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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 20, 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 17, 2025. Please return your reservation to ICS or CRC mailbox #132 by January 6, 2025. 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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FROM THE OFFICE

November and December are busy months at ICS. The first quarter of the school year ended on Friday, October 25, and Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on November 7. The students presented their annual Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 11. Thanksgiving vacation began on November 27 with an early dismissal, and there was no school on Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29.

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 20 for their Christmas Vacation.

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 4 -	Chapel
Dec. 9 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12 -	Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14 -	Hearts & Hands Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 17 -	Basketball vs Sanborn, home, 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 19 -	Basketball vs Good Shepherd Lutheran, away, 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 20 -	Christmas Carol Sing, 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 20 -	Car Pool at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 -	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 6 -	Classes Resume
Jan. 6 -	Basketball vs Hull Protestant, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 8 -	Chapel
Jan. 10 -	End of the 2nd Quarter
Jan. 13 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 14 -	Basketball vs Ireton, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 16 -	Basketball vs Worthington, home, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17 -	1:30 p.m. dismissal, Staff development
Jan. 17 -	ICS Supper/Auction
Jan. 20 -	Basketball vs Sheldon, home, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 21 -	Basketball vs Hull Christian, away, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28 -	Basketball vs Rock Valley Christian, home, 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 30 -	School Skating Party, Skate City, 6:00 p.m.

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, Todd Folkerts, 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)
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December 4 -	Huxley Henrichs (half birthday)
December 5 -	Ethan Stearns (half birthday)
December 5 -	Scott Davelaar (half birthday)
December 6 -	Cambrie Henrichs (half birthday)
December 18 -	Renna Grevengoed
December 19 -	Lennon Van Grouw
December 27 -	Miss Rebecca Schouten
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 -	Kyzer Van Beek
January 16 -	Blair Lems
January 16 -	Parker Lems
January 18 -	Wrenleigh Wanamaker
January 20 -	Tennysen Reinke
January 22 -	Rylee Halma
January 23 -	Lennox Leloux
January 24 -	Seth Leusink (half birthday)
January 28 -	Mrs. Cristina Hernandez

CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT

Each year ICS does a special Christmas Project instead of exchanging gifts in the classrooms. This year ICS chose the Foster Network in Sioux Falls. The gifts we purchased will allow foster families to have presents to give to the children they have been fostering and to help reduce some of the stress of the holiday season.

Mrs. Lucas and the 7th & 8th graders traveled to Sioux Falls to purchase gifts that we will be presenting to the Foster Network.

Thank you to the ICS families for their donations that allow us to bless others during the Christmas season!

Preschool

Throughout October and November, preschool had been working 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 trees give us. The students loved learning about nature. During the study, the preschoolers went to Riverview Christmas Tree Farm with the kindergarteners to learn about Christmas Trees. We were also able to learn about pumpkins! We went on a hayride, picked pumpkins, shot apples out of an apple cannon, and played on the bouncy houses! The students had a blast and wanted to go back when we returned to school! The students were also very busy preparing for the Veteran’s Day Program. They did a great job singing and playing the bells! On November 14, the students were very excited because their parents were able to come to school for Pastries with Parents. They made thankful trees and did a turkey number scavenger hunt! The students loved eating donuts and spending time with their parents!



Kindergarten

The kindergarteners have been busy - they are learning to read! They are able to read short stories sent home every week! We've also been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. It's been exciting to find so many solid and flat shapes right in our own classroom!

During the week of Thanksgiving we focused on the goodness of God. After reading A Very Thankful Prayer, the kindergarteners created a "Thankful Pie" filled with writings and illustrations of what they are thankful for. God is so good! They also made turkey headbands, played turkey-themed games, and joined the rest of the students for a meal in the gym.



1st & 2nd Grade

1st and 2nd graders have been having so much fun! The students have been working so hard which leads us to having pajama day! We were gifted with books called about Caitlyn Clark and her journey to becoming a basketball player. The kids were inspired to chase their dreams! In science we learned about environments and parks so we had someone from Newton Hills zoom in and talk about state parks and his job. For Thanksgiving we got together with 3rd and 4th to complete some pages on Aurthur! We are so excited to see what the rest of the year brings!



