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Fall 2023

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.

FROM THE ICS OFFICE....

Welcome to a new school year at ICS! It is great to have the students and teachers back in school. The school year seems to be flying by, and here it is October already.

We want to say "Thank You" to Matt Vande Vegte who completed his term as a school board member. We appreciated his many hours of work to keep the school running smoothly. We want to welcome one new school board member, Michael Grevengoed. We ask that you pray for our school board members as they help to lead our school during the upcoming year.

ICS's enrollment stands at 47 students in Kindergarten-8th Grade and 10 preschoolers who attend SonLight Preschool. We give thanks for the families that are partnering with ICS in educating their children.

This year's theme is "We Will." Each month, during the school year, we will be exploring different ways we can be more like Christ and ways we can show his love to others.



**You are cordially
invited to the annual
Inwood Christian School
VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM**

**Hosted by
Inwood Christian School**

**On Friday,
November 10, 2023**

**Coffee & Cookies served at 9:00 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Speaker - Mr. Glenn Kooima**


**Veterans
Day**



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

October 5 & 6 - Heartland Conference
 October 9 - No School, Staff PD
 October 20 - Carpool p.m.
 October 23 - Speech Interscholastics
 October 26 - End of the First Quarter
 November 2 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 November 3 - No School, P/T Comp Day
 November 10 - Veterans Day Program
 November 17 - No School, Staff PD
 November 22 - Early Dismissal, 1:30 p.m.
 November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Vacation



Sept. 12 - Eric Van Nieuwenhuyzen
 Sept. 15 - Locran Leloux
 Sept. 20 - Pete Van Velzen
 Sept. 20 - Karsen Van Beek
 Sept. 20 - Nathanael Cardenas
 Sept. 21 - Jaden Fluit
 Sept. 28 - Kaison Blom
 Sept. 28 - Keaton Blom
 Oct. 6 - Jacob Vande Vegte
 Oct. 10 - Drew Davelaar
 Oct. 12 - Ethan Van Engen
 Oct. 12 - Dakota Van Grouw
 Oct. 16 - Ruby Grevengoed
 Nov. 5 - Mrs. Marge Kollis
 Nov. 26 - Derek Vande Vegte
 Nov. 29 - Jacob Van De Stroet

ASBESTOS INFORMATION

In compliance with regulation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), on July 12, 2022, an inspection of our school building for asbestos-containing building materials was performed. The inspection findings and asbestos plans are on file in the school office for your review.

INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FACULTY FOR 2023-2024

Mr. Pete Van Velzen.....Principal
 Miss Rebecca Schouten.....Head Teacher
 Grades 5 & 6
 Miss Stephanie De Kam.....Preschool
 Mrs. Dawn Folkerts.....Kindergarten
 Miss Grace Gilderhus.....Grades 1 & 2
 Mrs. Sheri Vander Veen.....Grades 3 & 4
 Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas.....Grades 7 & 8
 Mrs. Andrea Hoogendoorn.....Music
 Mrs. Amy Stearns.....Part-time Resource
 Mrs. Marge Kollis.....Paraprofessional

SUPPORT STAFF FOR 2023-2024

Mrs. Jamie Van Voorst.....Secretary
 Mrs. Cristina Hernandez.....Cook
 Mrs. Leah Vande Vegte.....Janitor
 Mrs. Laura Dozark.....Janitor
 Mrs. Abbi Davelaar.....Volunteer Librarian
 Mrs. Marge Kollis.....Bus Driver
 Mrs. Kayla Mantel.....Bus Driver
 Mr. Ken Denekas.....Bus Driver
 Mr. Dale Kollis.....Bus Driver
 Mrs. Sandra Hanson.....Bus Driver

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Brian Stearns.....President
 Mr. Todd Reinke.....Vice-President
 Mr. Josh Van Grouw.....Treasurer
 Mr. Michael Grevengoed.....Secretary
 Mr. Darren Davelaar.....Assistant Treasurer
 Mr. Tyler Attema.....Building & Grounds

FALL DRIVE

The annual Fall Drive for the support of Christian Education has begun. You should have received a letter explaining the drive. Our goal in this year's giving is \$60,000.00. We ask for your support in this matter. By working together, we can help to keep the tuition cost down and keep Christian Education affordable for all parents. Please give this your prayerful consideration. Donations may be sent to Inwood Christian School, Drawer C, Inwood, IA 51240, or placed in Inwood CRC mailbox #159.

