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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.

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 Darren Davelaar 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, Matt Vande Vegte. 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 61 students in Kindergarten-8th Grade and 11 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 "Believe, Grow, Serve." This theme will carry on into the upcoming years. It is a summary of our mission statement that we felt would be easier for the students to understand.



**You are cordially
invited to the annual**

Inwood Christian School

**VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM**

**Held in the
Inwood Christian School Gym**

**On Tuesday,
November 11, 2025**

**Coffee & Cookies served at 9:00 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Aaron Van Beek
Midwest Honor Flight**

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**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 1 - Chapel
October 2 & 3 - Heartland Conference
October 7 - Volleyball vs Sioux Center Chr, Home
October 13 - School Board Meeting
October 21 - Volleyball at Hull Protestant
October 25 - Volleyball Tournament
October 27 - Speech Interscholastics
October 28 - End of the First Quarter
November 5 - Chapel
November 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 7 - No School, P/T Comp Day
November 10 - School Board Meeting
November 11 - Veterans Day Program
November 21 - 11:40 a.m. dismissal, Staff PD
November 26 - Early Dismissal, 1:30 p.m.
November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Vacation

Save the Date:

December 11 - Christmas Concert
April 30 - Spring Concert

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 \$50,000.00. 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.

ASBESTOS INFORMATION

In compliance with regulation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), on July 7, 2025, 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 2025-2026

Mr. Pete Van Velzen.....Principal
Mrs. Amy Stearns.....Head Teacher
Part-time Resource
Mrs. Stephanie Klarenbeek.....Preschool
Mrs. Lisa Greene.....Kindergarten
Miss Ruby Young.....Grades 1 & 2
Miss Rebekah Warmbrand.....Grades 3 & 4
Miss Ella Zwart.....Grades 5 & 6
Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas.....Grades 7 & 8
Mrs. Andrea Hoogendoorn.....Music
Mrs. Marge Kollis.....Paraprofessional

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs. Jamie Van Voorst.....Secretary
Mrs. Cristina Hernandez.....Cook
Mrs. Leah Vande Vegte.....Janitor
Mr. Briton Van Beek.....Janitor
Mrs. Abbi Davelaar.....Volunteer Librarian
Mrs. Jessica Bonnema.....Volunteer Librarian
Mr. Ken Denekas.....Bus Driver
Mrs. Minerva Grevengoed.....Bus Driver
Mrs. Sandra Hanson.....Bus Driver
Mr. Dale Kollis.....Bus Driver
Mrs. Marge Kollis.....Bus Driver

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Matt Vande Vegte.....President
Mr. Todd Reinke.....Vice-President
Mr. Josh Van Grouw.....Treasurer
Mr. Michael Grevengoed.....Secretary
Mr. Jaron Van Beek.....Assistant Treasurer
Mr. Tyler Attema.....Building & Grounds

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dustin Schouten.....President
Mr. Jeff Meyer.....Secretary
Mr. Todd Folkerts.....Treasurer
Mr. Jim Bleeker.....Board Member
Mr. Mike Knobloch.....Board Member
Mr. Josh Van Grouw....School Board Representative

SONLIGHT PRESCHOOL

We just finished our “beginning of the year” study. We learned all about school, the different people who work at school, the rules in school, and how to be good friends at 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 let us be little chefs and make our own pizzas! We also went to meet Miss Jamie in the office! We learned about what Miss 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”. We have also been working on learning letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We are excited to start our Pumpkin and Tree Study and go on a field trip to Fields of Fun later in October!



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We started off the school year learning the color words, so we dressed to match in the colors we were learning about!

We learned that God created our beautiful world in seven days and He created it for us to enjoy, explore and take care of! We went on an adventure to Country Apple Orchard and used our five senses to explore and enjoy a couple of hours in that beautiful setting. The students enjoyed the tractor ride taking them to the orchard to search for apples to fill their bag to bring home with them. They enjoyed a picnic lunch and then had fun playing on the many attractions. Some of their favorites were the slide and the huge corn pit!



1st - 4th GRADE

This month, our 1st-4th grade students had an unforgettable adventure at Heritage Village! We explored some of the area's earliest homes, churches, and schoolhouses, getting a firsthand look at what life was like long ago.

The students especially enjoyed visiting the new firehouse, watching the blacksmith at work, and checking out the antique tractors. They had the chance to make their own rope, churn butter, and watch horseshoes being forged. One of the highlights was making fresh apple cider—a delicious and fun experience!

The animal encounters were just as exciting, with students getting to feed goats, rams, and brah-mans.

This learning experience has carried over into the classroom and we have made reference to things we saw and did during Language Arts, Social Studies, and even Bible! We had a fantastic time and are so grateful for the opportunity to learn and explore at Heritage Village. It was a wonderful day full of hands-on learning, laughter, and memories!



5th/6th GRADE

The start of the school year has been a blast! We had the opportunity to go to Great Shots for our P.E. field trip! The kids played many different golfing games and got to enjoy some snacks!

The 5th and 6th graders also got to go to a corn maze in September! They went to Pumpkins on Garfield in Doon, IA. There they learned how the owners create their corn maze and run their business. They went through the corn maze and had a lot of fun!

