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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.

PLANS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR ARE UNDERWAY

It is the end of July, and plans for the 2023-2024 school year are already being made. We hope everyone has had a healthy and safe summer so far and will be ready to return to school in August refreshed and ready for another year after the summer break.

Registration: Registration was held on Thursday, June 22, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We currently have 47 students and 6 new families joining our ICS family this year.

Open House/Chapel: Open House and Chapel will be held on Tuesday, August 22. We invite all the students and their families to come to school at 6:45 p.m. to bring their backpacks and school supplies to their room and meet their teachers, at 7:00 p.m. we will all meet in the gym for Chapel and announcements pertaining to the upcoming school year.

First Day of School: Our first day of school is planned for Wednesday, August 23, with classes beginning at 8:15 a.m with dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Buses will be running the first day of school.



Theme for 2023-2024: "We will..." will be this year's theme. Every month we will be focusing on an aspect of sharing God's love and being Children of God. We will be studying:

September: Value Others Above Ourselves

Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

October: Be Kind

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

November: Be Unified

Ephesians 2:19 "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."

December: Be Listeners

James 1:19-20 "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Every one should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

January: Do What Is Right

Isaiah 1:17 "Learn to do right, seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

February: Be Humble, Gentle, Patient, and Loving

Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

March: Preach the Gospel

Mark 16:15 "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'"

April: Use Our Gifts

1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

May: Declare His Praises

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

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

- July 11 - ICS Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 - Open House/Chapel, 6:45 p.m.
Aug. 23 - Classes begin, 8:15 a.m.
Early dismissal, 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
Sept. 12 - School pictures taken
Sept. 22 - Carpool a.m. & p.m., ICS buses will be running
- Oct. 5 & 6 - Heartland Convention, NO SCHOOL
Oct. 9 - No School, Staff Professional Development
Oct. 26 - End of the First Quarter

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 we have received.

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.

If you would like to become a member of the ICS Foundation please contact the school or one of the Foundation board members.

ICS Society Foundation Board, Inc.

THANK YOU!!

The Inwood Christian School Board would like to thank everyone who donated towards our Renovation Matching Fund. The response was awesome, and we received the amount necessary to meet our match.

The Renovation Projection is underway, we are in the process of giving the school a new updated look.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." I Chronicles 16:34.

Thank you again!!

SCRIP NEWS

The Scrip program is still active this summer. Be sure to get your orders placed by noon each Thursday. You may bring orders with your payment to Sew 'N More, leave them in mailbox #139 at the Inwood CRC church, or place them online at the following: www.raiseright.com. ICS's enrollment code is 95FFA3C746L6. You may enroll in Presto Pay so that you can pay for your orders directly through your bank account, or you may pay with credit cards for a small fee.

Order forms are available on the school website. You can also contact Leah Vande Vegte at 605-929-5789 to be added to the email list and receive periodic reminders of when orders are due and updates on bonus rebates happening with popular vendors.

Scrip is a great way to earn money for our school without having to add any extra expenses to your budget. Make plans now to participate and make this coming year an even bigger success for Scrip and our school!

Thank you again for your continued support!

JOB OPENINGS

We are in need of a full time cook & a part-time music teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the school office (email inwoodchrofc@alliancecom.net or call 712-753-4541) if you would be interested in either of these positions or if you know of someone that would be interested.

SONLIGHT PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

There are openings available in our SonLight Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. Since SonLight Preschool is now a part of the Universal Preschool, there is no charge for preschool for Iowa students. Contact the ICS office at 712-753-4541 for more information. We will be happy to get your child registered for preschool.