PRESCHOOL



We just finished our “beginning of the year” study. We have been learning about school, the different people who work at school, and the rules in school. We were able to see Miss Cristina, the school cook. She showed us around the kitchen and all of the things she uses to cook including the can opener, the mixer, the oven and the stove. She showed us where she stores the food in the pantry, the fridge, and the big freezer. She also gave us some ice cream! We also went to Miss Jamie in the office! They learned about what Jamie does on her computer and what kind of phone calls she receives. The students’ favorite part was seeing Miss Steph on the screen while she was getting buzzed into school! The preschoolers have also had a blast getting to know their friends, playing outside, using teamwork, and being “Bucket Fillers”.



KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergartners went on two field trips this fall. In September we went to Van Grow Acres Pumpkin Patch to learn about pumpkins and to enjoy God's beautiful world. While we were there we learned how a small seed grows into a beautiful pumpkin. We also learned that pumpkins come in unique colors, shapes, sizes, and textures. Our favorite activities were walking in the pumpkin patch and seeing the inside of a pumpkin that was cut open!



In October we walked to the Inwood Fire Station to learn about fire safety. Firefighter Tyler Attema gave us a tour of the fire station and showed us the trucks and equipment that firefighters use. He also shared some important ways that we can stay safe in the event of a fire. Our final activity was taking turns spraying the fire hose!



3rd/4th Grade

The third and fourth grade students are off to a great start! The fourth graders are proving to be great helpers and role models! The third graders are quickly adapting to the new routines and expectations of a higher grade!

The students love having their own chromebooks! They have quickly conquered the log-in process. The chromebooks are typically used several times a week for reinforcement of concepts and to begin keyboard skills. The goal is that by the end of fourth grade, they are proficient in knowing the basics.

The class has also paired up with the Kindergarten students to help them log-in to their chromebooks. They are proving to be kind and encouraging helpers as they get the kindergarteners ready for their technology time! It is so great to see all the smiles on their faces as they work together!



In Science we just finished a unit on Plant and Animal Adaptations. So many things that we take for granted are true wonders of God's creation. This year for Social Studies we will be studying the Regions of the United States. This is always a fun year filled with projects! In Bible we will be focusing on the Old Testament and have just started studying the Judges. A huge concept for third grade Math this year is to master the multiplication facts. We will be starting this in a few weeks! The fourth graders continue to practice these facts as well.



These students have been working so hard and I am so proud of them! We invite you to visit our classroom any time! Just give me a call or email me if this is something you would like to do!

As always, we thank you for all your prayer support!
God bless~
Mrs. Vander Veen



5th/6th Grade

The 5th and 6th graders have had a busy year so far. One of the big projects we did was recreating dishes that the First Americans would have made using the resources available to them. We had items such as: cornbread, succotash, butternut squash chili, corn and bean salsa, tuna noodle casserole, deer stew, and homemade bread. The students were able to connect their recipe to the resources the First Americans had at the time. We have also been spending a portion of our Thursday afternoons at Fellowship Village getting to know the residents through playing games and great conversations. We took our first field trip of the year to Pahoja to experience the different stations set up for the Outdoor Classroom. The stations included: water quality, learning about furs and bees, water olympics, fishing, GPS/surveying, archery, soils/prairies, and touring the old school house.



7TH/8TH GRADE

The school year started off with quite the excitement when we found out that we'd be going on an impromptu field trip on the third day of school! Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was coming to Rock Rapids for a campaign event! The 7th and 8th graders excitedly loaded in the van, and headed to the event, not knowing quite what to expect. There was so much energy in the packed room when Gov. DeSantis came out! It was quite the experience! He spoke about his plans for America, what he sees wrong with it, and what needs to be fixed. He also took questions from the audience and addressed citizen concerns. The best part was when he started going through the crowd afterward to shake hands and meet everyone. We were able to all introduce ourselves and get a picture with Gov. DeSantis! The students were buzzing the whole way home and one said she couldn't stop smiling! It was an experience that we will all remember and it's exciting when we talk about current events and we get to say, "We met him! We got to shake his hand!" It was also fun to see ICS alumni at the event! We'll definitely be following the debates and events leading up to the primaries. We're thankful for this opportunity to meet one of the candidates which makes learning about our government so much more interesting and applicable to the students' lives!

