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December 2025

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 Tuesday, December 23, 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 23, 2026. Please return your reservation to ICS or CRC mailbox #139 by January 9, 2026. 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  
us — His Son.  
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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 Tuesday, October 28, and Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on November 6. The students presented their annual Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11. Thanksgiving vacation began on November 26 with an early dismissal, and there was no school on Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28.

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 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 have had 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 23 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.



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

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| Dec. 3 -           | Chapel   |
| Dec. 8 -           | School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.                          |
| Dec. 11 -          | Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.                             |
| Dec. 13 -          | Hearts & Hands Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.                      |
| Dec. 16 -          | Basketball vs Sanborn, away, 4:00 p.m.                   |
| Dec. 23 -          | Christmas Carol Sing, 10:45 a.m.                         |
| Dec. 23 -          | Car Pool at 11:30 a.m.                                   |
| Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 - | Christmas Vacation                                       |
| Jan. 5 -           | Classes Resume   |
| Jan. 7 -           | Chapel   |
| Jan. 8 -           | Basketball vs Hull Christian,<br>away, 4:00 p.m.         |
| Jan. 12 -          | School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.                          |
| Jan. 13 -          | End of the 2nd Quarter                                   |
| Jan. 13 -          | Basketball vs Ireton, home, 4:00 p.m.,<br>boys only      |
| Jan. 15 -          | Basketball vs Hull Protestant,<br>home, 4:00 p.m.        |
| Jan. 20 -          | Basketball vs Sheldon, away, 4:00 p.m.                   |
| Jan. 23 -          | ICS Supper/Auction                                       |
| Jan. 26 -          | Basketball vs Orange City Christian,<br>home, 4:00 p.m.  |
| Jan. 28 -          | Basketball vs Rock Valley Christian,<br>home, 4:00 p.m.  |
| Jan. 29 -          | Basketball vs Sioux Center Christian,<br>away, 4:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 31 -          | Girls Basketball Tournament                              |

## ICS FALL DRIVE

The School Board is conducting its annual Fall Drive. The board has set \$50,000 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!

## 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, Mike Knobloch and Josh Van Grouw (board representative).

## RECESS FUN IN THE SNOW



## SOUND SYSTEM

School is in need of a new sound system for our gym. If you feel led to give to this project, please send your donation, with sound system marked in your check memo, to:

Inwood Christian School  
302 E Madison, Drawer C  
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## Preschool

Preschool has been very busy learning! Throughout October, we worked our way through the "Pumpkin Study." To end the study we went on a field trip to Fields of Fun in Sioux Center! The students loved learning all about pumpkins, picking their own pumpkins, petting the animals at the petting zoo, going through the corn maze, and playing on all the toys! After the "Pumpkin Study" we started the "Tree Study." In this study we have been learning about trees, how they grow and change, how trees help us, and food that grows on trees. The students have loved learning more about God's creation. They really enjoyed going on our nature hunt and seeing all the different types of trees right around school. Some of the students' favorite days of school in November were Veterans Day and the day before Thanksgiving because both classes were at school all together! We have been having a blast in preschool playing and learning with all of our friends!



## Kindergarten

Kindergarten is so much fun and we keep so busy! Troy Van Beek showed the Kindergarten class around the fire station. The students got to sit inside the truck and see the equipment the truck carries, they tried on the fireman's helmet and jacket and tried to lift some of their equipment and realized you need to be very strong to be a firefighter! It was a lot of fun spraying the fire hose too!

Dayton, the Naturalist from Lyon County Conservation visited our classroom in October and November. The students enjoyed her visits and the hands-on furs, skeletons, eggs, etc. she brought for them to observe and touch.

Thanks to Ms. Dawn for her presentation on how to care for our teeth and why it is so important to take care of them!

The Kindergarteners along with the Preschoolers had fun with their service project of picking up sticks in the City Park. After working hard and making a big pile of sticks, they enjoyed playing on the playground for awhile. Inwood Christian School also helped the library move into their temporary "new" location. Kindergarteners helped by coloring artwork to decorate the walls.

In social studies we have been talking about how we track the passage of time, seasons and holidays being some of the ways. Included are a picture of when we discussed the Pumpkin Parable in Bible class and made our Thanksgiving wheels. We discovered we have so very many things to be thankful for . . . one of them being a part of Inwood Christian School and learning and talking about Jesus every day!

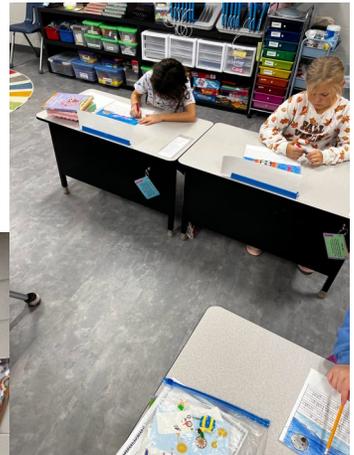


## 1st & 2nd Grade

This month the 1st/2nd graders became authors! They were each given the opportunity to write their own fiction book. We also partnered with the University of Sioux Falls. Each student worked with a USF college student who is preparing to become an elementary school teacher. The college students supported our young authors by helping them edit, revise, and add on to their stories.