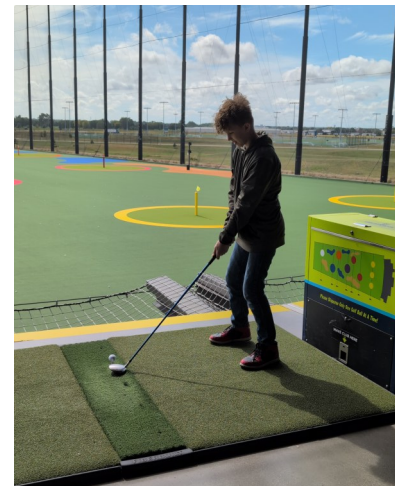


7th/8th GRADE

We're off to a great start in the 7th and 8th grade room! We're loving the classroom updates that happened over the summer, and getting used to a classroom with more students! We have been keeping busy with new math curriculum and new science curriculum! It's been an adjustment, but the students are good learners who catch on quickly! We've been exploring Jesus' ministry in Bible and had a fun project where the students made podcasts as if they had been a witness of one of the miracles of Jesus. Students had a lot of fun with this, and I think the Bible-time commercials were probably the favorite part!

The highlight of the year so far was probably our P.E. Field trip to Great Shots in Sioux Falls. We try to give the students some new experiences through our P.E. field trips, and after learning a bit about curling last year, we took it off the ice and hit the green! Students tried their hands at golf this year. We had some swings, we had some misses, but overall, we had an awesome time!

Please pray for the 7th and 8th graders this year that they can show God's love throughout our school. They have an important role as the "big kids" of the school, and so many of the younger students look up to them! Pray that they can grow in knowledge and fear of God and learn more about their role in His world! The verse at the front of our classroom is a good reminder for junior high students (and everyone!) - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23



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 honor of loved ones.

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.

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 24. 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.



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 9, 2025

Josh Van Grouw opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes of the May 12, 2025, 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, Amy Stearns, Todd Reinke, Michael Grevengoed, Josh Van Grouw, Tyler Attema, & Matt Vande Vegte. Darren Davelaar was absent with notification.

Old Business

We are still waiting for a couple of families to register and a few families to sign up for the ESA for the 25-26 school year.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

Accreditation will take place in the fall of 2027.

The education committee will start being involved in different aspects of school.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

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

The offerings & envelope amounts were discussed.

Various gifts were discussed.

The tractor ride brought in a total of \$9,186.20.

Education Committee

We will need to get more tablets and chromebooks ordered for the upcoming school year.

Building & Grounds Committee

The ceiling tiles will be put in on June 10 and the flooring will hopefully be completed by mid-July. A cleaning night will be set up shortly after the completion of the renovation.

Other Business

Bus drivers & routes were discussed. Jaron & Michael will be calling all the bus drivers and set up the bus routes.

The survey that will be going out to the Society was discussed

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Michael Grevengoed.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

July 14, 2025

Josh Van Grouw opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes from the June 9, 2025 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: Todd Reinke, Darren Davelaar, Josh Van Grouw, Jaron Van Beek, Tyler Attema, and Matt Vande Vegte. Amy Stearns, Pete Van Velzen, and Michael Grevengoed were absent with notification.

Old Business

State mandated radios were discussed.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

Board officers were voted on. President - Matt Vande Vegte; Vice President - Todd Reinke; Secretary - Michael Grevengoed; Treasurer - Josh Van Grouw; Assistant Treasurer - Jaron Van Beek; Building & Grounds - Tyler Attema; Busing - Michael Grevengoed & Jaron Van Beek

Hot Lunch Report

Lunch & breakfast prices were set.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

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

The offerings & envelope amounts were discussed.

Various gifts were discussed.

The tractor ride profit has totaled \$9,386.20

Education Committee

School visiting was assigned to the board members for the 2025-2026 school year.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

School cleaning nights have been set for July 15, 16 & 17.

The floors will need to be sealed.

The landscaping was discussed.

Other Business

Bus drivers & routes were discussed.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Tyler Attema.

Todd Reinke, Secretary pro tem

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 11, 2025

Todd Reinke opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes of the July 14, 2025, 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, Amy Stearns, Matt Vande Vegte, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, and Michael Grevengoed. Tyler Attema and Jaron Van Beek were absent with notification

Old Business

Technology for the 25-26 school year was discussed.

State mandated radios were discussed.

The society questionnaire was discussed.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

The sub list was approved.

In-service will be held on Wednesday, August 20 & Thursday, August 21.

Opening chapel will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

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

The offerings & envelope amounts were discussed.

Various gifts were discussed.

Education Committee Report

It was approved to purchase new Bibles for the 3rd/4th grade classroom.

Building & Grounds Committee

It was approved to purchase new book shelves for the 3rd/4th grade room.

New equipment is needed to update the sound system at school.

Other Business

Jamie will be in the school office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this year.

Bus routes are getting finalized.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Todd Reinke.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

September 8, 2025

Tyler Attema opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Minutes from the August 11, 2025 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, Amy Stearns, Matt Vande Vegte, Todd Reinke, Josh Van Grouw, Jaron Van Beek, and Tyler Attema. Michael Grevengoed was absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was discussed.

