



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”

March

1 John 4:8
(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, March 9**. Mixing on Monday morning will be Jessica Bonnema. Baking on Monday morning will be Jacklyn Nieuwendorp and baking Monday afternoon will be Cristina Hernandez.

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 make sure you RSVP to school by Monday, March 9, if you plan to attend.**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent Teacher Conferences for Preschool - 8th Grade will be held on **Thursday, March 19**, from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. Conference slips showing your time for conferences are attached to the newsletter. School will be dismissed at the regular time on Thursday, and there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 20**.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: The school board will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 7:00 p.m. in the school office.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Grandparents Day will be held on **Friday, March 27**. Coffee and cookies will be served at 9:15 a.m. and chapel will start at 9:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Carpool will be needed for **ALL** students.

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.

THANK YOU:

- Thank you all so much for the fun birthday party! My students and I had so much fun eating pizza and playing games! I appreciate all of the effort it took! Thank you so much! Ms. Zwart
- Thank you to my room mothers for my birthday pizza party! Also, thank you to Hearts & Hands for the gift certificate! I am loved well here at ICS and thankful for it! Mrs. Lucas
- Thank you so much to my room moms Sheri and Kadee for throwing me a wonderful birthday celebration in my classroom! The kids and I had so much fun playing games together and eating the yummy cupcakes. Miss Young

ALL SCHOOL SUMMER OUTING: Save the date for **Saturday, August 1, 2026**, for an all-school swimming party at Siouxnami water park in Sioux Center, IA. From 6:15PM to 8:15PM we have the waterpark reserved just for our students, family, extended family, and friends! Make plans to invite others and attend this summer outing. There will be no cost for individuals to attend. We will not be serving food at this event; however, Siouxnami will have their concessions stand open.

SAVE THE DATE for Dordt Discovery Days registration! Every year, Dordt University, in Sioux Center, IA, offers a five-day academic camp for students who have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Camp will be June 22-26, 2026. This is a fun time for living and learning in an on-campus Christ-centered community while exploring new interests or diving deeper into familiar ones. Registration opens on Friday, April 10 at 10 a.m. (CT), and spots typically fill up in the first 20-30 minutes. Check out our [website](#) or follow Dordt Discovery Days on [Facebook](#) for more information. If you have questions, email becky.ringsby@dordt.edu.

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 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 MARCH:

Whoever does not love
does not know God,
because God is love.
1 John 4:8

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?