Kindergarten - 4th Grade

On Tuesday, November 12th the students in grade Kindergarten through 4th grade had a special opportunity! Author Kady Toole came to our classes. She is a Dordt student. She writes books about her dog. She is a creative writer! Her books are based on Izzy the Corgi. She loves her dog and loves to cuddle with her. She creates her own drawings for the books.

The first book is about IZZY the Cowgirl Corgi. She has three books in all and a fourth one is almost finished. The second book is IZZY the Super Corgi, and the third book is about aliens. There is a bad guy in every book. She writes fun books! She is an amazing author! Thank you, Kady Toole!



Written by Vivienne Reinke and Parker Lems

3rd & 4th Grade

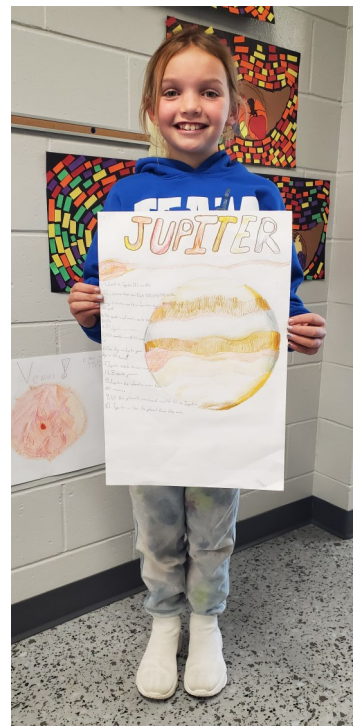
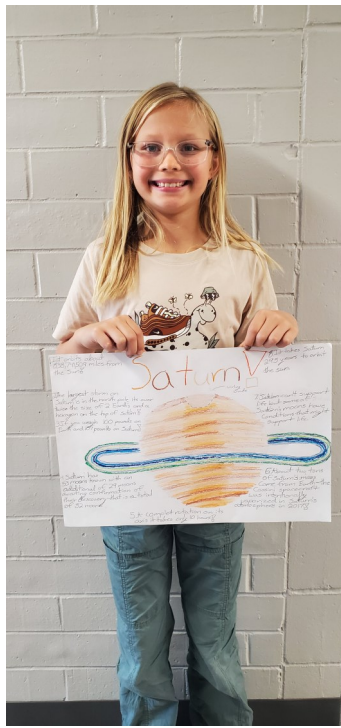
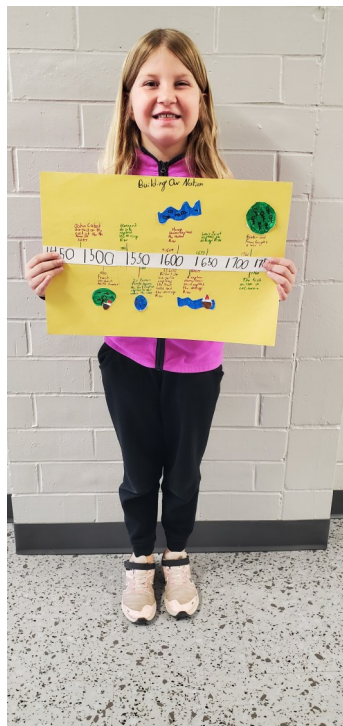
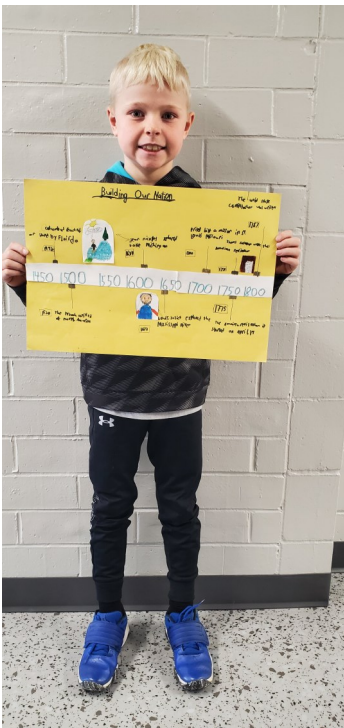
With the completion of the Thanksgiving season, our focus turns to the joy and anticipation of celebrating Christ's birth! It is truly a special time of year, and I am blessed to share these days with the third and fourth graders!

