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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.

2026–2027

Theme

“Believe, Grow,
Serve”

Aug./Sept.

Matthew
22:37-39

(Believe)

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.

September 4, 2026, Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Labor Day: Reminder that there will be no school on Monday, September 7.

Hearts and Hands: Hearts and Hands committee sends out a prayer e-mail for our staff and school. If you have any other non-parent that would like to be included in the prayer email, please send their e-mail address to prayers.inwoodchristianschool@gmail.com

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball season is beginning. Please make sure to let school know if your child will be staying for the games. The girls will have a home game against Hull Christian on Tuesday, September 8. The game will start at 4:00 p.m. The volleyball team will be traveling to Ireton Christian on Thursday, September 10. Driving for the game will be Todd Reinke and Tanya Van De Stroet. The team will leave the school at 2:55 and the game will start at 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL PICTURES TO BE TAKEN: School pictures will be taken by Photography by Hank on Tuesday, September 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Attached is an envelope showing the picture packages. Before a student can have his/her picture taken, he/she needs to have a paid envelope filled out and returned. These envelopes need to be returned to each student's teacher by Thursday, September 10. Please note that a class picture is included in all packages. If you do not purchase a package, class pictures may be purchased for \$11.00.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE: Wednesday, September 24, at 8:30 a.m., the whole school will be participating in the annual “See You At The Pole” event celebrating our freedom to pray. We invite and encourage everyone to join us as the 7th & 8th grade students lead us in prayer.

KIDS BANK: ICS has the great opportunity of once again partnering with Security Savings Bank to help teach our school about financial literacy. The students will have the opportunity to open up a real bank account (or link their current bank account) and deposit money in it through the school. SSB will come every Tuesday to have students input the amount they are depositing and see their new balance. There are multiple contests that go along with the number of deposits you make throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about banking and get a savings account started. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Stearns (amystearns@inwoodchristian.com) or Samantha Antrim (SSB) (samantha.antrim@bankwithssb.com). The first Kids Bank will be held next Tuesday, September 15.

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.

NICSTO FORMS: All NICSTO forms were due by Thursday, September 3. If more information is needed, the front office will be contacting you.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK: The Parent/Student Handbook was given to each family at Open House. Take the time to acquaint yourself with the policies of ICS. After reading the Handbook, please complete the page showing you read the Parent/Student Handbook and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

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

Sept. 7 -	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
Sept. 15 -	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 -	Kids Bank
Sept. 15 -	School pictures taken, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 18 -	NO SCHOOL, Staff Development
Sept. 23 -	See you at the Pole, 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 1 & 2 -	Heartland Teachers Convention - No School

THEME FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

MATTHEW 22:37-39 (BELIEVE)

HEARTS & HANDS AGENDA

August 31, 2026

7:00 pm

President – Jacklyn Nieuwendorp **Vice President** – Jessica Bonnema

Treasurer - Brittany Lems

Secretary – Kelsey Blankespoor

1. Opening Devotions and Welcome – Jacklyn Nieuwendorp
2. Reading of Minutes from February 2, 2026 – Kelsey Blankespoor - approved
3. Counting of Members – 26 members present
4. Treasurer's Report – Brittany Lems
 - a. Approved annual expenses
 - b. Amended budget – socials committee raised to \$500 & promotions budget raised to \$1000
 - c. Vote for Annual Expenditures – approved
5. Old Business/Fundraising/Committee Updates
 - a. Scrip- Leah VV gave information to new mothers to learn about Scrip
 - b. Cookies – Linda Meyer gave report – cookie sales are going well. Signup sheet was passed around for members to indicate mixing or baking and which days they prefer
 - c. Easter Bake Sale- Shirley VE, Kadee VB – Bake sale went well. Larger items (cakes, pies, etc.) seem to sell first. No longer setting prices for items, keeping it completely free will donation
 - d. Spring Program Social- Abbi D filled in for Kelsey for the spring social. In the future we will be ordering cake or cookies for the socials.
 - e. Siouxname Report – Leah VV – went well – will do it again next summer.
 - f. Library Report – Jessica B. - working on buying new books & working on a new cataloging system for better organization
6. New Business
 - a. Project Requests from Teachers – approved aside from large music items (will re visit with more info from Mrs. Hoogendoorn)
 - b. \$250 annual allowance will be given to all teachers. Asking teachers to send a note to Brittany at the end of the year outlining what they purchased
 - c. Fundraisers for 2026/2027 School Year
 - i. Pizza & coffee fundraising will be done at the same time
 - d. Added two room moms to Music class to assist Mrs. Hoogendoorn with different tasks
 - e. Discussed different ways to support our teachers with our time opposed to just monetary support
 - f. Discussed opening a Venmo account for Hearts & Hands specifically for bake sales & donations.
-Brittany will get more info and look into this.
7. Vote on Teacher Projects, 1 additional Fundraiser – approved all teacher projects aside from two (see above) & approved pizza & coffee sales for fundraising
8. Sign up for Committees – see attached committee list
9. Concept & Minutes read by Kelsey Blankespoor - approved
10. Closing Prayer – Jessica Bonnema

HEARTS AND HANDS, INC.

2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR COMMITTEE SIGN UP

ROOM MOTHERS

KINDERGARTEN	Erin VanNieuwenhuyzen	Sheri Henrichs
1st & 2nd GRADE	Ashley Attema	Leah Jones
3rd & 4th GRADE	Jacklyn Nieuwendorp	Brittany vanHofwegen
5th & 6th GRADE	Tanya VanDeStroet	Kristi Schaeffer
7th & 8th GRADE	Amy Stearns	Julie Leusink

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - LIBRARIAN

1. Abbi Davelaar
2. Jessica Bonnema

VETERAN'S DAYS PROGRAM HELPER

1. Cristina Cardenas

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

1. Danielle Williams
2. Nikki VanBeek

EASTER BAKE SALE

1. Shanna Fluit
2. Kadee VanBeek

MENTOR MOM PROGRAM (2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR)

1. Jen Reinke
2. Lindsey Leloux

PROGRAM SOCIALS

1. Holly Scholten
2. Elizabeth Lucas

TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. Toni Lottman
2. Jacklyn Nieuwendorp

PARADES

1. Leah VandeVegte
2. Kelsey Blankespoor

COOKIES

1. Abbey VB

APPAREL

1. Jessica Van Grouw
2. Jen Reinke

INTENTIONAL PRAYER SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Brittany Lems
Kelsey Blankespoor
Jami Gacke

SIOUXNAMI SUMMER PARTY COMMITTEE

Laura Blancett

FUNDRAISER

Denise Van De Stroet
Julie Leusink