



INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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ICS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of ICS 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.

2025-2026 Theme

“Believe, Grow,
Serve”

February

Colossians
3:12
(Serve)

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT

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.

Dear Parents,

COOKIE BAKING: Hearts & Hands will be baking cookies next **Monday, 2 & Tuesday, March 3**. Mixing on Monday morning will be Tanya Van De Stroet. Baking on Monday morning will be Nikki Van Beek and baking Monday evening will be Shirley Van Engen. Mixing on Tuesday morning will be Amy Stearns. Baking on Tuesday morning will be Leah Jones and baking on Tuesday afternoon will be Sheri Henrichs.

READING MONTH: Reading slips are due on Tuesday morning with a parents signature. **Tuesday, March 3**, will be dress in your beach attire (no swimsuits). Tuesday will also be our reading finale activities.

CHAPEL: We will be having chapel on **Wednesday, March 4**. Please remind your child to wear their theme shirt.

SWOT ANALYSIS: Our school will be conducting a SWOT Analysis on **Thursday, March 12**, at 7:00 p.m. We want to invite parents and society members to join the school board and teachers for this important long-range planning. Please see the attached sheet explaining the night. Please contact school if you have any questions.

SONLIGHT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: Sonlight Preschool will be having their registration for the 2026-2027 school year on **Monday, March 23**, from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Children must be four years old on or before September 15, 2026, to be eligible to attend. It will be a first come, first choice of session. Please contact Miss Steph at 712-753-4541 if you have any questions.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP: Kindergarten Round Up will be held on **Monday, March 23**, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parents will meet in the gym at 6:30 p.m. for an informational meeting while the prospective Kindergarten students will join Mrs. Greene in the Kindergarten room for some fun activities. If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten Round Up please feel free to call the school office at 712-753-4541.

COLDER WEATHER/APPROPRIATE CLOTHING: Parents, please remind your students to wear their coats, mittens, and hats now that the colder weather has arrived. Our policy is to go outside unless the wind chill is below zero.

SCRIP ORDERS: Scrip orders can be dropped off at the school, Todd's True Value or mailbox #139 at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church by Thursday of every week. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program please contact Leah Vande Vegte (605-929-5789).

TEACHER WEB PAGES: Be sure to check the web pages of your students' teachers for important information from them. As the year goes on, the teachers will update with assignments and information that pertains just to their class. You can find each teacher's web page by going to the ICS website (www.inwoodchristian.com), click on Academics then click on the teacher's web page you wish to see.

REMINDER: If your student(s) will be going somewhere other than their normal destination after school, the school needs a note (or at least a phone call) from parents telling us this information by 3:00 p.m. If we do not receive a note or phone call, your student(s) will be sent to their normal destination.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3 -	Beach Day, Reading Month Finale
March 4 -	Chapel
March 10 -	School Board Meeting
March 12 -	SWOT Analysis
March 19 -	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 19 -	End of the 3rd Quarter
March 20 -	No School
March 23 -	Preschool Registration/Kindergarten Round Up
March 27 -	Grandparents Day
March 27 -	11:30 a.m. dismissal, carpool
April 1-6 -	No School
April 8 -	Chapel
April 9 -	6th Grade Math Bee
April 10 -	K-4 Opera at Dordt
April 13 -	School Board Meeting
April 13-17 -	ISASP Testing
April 16 -	7th Grade Math Bee
April 17 -	8th Grade Career Day
April 23 -	8th Grade Math Bee
April 24 -	11:40 a.m. dismissal, Staff Development
April 28 -	Solo Ensemble Contest
April 20 -	Spring Music Concert, 6:30 p.m.

THEME FOR FEBRUARY:

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

Inwood Christian School SWOT Analysis & Long-Range Planning Night

Our school will be conducting a SWOT Analysis on March 12 at 7:00 PM, and we want to invite parents and society members to join the school board and teachers for this important long-range planning activity.

A SWOT Analysis is a structured discussion that helps an organization identify its Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. As a school, this process allows us to celebrate what we do well, examine areas for growth, recognize new opportunities, and consider challenges we may face in the future.

The benefit of conducting a SWOT Analysis together is that it brings many perspectives to the table. Input from families and society members helps ensure that our planning reflects the needs, hopes, and vision of our entire school community. The insights gathered will help guide future decisions, priorities, and strategic goals.

We encourage all interested parents and society members to attend and contribute as we work together to strengthen and plan for the future of our school. Please contact the school office by March 9 if you are interested in participating in this evening of planning.

We look forward to seeing you on March 12! The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and refreshments will be available at 6:45 PM.

At the meeting we will consider the following items ---

Strengths – What Are We Doing Well?

- What do we do particularly well as a school?
- What are we most proud of about our academics, faith formation, or student culture?
- What programs, traditions, or practices set our school apart?
- What do parents and students frequently compliment?
- What are our greatest assets (staff, facilities, community support, values)?

Weaknesses – Where Can We Improve?

- Where do we struggle or fall short?
- What concerns do we hear most often from parents or students?
- Are there programs or systems that need improvement or updating?
- Where do we feel stretched or limited (staffing, resources, communication)?
- What would we improve if we had the time or resources?

Opportunities – What Could We Do Better or Expand?

- What new programs, partnerships, or initiatives could benefit our school?
- Are there unmet needs in our community we could address?
- How could we strengthen enrollment, retention, or community engagement?
- What trends in education, technology, or society could we leverage?
- What resources or support might be available that we are not fully using?

Threats – What Challenges Could Impact Us

- What challenges could negatively affect enrollment or sustainability?
- Are there demographic, financial, or cultural changes impacting schools like ours?
- What competition or alternatives might families consider?
- Are there regulations, costs, or staffing issues we should plan for?
- What risks should we prepare for to ensure long-term stability?