The past weeks have been filled with studying and exploring space and the planets. The students did research on an assigned planet and made a poster to share their information. In Social Studies we learned about the many explorers coming to America and how our country's founding fathers started our country. A specific skill we learned was about timelines. Our final project was to choose information from our lessons and create a timeline with the most important events covering the early explorers, colonization, and establishing America's first government. The students did an amazing job on both of these projects!

December will be a busy month! We look forward to more activities to celebrate Christmas! We hope you will join us for the Carol Sing on the 20th of December!

We wish each of you a blessed holiday season! May your Christmas be filled with the joy that only Christ can give!

Mrs. Vander Veen and the Third and Fourth Graders



5th & 6th Grade

The 5th and 6th graders had the opportunity to serve at Manna Market as part of our service project this year. They sorted miscellaneous snack items and grouped them for a more organized shopping experience. Additionally, they cleared two pallets of groceries and pantry items. The kids had a great time and are looking forward to going again!

We've also spent a few afternoons at Fellowship Village, playing games and participating in various activities with the residents. It has been such an enjoyable time for everyone!

The students have been working hard and participating in so many fun activities. Basketball season has just started, and it's always a highlight for everyone involved.

We are so thankful for what we've accomplished this year and eagerly anticipate all the blessings yet to come!

Miss Schouten



7th & 8th Grade

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26

The 7th and 8th grade class has gotten a deeper understanding of this verse this year! We have had the opportunity to take a closer look at God's creation right outside our classroom window with some bird feeders! We signed up for the FeederWatch Project through Cornell Labs where we track bird species that come to our feeder throughout the year. This is a national project with people all throughout the country tracking birds in different areas. We had a slow start with the feeders in August, but had a hummingbird that consistently came to our suction-cupped window feeder, which was super exciting! Our other two feeders steadily grew with more and more birds every week! Now we are getting 50+ birds every day! We have to refill the bird feeders sometimes several times a week! We've seen a variety of species from sparrows and finches to blue jays and turtle doves! We had to do a little problem-solving with some squirrels as well! Thank you to those who donated shepherd's hooks and bird seed for this classroom project! It's been a great experience to sit in awe of God's creation and marvel at the birds each day! We are constantly reminded of how much our God loves and cares for us!



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2024 minutes

Jaron Van Beek opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the September 9, 2024, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Rebecca Schouten, Todd Reinke, Darren Davelaar, Josh Van Grouw, Michael Grevengoed and Jaron Van Beek. Tyler Attema was absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed. CSI goal updates were discussed.

Kindergarten - 4th grade completed their service project of cleaning up the city park. The 5th - 8th graders will be working with Manna Market.

State mandated radios will need to be installed by the beginning of the 25-26 school year.

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.

We received a check from Zomer Auctions for \$22,000 for the tractor that was donated and sold for Inwood Christian School.

Education Committee Report

Tyler Attema is scheduled to visit school in October and Todd Reinke will visit in November.

Buildings & Grounds

Tyler Attema will be taking care of snow removal this year.

New locks will be placed on the front door & the back door of school.

Other Business

The Staff & Board Supper were discussed.

The ICS Auction/Supper will be on January 17, 2025.

Bus Inspection has been changed to January 16, 2025.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Darren Davelaar.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

November 11, 2024 minutes

Darren Davelaar opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the October 14, 2024, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Amy Stearns, Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, Jaron Van Beek, Michael Grevengoed and Tyler Attema.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

Rebecca Schouten has resigned as the head teacher. Amy Stearns was offered the position.

Amy Stearns will now be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and Jamie Van Voorst will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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

Personal day requests were approved.

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 will be visiting school in November.

Building/Grounds Committee Report

Lights have been replaced in Jamie's office.

Locks will be replaced on the front and back door of school.

Other Business

Staff health insurance was discussed.

Families need to follow Iowa rules with providing booster/car seats for younger students.

The next school board meeting will be December 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary



Supper & Auction

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

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 6, 2025. Meal tickets are \$25/plate.