The students had so much fun writing their books and watching their ideas come to life. They also illustrated their pages during art class, adding their own creative touch to every part of the project.

I am so proud of each student for the hard work they put into their books. The finished stories have been sent to the publisher and will become real hardcover books in just a few weeks!



## 3rd & 4th Grade

Third and Fourth graders were asked to share what their favorite part of November was.

My favorite part of November was....

- ...cleaning up the library and playing outside of the library for our Fall Service Project. (Locran, 3rd)
- ...our Fall Service Project because I like building things. (Jacob, 3rd)
- ...our Fall Service Project because we got to help others. (Eric, 3rd)
- ...doing our Veteran's Day art project because it was fun. (Jaden, 4th)
- ...the Thanksgiving Reader's Theatre we did with the 1st/2nd graders. (Dakota, 3rd)
- ...when we went from room to room playing our Thanksgiving games. (Nyla, 4th)
- ...the Thanksgiving dinner because we got to eat with friends from other grades. (Taysen, 4th)
- ...our Thanksgiving dinner because we all got to eat together. (Nathan, 4th)
- ...having fun at school! (Charlotte, 3rd)
- ...all the PE games we played, like dodgeball and kickball. (Will, 4th)
- ...all of the fun memories we made. (Scott, 4th)



## 5th & 6th Grade

This December, we are doing a lot of fun things! One thing was decorating our own ornaments to hang on our Christmas tree. We are also doing a Countdown to Christmas kindness chain where each day, they do the act of kindness that was written on the chain. Some more fun activities that we are going to do is decorate our door and have a gingerbread competition!



## 7th & 8th Grade

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

And give they did! The families of ICS poured in money to help support The Foster Network this Christmas season! On Monday, December 1st, the 8th graders were able to head to Sioux Falls for a special shopping trip! The 8th graders parted ways in Kohl's and Target to divide and conquer their mission! Their focus was on helping fulfill the needs of teenagers in foster care, so rather than piling up on toys, like previous years, they gathered basic necessities. Piles of coats, packages of socks, hair care, and more basic necessities were rung up at checkout as the 8th graders spent the generous amount we were given! We were able to bless many families through this project! Thank you to all who contributed to this cause!



The 7th and 8th graders headed to Nora Store in Nora, South Dakota (Population: 2) Mike Pederson and Mrs. Andrea Hoogendoorn (surprise!) led us in Christmas carols! We had a great time learning about the history of the Nora Store and the old pipe organ Mike played. He left us with many stories, words of wisdom, and an afternoon we won't soon forget! He reminded us that Christ ministers TO us and THROUGH us, and he encouraged the students to find what their life ministry may be!



# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

## October 13, 2025 minutes

Jaron Van Beek opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the September 8, 2025, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Amy Stearns, Pete Van Velzen, Matt Vande Vegte, Todd Reinke, Tyler Attema, Josh Van Grouw, Michael Grevengoed and Jaron Van Beek.

### Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed. Active shooter protocol was discussed.

Bus evacuation drills need to be completed twice a year.

The board will look into getting an intercom system installed in school.

### 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.

ESA funds for the fall semester have been received.

Various gifts were discussed.

### Education Committee Report

Todd Reinke is scheduled to visit school in October and Jaron Van Beek will visit in November.

### Buildings & Grounds

The new lock on the east door has been installed.

Mulch for the playground has been ordered.

### Other Business

The ICS Auction/Supper will be on January 23, 2026.

Bus Inspection will be held on November 13, 2025 at West Lyon.

The staff health insurance has been renewed.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Matt Vande Vegte.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

## November 10, 2025 minutes

Matt Vande Vegte opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the October 13, 2025, meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Amy Stearns, Pete Van Velzen, Matt Vande Vegte, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Jaron Van Beek, Michael Grevengoed and Tyler Attema.

### Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

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

Preschool graduation has been moved to Thursday, May 7.

The February Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10 due to the skating party being held on February 9.

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 gave a positive report on his school visit. Jaron Van Beek will visit in November.

### Building/Grounds Committee Report

Tyler Attema will be doing the snow removal.

Mulch and pea gravel have been placed on the playgrounds.

### Other Business

The Staff/Board supper will be held in February.

Bus inspection will be held on November 13. All 3 buses will be inspected.

Head teacher evaluations will be handed out to the staff and are to be completed before the next board meeting.

The next school board meeting will be December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary



# INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*would like to invite you to our*

## SUPPER & AUCTION

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**

**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:**

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

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

**Todd & Jen Reinke (712-470-2466)**

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

**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 9, 2026. Meal tickets are \$25/plate.