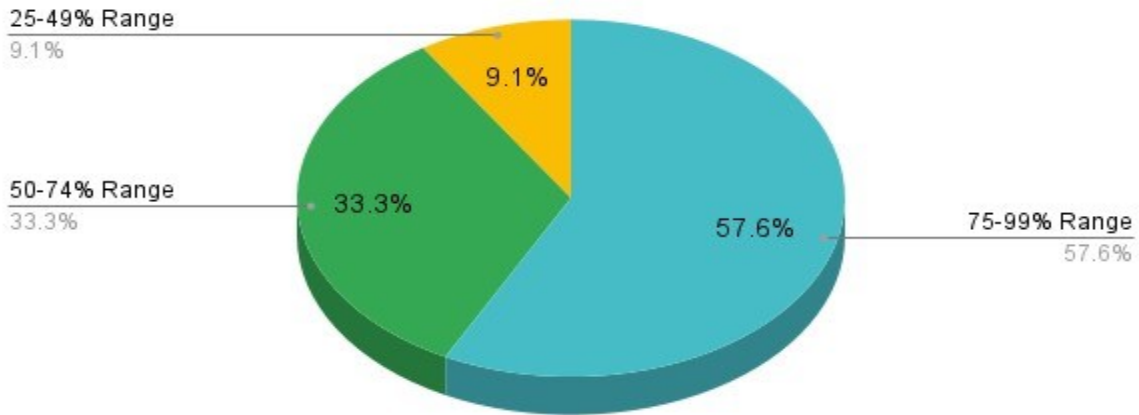
Welcome to
Preschool

Inwood Christian School Iowa Assessment Percentile Scores

This chart shows the percentage of students that scored in each percentile range on the Iowa Assessment tests that we take every spring. These are national percentile ranges. Over half of our students scored in the top 25% of the nation!

Iowa Assessment Report

2nd-8th Grade Complete Composite



Join us for our 75th Anniversary Celebration!!!



Saturday, August 26

SCHEDULE

**OPEN
HOUSE**

ALL DAY STARTING AT 10AM -
CHECK OUT THE RENOVATION!

ROOTED COFFEE TRUCK

10AM - 1PM

CINNAMON ROLLS / DONUTS

SUPPER
FREE WILL DONATION

5PM-7PM

JOIN US FOR GRILLED
BURGERS, PORK AND SALADS!

7:15PM

HEAR ABOUT ICS
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

PROGRAM

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2023, Minutes

Brian Stearns opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were read and approved. The agenda was established with the following members present: Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Brian Stearns, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, Todd Reinke, and Matt Vande Vegte. Tyler Attema was absent with notification.

Old Business

The Music Teacher and Cook positions were discussed.

Principal's Report

Principal Pete Van Velzen's report was shared. The 2023-2024 calendar was approved, the renovation project was discussed, registration will be held on June 22, 2023. A motion was made and seconded, to offer a contract for the 1st/2nd grade teacher to Grace Gilderhus.

Hot Lunch Report

Courtne Fleshman's report was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed. The operational fund envelope report for April was \$450.00, the March offering from Inwood CRC was \$608.00 and from Doon URC was \$340.12.

The 2023-2024 Budget was approved.

Education Committee

Positive reports were given by Darren Davelaar & Todd Reinke on their school visits.

Other Business

The ICS Society Meeting will be held on June 7, 2023.

Bus inspections will be held on June 20 at West Lyon School.

A motion was made and seconded that Josh Van Grouw will remain on the School Board and serve an additional 3 year term.

The June school board meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, June 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Darren Davelaar.

Todd Reinke, Secretary

June 13, 2023, Minutes

Darren Davelaar opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. Minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were read and approved. The agenda was established with the following members present: Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Brian Stearns, Tyler Attema, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, Todd Reinke, and Matt Vande Vegte.

Principal's Report

Principal Pete Van Velzen's report was shared. Spring EANS purchases, ESAs, and Iowa Critical Incident Mapping were discussed.

School registration will be held on June 22, 2023. The Music Teacher and Cook positions were discussed.

Hot Lunch Report

Hot lunch concerns were discussed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed. The operational fund envelope report for May was \$625.00, the April offering from Inwood CRC was \$518.50 and from Doon URC was \$350.01.

The Tractor Ride was discussed.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Renovation project, cleaning and room organizing were discussed.

Other Business

Bus drivers, bus routes, bus inspections and purchasing a new bus were discussed.

The July school board meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Todd Reinke, Secretary

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

July 11, 2023, Minutes

Josh Van Grouw opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting were read and approved. The agenda was established with the following members present: Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Brian Stearns, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, Todd Reinke, Matt Vande Vegte, and Michael Grevengoed. Tyler Attema was absent with notification.

Old Business

The Music and Cook positions were discussed.

Officers were appointed as follows: Brian Stearns - President, Todd Reinke - Vice President, Michael Grevengoed - Secretary, Josh Van Grouw - Treasurer, Darren Davelaar - Assistant Treasurer, Tyler Attema - Buildings & Grounds, Brian Stearns & Michael Grevengoed - Bussing.

Principal's Report

Principal Pete Van Velzen's report was shared. EANS funds were discussed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report

The treasurer's report was given and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed. The operational fund envelope report for June was \$308.00, and the May offering from Inwood CRC was \$506.00 and from Doon URC was \$538.05.

Various gifts were discussed.

Education Committee

A school visiting schedule was set up for the 2023-2024 school year.

Building /Grounds Committee Report

Discussion was held on the Renovation project. July 19 will be a work night.

BenQ boards need to be installed in various places.

