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The Mission of Ireton Christian School is to develop knowledge and understanding in each of God's children so they can effectively relate to God, to others, and to creation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By becoming a Foundation member? Please join us for the start of a new year. Our new fiscal year starts Aug. 16. The board would like to invite anyone to help promote Ireton Christian School. For a yearly fee of \$25.00 or a lifetime membership of \$500.00, you can become an Ireton Christian School Foundation member. Please visit the school office or mail \$25.00 or \$500.00 to Ireton Christian and you will be added to the membership list! (List will be updated every month) ALL proceeds will be placed in our Endowment Fund. The money raised will help defray the cost of major repairs and educational expenses encountered throughout the year, as well as helping keep the cost of education at a minimum. THANKS for your support!

Registration

Registration will be held Tuesday Aug 11, following Society meeting starting at 7:00. If you are unable to attend at that time, make arrangements to register at the office. The following items will be completed at registration:

1. Sign the enrollment form. It outlines the school's policies, beliefs, and purpose.
2. Sign textbook request form. This enables us to order some textbooks with state funds.
3. Pick up Free and Reduced Lunch forms. This enables our school to receive Government reimbursements for our Lunch Program. This form is also used to determine how much funding our school receives to support our Title I program which helps to cover the salary of the Title I teacher
4. Pick up information about the Title I program
5. Pick up information about the NICSTO information. This must be signed and turned in.
6. Check the school directory listing for your correct information. This will be used for the 2009-2010 School Directory.
7. Pay the following fees:

a. Registration fee of \$15.00 per student			
b. Band fee of \$100.00 (for entire year)			
c. Hot Lunch: Pay first months fee for Aug 26-Sept. 25 lunches			
K full price (\$1.75) 14 days =	\$24.50		
K reduced price (\$0.40) 14 days =	\$5.60		
Gr. 1-8 full price (\$1.75) 22 days =	\$38.50		
Gr. 1-8 reduced price (\$0.40) 22 days =	\$8.80		
d. First Month's Tuition (based on 10 month payment plan)			
K&K	\$389.20	K & 2	\$771.10
1 in K	\$226.40	2k & 2	\$770.30
1 in Gr. 1-8	\$375.90	3	\$800.80
K & 1	\$529.70	4	\$800.80
2	\$651.40	5	\$800.80

Society Meeting & Registration

The first Society meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 with registration following. The Society meeting will be starting at 7:00 PM and during the meeting is when the new Officers of the Board will be voted into office. All parents are expected to be at this meeting. Registration will start after the meeting.

Thank You!

To all the people who came out to help during the school cleaning night.

"THANK YOU!" The school is so fresh and clean, your help was greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank You!

To all the board members and supporters who helped with the summer repairs.

Also a big "THANK YOU", to our school custodians. They worked hard waxing the floors. They are SHINING!!

Principal's Corner

As another year approaches it intrigues me to find ourselves hurrying to complete all the summer outings and trips. It reminds me how sometimes we forget to keep God at the forefront of our daily lives and get caught up in the hustle and bustle. But with that being said, hopefully you have found time to be with your family and enjoy each other's company, whether that be going to ball games, sitting around a campfire, or on a family vacation. As the new school year gets closer, I'd like to have you continually remind yourself to thank God and pray for your child or children throughout the 2009-2010 school year. God does bless us with His grace and mercy daily and therefore deserves part of our time spent with Him in prayer and devotions.

All members of the staff/faculty are gearing up for a new year and look forward to helping each student become a committed child of God throughout the school year at Ireton Christian School.

2009-2010 School Year Theme

The theme at Ireton Christian School this year will be LIVING LETTERS. Together the staff, faculty, and students will be having monthly activities that specifically relate to living a Christian life, and being Christ like in what we do and say and how we live. Striving to be living letters for Christ as we interact with others in our family, at school, in our communities.