A NICSTO report was given.

Positive reports were given on various classroom visits.

Personal days were approved.

The teachers would like to have Microsoft office added to their computers to use with certain curriculums.

Hot Lunch Report

Hot lunch account balances 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 offerings & envelope amounts were discussed.

The majority of the ESA funds for the first semester have been received.

Various gifts were discussed.

Education Committee

Todd Reinke will be visiting school in October.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

New locks will be installed on the east doors.

Mulch will be added to the playground.

The sound system is being looked at.

Other Business

Preschool bussing policy was discussed.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Todd Reinke.

Tyler Attema, Secretary pro tem

Minutes of the ICS Annual Society Meeting
June 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Article 1: Opening prayer and devotions were given by Board President Todd Reinke.

Article 2: Minutes of the June 5, 2024, Society Meeting were read for information. Motion made, supported, and carried to approve the minutes as read.

Article 3: Count off was held with 35 members in attendance. Todd Folkerts and Brian Stearns were appointed tellers.

Article 4: 3 absentee ballots were turned in. Motion made, supported, and carried to approve the absentee ballots

Article 5: Voting was held for one school board member for a three-year term, the nominees are Brian Blankespoor, Delmar Scholten and Matt Vande Vegte. Retiring board member is Darren Davelaar. Todd Reinke will be returning for an additional three-year term which was voted on by the board.

Article 6: Voting was held for two new foundation board members for a three-year term, the nominees are Jim Bleeker, Mike Knobloch, Galen Vande Vegte and Heath Van Voorst. Retiring board members are Jim Bleeker and Dale Kollis

Article 7: Voting was held on amending the process for having Board Members serve a second term.

Current Policy Wording:

A Board consisting of (6) members shall be elected by the Society. The term of Board Members shall be three (3) years. Retiring Board Members are eligible for a second term. Board members willing to serve a second term need to be approved by a simple board majority vote by ballot. Board Member seeking re-election will not be allowed to vote.

Proposed Amendment:

A Board consisting of (6) members shall be elected by the Society. The term of Board Members shall be three (3) years. Retiring Board Members are eligible for a second term. Board members willing to serve a second term need to be approved by a simple board majority to go on the ballot, along with the new nominees. Board Member seeking re-election will not be allowed to vote. The Society will then vote for all the nominees who they feel are qualified to go in the lot.

Added amendment to the proposed amendment to add in "Board Member seeking re-election will not be allowed to vote". - motion and support and approved by society

Article 8: Principal Pete Van Velzen gave the principal's report. Pete reported on the new teachers that will be joining the staff. He gave thanks to the teachers that are leaving or retiring. Pete thanked all the different people that help our school work.

Article 9: Matt Vande Vegte presented the Scrip Report. Earnings for the year was \$14,570.00 which was an 6% decrease from last year. Scrip paid out \$9,395.00 for tuition and hot lunch to 4 different schools. The school received \$4,000.00 for their share of the earnings. The Scrip checking account balance is \$6,421.30. There is \$14,733.00 retained for future students. An 11-month CD was opened with most of the balance.

Article 10: The Hearts & Hands report was given by Amy Stearns. Major fundraisers for the year were cookie baking, pizza sales, and bake sales. Current balance is \$41,601.72 with \$14,750 set aside for 9 square and volleyball equipment. Gross revenue was \$19,396 and total expenses were \$15,515.

Article 11: Dale Kollis gave the Foundation report. Income this year was \$16,317.20. This includes memberships, interest, donations, and memorials. The checking account balance is \$4,563.07. The Foundation balance is \$598,168.23 The Foundation will pay \$23,137.83 to ICS in the upcoming year.

Article 12: The Building Committee report was given by Darren Davelaar. He reported that the renovation will include all the classrooms. Flooring, ceiling tiles, and lights are the main things that will be changed. 9 square will be installed on the playground and a new volleyball set will be ordered. Dumpster lids need to be tied down as things are blowing out. Matt Vande Vegte and sons will be doing the mowing.

Article 13: Election results were shared: Matt Vande Vegte was elected to the school board. Jim Bleeker and Mike Knobloch were elected to the foundation board.

Article 14: Josh Van Grouw presented the 2025-2026 proposed budget of \$701,500.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the budget as presented.

Article 15: Todd Reinke thanked Jim Bleeker, Dale Kollis and Darren Davelaar for their service on Foundation Board and School Board.

Article 16: Discussion was held about having women serve on the school board. The Board will discuss and send out a survey in the future to give guidance.

Article 17: The concept minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes.

Article 18: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Article 19: Josh Van Grouw closed in prayer.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

NICSTO 2025

NORTHWEST IOWA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

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 for 2025, please complete the form on the back side and return it with your check by November 30, 2025.



Believe

Believe in God the Father
and His Son Jesus Christ!



Grow

Grow in Faith
and Knowledge!



Serve

Serve God by
Serving Others!

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This completed memo must accompany your contribution.
The Iowa Tax Credit Certificate will be sent to you in January 2026.

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