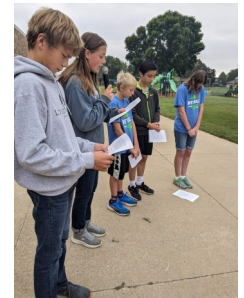


NICSTO

NICSTO has been a great opportunity for individuals that are a part of a Christian School Society. Tax credits (75% tax credit on your Iowa taxes) are given to those who donate money to NICSTO, and families who attend a school that is part of the organization can receive assistance in paying for tuition. Contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated. You can find a contribution memo attached to the Society Newsletter.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Each year students at schools all across America gather around their flagpoles to celebrate their freedom to pray for their schools, friends, teachers, government, and nation. Inwood Christian School participated in this event on September 27. The 7th & 8th graders led the students and society members who joined us in prayer for our world, country, community, and school. Thank you to those who joined us in celebrating this freedom to pray.



FOUNDATION NEWS

Thank you to all of the members of the ICS Foundation who have been so diligent in submitting their dues in a timely manner and for all of the extra gifts that were received.

We want to thank everyone that gave memorials in the honor of Marlene Van't Land.

Your continued cooperation and sharing have helped to educate our children in an environment that allows God's name to be honored and glorified in all aspects of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

ICS Society Foundation Board, Inc.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 8, 2023

Brian Stearns opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting were read by title and a motion was made, supported and approved to accept these minutes.

The agenda was established with the following members present: Pete Van Velzen, Rebecca Schouten, Brian Stearns, Michael Grevengoed, Darren Davelaar and Todd Reinke. Josh Van Grouw & Tyler Attema were absent with notification.

Old Business

The music position was offered to Andrea Hoogenboom.

The cook position was offered to Cristina Hernandez.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

The sub list was approved.

Staff in-service and opening day chapel were discussed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given, and profit/loss statements were reviewed.

Tuition concerns were discussed. The operational fund envelope report for July was \$270.00. The June offering from the Inwood CRC was \$503.46. Doon URC June offering was \$742.91.

Building & Grounds Committee

The renovation is moving along. A night is being planned to have society and parents come to finish things up and help clean.

We will be installing cameras for security with the possibility of more to be added in the future.

The bricks by the west end of the school have been repaired.

Other Business

Bus drivers will be Marge Kollis, Sandra Hanson, Kayla Mantel and Ken Denekas. Dale Kollis will be a sub.

Michael Grevengoed & Brian Stearns will be setting up the bus routes.

The 75th Anniversary will be an all day event. The Rooted Coffee Truck will be at school from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a meal served from 5 - 7 p.m. with a program at 7:15 p.m.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Todd Reinke.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

September 12, 2023

Todd Reinke opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting were read by title and a motion was made, supported and approved to accept these minutes.

The agenda was established with the following members present: Pete Van Velzen, Rebecca Schouten, Brian Stearns, Michael Grevengoed, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar and Tyler Attema.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

Personal days were approved.

Rebecca gave an update on how the school year has been progressing.

There will be an all-school service project on Friday, September 22. The students will be washing windows at various businesses in Inwood.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given, and profit/loss statements were reviewed.

Tuition concerns were discussed. The operational fund envelope fund for August was \$930.00. The July offering from the Inwood CRC was \$360.30. Doon URC July offering was \$759.50.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

A few renovation items need to be finished up.

We are in need of a janitor for one night a week and for every 3rd weekend.

Other Business

We will be advertising the van on Facebook in order to sell it.

Security Savings Bank will be starting a program at school to teach the students about financial literacy.

The staff will be having ALICE training with Mark Dorhout.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Brian Stearns

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

NICSTO 2023

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NICSTO is designed by Iowa State law to promote the expansion of school choice for the benefit of Iowa's students, our children and grandchildren. **Will you consider donating to support families who desire Christ-Centered education?**

A donation to NICSTO allows a **75% tax credit** on your Iowa taxes and helps families with their tuition payments. For example, a gift of \$1,000 will bring you a \$750 Iowa tax credit.

You may donate by check, gifts of grain, or a distribution from your IRA. **There is no limit to how much you can contribute.** To receive a tax credit in 2024, please complete the form on the back side and return it with your check by November 30, 2023.



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CONTRIBUTION MEMO

**This completed memo must accompany your contribution.
The Iowa Tax Credit Certificate will be sent to you in January, 2024.**

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