Continued Support Through Giving

All society members, past and present, friends, and supporters continue to support our school through the many various ways available. Ireton Christian would like to remind everyone of the opportunities to give of their donations to: Building Toward The Future Campaign, NICSTO, Tuition Assistance, Foundation Membership, Building Fund, & general donations. If you have any questions, you may contact Marlin Schoonhoven, Principal at 278-2245. Ireton Christian School Board would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of this school and Christian Education.

T.R.I.P. News

Money doesn't grow on trees but you can earn "free" money to be credited to your tuition account. As the new school year is about to start, now is a great time to make sure you are using the TRIP program as much as possible. Using TRIP to pay for school supplies and clothes, as well as groceries, home repairs, or eating out is a SMART way to earn money toward your tuition account. If you get family and friends to order TRIP under your name, they are also helping you without spending any additional money.

The next TRIP order is Aug 24 by 9:00 AM. Orders need to be in the school office or given to Donna Koopmans by that time to be included in the order. If you missed the last order date or you need more TRIP before the next order, call Donna (#712-278-2506 - home or #712-278-2105 - work) to see what we have available in our inventory. Check out the TRIP link on the ICS website to see a list of participating merchants, download an order form or find out what new merchants we may have added. We have had parents that have earned 1 to 2 months or more of free tuition. The order dates for the first part of the upcoming year are: Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14

August & September Birthdays

August 7	Travis Viet
August 15	Jackson Vander Windt
August 16	Kari Van Klompenberg
August 17	Tessa Schoonhoven
August 18	Dylan Liston
August 29	Shianne Borchers
August 30	Isaac Van Beek
August 31	Madison Dorhout
September 12	Kennedy Vander Windt
September 17	Lori De Jong
September 26	Jaci Van Wyk



Early Dismissal

We will dismiss at 12:30 on the first day of school, which is Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009 (kindergarten through eighth grade).

Opening Dedication Service

We will begin our school year on Wednesday, Aug 26 at 8:30 AM with a chapel service. All parents are welcome and invited to attend. All NEW families are encouraged to come and be welcomed into Ireton Christian School.

Rally Day Sale

The annual Rally Day Sale will be held on FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 AT 6:30 pm. Please have your donations to the school after 3:00 pm on Thursday and all day Friday. Keep this day open and come and support our school. We hope to see all of you and your family and friends at this wonderful event.

Office Hours

SECRETARY- Our office hours for the secretary this year will be from 8:00-2:00pm on Monday, 8:00-4:00pm on Wednesday. Please use these times to call, or else it will disrupt class time or no one will be available. You can leave a message with your name, number, and a brief message and we will get back to you.

Items for the weekly note will be due in the office by Wednesday at 8:30am.

PRINCIPAL- Mr. Schoonhoven's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:15-4:00pm., Friday's all day, and after school on Monday and Wednesday.

Updated Immunization Information

Parents, please make sure your students are updated on all of their immunizations. If you need assistance on where to go to get them, please contact Community Health Partners at 1-800-435-3454 or 737- 2971 during regular hours 8:00-4:30.

Weather Information

If it becomes necessary to cancel school or dismiss early for hot weather, snow, or other reason, it will be announced over the radio on stations: KSOU, KDCR, KLEM, and WNAX. The same announcement will also be on KTIV (channel 4) & through SNOWCAP (which can be assessed through your cell phone (text message), to alert you of school cancellations). Please be sure to make arrangements in advance so that your children and their teacher know what your emergency plans are. Without written notification, all children will be sent home in their normal manner.

Dress Code

A reminder to parents and students to keep in mind the dress code as you buy clothes for the new school year.

- * All clothes should be modest and appropriate for a Christian witness.
- * Suggestive words or the advertisement of alcoholic beverages, smoking, drugs, or anti-Christian groups on clothing are not appropriate.
- * Shorts may be worn during the months of Aug. Sept. Oct. Apr. and May. Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- * For grades 5-8 shirts must have sleeves. The student's midriff should not be exposed and shirt should not be too tight.
- * Skirts should be knee length or longer.
- * Footwear is required.
- * Caps, hats, or headbands are not permitted in class.
- * Wear appropriate clothing for winter weather such as coats, hats, gloves, and boots.
- * Parents will be contacted if the child's clothing is inappropriate.

