (Special Education) department at Ben Reifel Middle School in Sioux Falls. We write to each other weekly, and the students from both classes have gotten so much valuable learning out of the experience. We are learning to communicate in different ways with different people, including communicating with pictures with one of our Pen Pals. It is so rewarding to see the friendships forming between the students, even though they haven't met each other! We are spreading God's love to our Pen Pals through all of the different conversations they are having weekly!



7th & 8th Grade

The 7th & 8th graders are taking their talents to the big screen! Or at least to your phone and computer screens! The class has started producing the ICS News Report. Every two weeks you'll see a video posted on Facebook of a news report made by the 7th and 8th graders. Each video is written, reported, filmed, and edited by the students with the help of Mrs. Lucas. There's a lot of work that goes into each video, and the students have gotten some great feedback so far! The report covers different events and projects going on throughout our school. Each report also has an ICS Spotlight, which is a special feature where a student from ICS is interviewed. The 7th and 8th graders have already learned a lot through this project. Having a real, authentic audience for their work is such an awesome experience as well. It makes them want to produce great work! As we continue making these videos, they'll learn more and take on more tasks. Thank you to Hearts & Hands for the funds for the WeVideo subscription, which enables us to make such awesome videos! And check out the ICS Facebook page to see our videos!



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

October 10, 2023 minutes

Brian Stearns opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Rebecca Schouten, Brian Stearns, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, and Tyler Attema. Michael Grevengoed & Pete Van Velzen were absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

A motion was made, supported and approved to purchase additional security cameras.

CSI goal updates were discussed.

Rebecca gave a report on the in-service training that was held on Monday, October 9.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given, and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed.

The Fall Drive was discussed.

Education Committee Report

Todd Reinke is scheduled to visit school in October and Michael Grevengoed will visit in November.

Buildings & Grounds

Various projects around school were discussed.

Other Business

The Staff & Board Supper will be on Thursday, February 1.

The ICS Auction/Supper will be on January 19, 2024.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Darren Davelaar.

Todd Reinke, Secretary pro tem

November 14, 2023 minutes

Darren Davelaar opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Brian Stearns, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar and Tyler Attema. Michael Grevengoed was absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

Personal days were approved.

The Christmas Mission Project this year will be The Foster Network in Sioux Falls.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given, profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed.

The Fall drive was discussed.

Various gifts were discussed.

Education Committee Report

Todd Reinke gave a report on his October visit. Michael Grevengoed will be visiting school in November.

Building/Grounds Committee Report

Snow Removal was discussed. Tyler Attema will take care of snow removal this year.

Various projects around school were discussed.

Other Business

Staff health insurance was discussed.

Bus inspections will be held on November 29.

The next school board meeting will be December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Todd Reinke, Secretary pro tem



SUPPER & AUCTION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Silent Auction 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Catered Meal 6:00pm

Auction Following Meal

DETAILS

A silent auction will be held from 4:30 - 7:30pm. If you are unable to attend the supper, please feel free to drop in and place a bid. Serving of the catered meal will begin at 6:00pm sharp with the entertaining live auction to follow. The evening is open to ALL!

Invite your friends and family to join in the support of our school!

Donations for the auction are welcome!

Check out our Facebook Page, **ICS Supper & Auction**, for event updates and to see items that will be on the auction!

Any questions call:

Todd & Jen Reinke (712-470-2466)

Arie & Erin Van Nieuwenhuyzen (712-541-3675)

Matt & Leah Vande Vegte (605-929-5789)

Joshua & Jessica Van Grouw (712-470-0402)

Inwood Christian School (712-753-4541)

RSVP

Please RSVP to Inwood Christian School by calling **712-753-4541** or email inwoodchrofc@alliancecom.net by January 5, 2024.