Other Business

Bus drivers have been contacted. Bus routes will be made in the near future. It was decided to sell the minivan as is.

The August school board meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Todd Reinke.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

Principles of Christian Instruction at Inwood Christian School

- To make children aware of what it means to be God's image bearer
- To enable children to grow in their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of God's creation
- To enable children to better understand the effects of sin upon God's perfect creation, including themselves, and the culture we live in
- To encourage them to respond to God's call to live as His disciples, and to help them grow in their faith and see their own responsibility of developing a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior
- To help them develop the Christian characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- To help children grow intellectually and acquire skills for them to use to better analyze, evaluate, and respond as God's disciples in our world

Student Outcomes

It is the desire of Inwood Christian School to have the students:

- Know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior
- Be a lifelong learner of Christ and His Word
- Develop a Christ-centered lifestyle
- Develop personal skills, academic skills, and a faith in God that will allow them to meet life's opportunities and challenges in a way that shows respect for authority and confidence in themselves
- Be academically prepared for success in the next level of education
- Use their abilities, talents, and faith to reach into their communities and the world around them in service

Statement of Faith at Inwood Christian School

- We believe there is one true God who is holy and perfect. We believe that God reveals Himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God. We believe that man was created perfect, but through choice, man sinned. We believe that it is only through the grace of God through Jesus Christ that man is brought back into fellowship with God.
- We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is our source for instruction, the center of focus for our education, gives instruction for a Godly lifestyle and all that happens at Inwood Christian School. The Bible, the Word of God, provides the final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of man kind and of all we believe. For purposes of Inwood Christian School's faith, education, policy, discipline, and use of its facilities, everything must be done in accordance with God's Holy Word.

Minutes of the ICS Annual Society Meeting
June 7, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Article 1: Opening prayer and devotions given by Board President Brian Stearns.

Article 2: Minutes of the May 25, 2022, Society Meeting were read for information. Motion made, supported, and approved.

Article 3: Count off was held with 29 members in attendance. Troy Van Beek and Glenn Vande Vegte were appointed tellers.

Article 4: Seven absentee ballots were presented. A motion was made, supported and approved to accept these four ballots.

Article 5: Voting was held for one school board member for a three-year term, the nominees are Michael Grevengoed and Jeff Zylstra. Retiring board member is Matt Vande Vegte. Josh Van Grouw will be returning for an additional three-year term which was voted on by the Board.

Article 6: Voting was held for one new foundation board member for a three-year term, the nominees are Jeff Meyer and Gerald Zwart. Retiring board member is Erv Berentschot.

Article 7: Principal Pete Van Velzen gave the Principal's Report. Pete gave a report on the class visits and the teacher evaluations that he has made in the past year. He has spent time working with Rebecca on various items, and working on State Reports and fundings. We are working on the ESA process, deadline for applications is June 30, 2023. He expressed appreciation to all the staff, board, and society members.

Article 8: Matt Vande Vegte presented the Scrip Report. Earnings for the year were \$16,900 which is a 36% increase from last year. The school received \$4,000.00 for their share of the earnings. The current checking account balance is \$13,841.94.

Article 9: The Hearts and Hands report was given by Todd Reinke. Hearts and Hands has become its own entity, separate from the school, in order to decrease liability exposure. Major fundraisers for the year included cookie baking, pizza sales, fudge sales, freezer meals and bake sales. Total gross revenue for the year was \$25,970.03 and total expenses and expenditures were \$19,244.39

Article 10: Dale Kollis gave the Foundation Report. Income this year was \$60,567.74. The checking account balance is \$3,657.07. The foundation investment value is \$512,268.84.

Article 11: The Building Committee Report was given by Matt Vande Vegte. He reported that last summer we switched the 3rd/4th and the 5th/6th classrooms around to allow Rebecca access to her office. Ben Q boards, a dishwasher and a hot water heater were installed. We are planning to switch the kindergarten room and the library around this summer to allow for more room for the kindergarteners. The ICS Facelift was discussed.

Article 12: Election Results were shared: Michael Grevengoed was elected to the school board. Jeff Meyer was elected to the foundation board.

Article 13: Josh Van Grouw presented the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget of \$550,000.00. Josh explained the changes made to the budget. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the budget as presented. Josh also talked about the 75th Anniversary which will be held on August 26, 2023.

Article 14: Retiring school board member Matt Vande Vegte and retiring foundation board member Erv Berentschot were thanked for their service.

Article 15: The concept minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes.

Article 16: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Article 17: Darren Davelaar closed with prayer.

Todd Reinke, Secretary