Athletic Physicals

Students in any Junior High Athletic events should have a physical by their family doctor before the sporting events begin in the fall. Many places offer physicals throughout the early part of August.

Needed:

We are in need of Room Mothers for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in helping out in your child's classroom, please contact an auxiliary member or call school (278-2245) as soon as possible. If you have any questions about what a room mother does contact Mr. Schoonhoven.

Bus Schedules

The buses will run on the first day of school. The drivers will be contacting you to let you know the approximate time your child (or children) will be picked up and dropped off.

Band Lessons

Band lessons will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009. Band fees will be \$100.00 for the year, due at registration

Reading Before The New School Year Begins

Parents, it's a good time to have the kids start reading again if they haven't been during the summer months. It helps to start preparing the students, especially the younger ones for the school days that will soon be here. Encourage your child to read 30-60 minutes a day from now until school begins. Thanks for your help!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2009 - 2010

The Kleenex boxes are to be given to the teachers to be shared by the class.
If you are purchasing a new Bible for your child, the New International Version is preferred.
Please try to avoid tennis shoes that leave black marks.

Kindergarten:

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors - basic 8 count
- 1 Scissors - sharp point
- 1 White Glue - small
(so they will fit into their boxes)
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Paint shirt
- 1 Nap pad
- 1 Water colors -
Prang brand requested
- 2 Kleenex - large
- 6 Pencils, reg. #2
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 Plastic pencil box
- 1 Plastic soap dish
- 1 Fine line marker
(Crayola, basic 8)
- 2 Dry erase markers -
expo wide tip

1st & 2nd Grade:

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors - basic regular size
(no more than 24 count)
- 1 Scissors - sharp point
- 1 White Glue - small
(so they will fit into their cases)
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Water colors -
Prang brand requested
- 2 Kleenex - large
- 6 Pencils, reg. #2
- 2 Pocket folder
- 1 Plastic pencil box
- 4 Dry erase markers -
expo wide tip
- 1 Markers -box
- 1 Bible
- 2 Spiral notebook
- 1 Sketch book - opt.
(2nd grade can use last years)

Keep markers in their original box and mark their name on everything they bring.



3rd & 4th Grade:

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors
- 1 Scissors - sharp point
- 1 White Glue - large
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Water colors -
Prang brand requested
- 1 Kleenex - large
- 2 Pencils, reg. #2
- 2 Pocket folder
- 1 Plastic pencil box
- 1 3-ring binder
- 1 Markers -box
- 1 Bible
- 1 12" ruler with metric
- 2 Spiral notebook
- 1 Sketch book - opt.
- 1 Pens
- 2 Loose leaf paper

We will be having a leaf collection this year. Start gathering them before they turn colors.



5th & 6th Grade:

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors - basic 8 count
- 1 Scissors - sharp point
- 1 White Glue - small
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Kleenex - large
- 2 Pencils, reg. #2
- 2 Pocket folder
- 1 Plastic pencil box
- 4 Dry erase markers -
expo wide tip
- 1 Markers -box
- 1 Bible
- 1 12" ruler with metric
- 7 Spiral notebook
- 1 Sketch book - opt.
- 1 Pens
- 1 basic calculator
- 1 protractor

The assignment books will be provided.

7th & 8th Grade:

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors - basic 8 count
- 1 Scissors - sharp point
- 1 White Glue - small
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Kleenex - large
- 2 Pencils, reg. #2
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 3-ring binder
(with 8 separating tabs)
- 1 Markers -box
- 1 Bible
- 1 12" ruler with metric
- 9 Spiral notebook
- 1 Sketch book - opt.
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Compass
- 1 Pens
- 1 Pens - red
- 1 Loose leaf paper
- 1 Graph paper

The assignment books will be provided

Board Meeting - July 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm

- I. DEVOTIONS-Eph 5:23-24 by Rick Schouten
- II. MINUTES
- III. TREASURERS' REPORTS
 - General- Building-
 - Tuition Asst- KOK Preschool-
- IV. BILLS SUBMITTED various textbooks orders
- V. REVIEW POLICIES Endowment Fund Constitution p57
- VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
 - A. Memorials/donations received-
 - B. Past events
 - May 26-28 Staff/Faculty meetings (luncheon on 26 for Fedders, Hoogland, Obbink, Argo)
 - June 4 School Cleaning & Report Card pickup
 - July 11 Leota Auction attended by Randy VW & myself
 - C. Upcoming events
 - July 17-26-Lori B on vacation
 - July 22-Benefit Auction at school for Rachel (Eisma) Mohning
 - Aug 11 Society Meeting & Registration at 6:30pm
 - Aug 20-25 Teacher inservice & professional development-Brian Nelsen
 - Aug 26 school begins ½ day-dismiss at 12:30 (need speaker)
 - Sept 3 Heartland Executive Comm meeting
- VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION
 - A. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Fall Society/Registration date is Tues., Aug 11 at 6:30pm (start with Society meeting or Registration?)
 - 2. Board member nominations for 09-10 school year
 - 3. Fire Marshall report
 - 4. Auxiliary funds-use specifically for technology, bus, or campaign
 - 5. SIAC needs to meet before the Aug 11 meeting-look over goals & add or change anything needed
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Building
 - 1. Playground equipment-new chain loops on swings
 - 2. Light switch/bulb in teacher mailroom
 - 3. Need a rectangle outlet cover behind fridge in kitchen
 - 4. Kitchen trim
 - 5. Gym mat on east wall-one side strap is broke
 - 6. Bus-seats & clean inside
 - B. Education
 - 1. Dwight Van Tol has been hired as Remedial Teacher.
 - 2. Coop position still open.
 - 3. All textbooks have been ordered for the 09-10 school year
 - C. Finance
 - 1. Update on all accounts-contacts have been made
 - D. Bus
 - 1. Sold spare bus Vander Haag's Salvage (\$750)
 - 2. Some rust on Gerald's bus, fix? seats?
 - E. Endowment
 - F. Preschool
 - 1. Discussion about TK at ICS-put on hold for a year (just make preschool available for 3 full days if parents desire-they may send them all 3 full days)
 - G. Technology
 - 1. Lab computers, server, multimedia cart, LCD projector, & laptop purchased
 - 2. Possible purchase of "smartboard" for classrooms
 - H. Concert Committee/Promotion Committee
 - I. Grants
 - 1. Purchased AED with matching grant fund of \$1300
 - 2. Received \$500 Walmart grant-fencing (need to

- purchase and add fence
- 3. Denied on \$2500 Siouxland Community Foundation grant-fencing
- 4. Waiting for matching \$250 (\$500 total) matching grant from Citibank
- 5. Denied b/c of overwhelming applications-so they only picked from highest needs school according to Free/Reduced lunches \$6000 grant for kitchen appliances from Ia Lunch program

- IX. Board Visit-NO
Next:
- X. Adjourn Next meeting TUESDAY, August 11 AFTER Society/Registration meeting

ICS FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand April 1, 2009		\$37,446.95		Educational Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Administrative	407.33	Copier	311.27
Band Income	111.87	Miscellaneous	565.34	Supplies	135.39
Bridge of Hope	353.95	Technology	40.35	Textbooks	-84.88
Hawarden CRC	2,760.00	Sub Total	\$1,374.80	Building Disbursements:	
House Rent	400.00	Bldg. repairs	-389.06	Janitor Supplies	674.02
Interest	4.87	Utilities	487.36	Sub Total	\$772.32
Education Partners	958.12	Bus Disbursements:		Bus Wages	1,703.91
Tuition and TRIP	5,482.84	Gas and Oil	1,849.07	Repairs	1,506.53
Total	\$10,071.65	Social Security	125.98	Sub Total	\$5,185.49
Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$47,518.60	Sub Total	\$29,777.50	Total Disbursements	
Salaries:				Balance on Hand	\$17,741.10
Cooks wages and SS	843.75				
Educational	14,517.72				
Educational SS	1,224.66				
Educational Pension	2,553.26				
Janitor	554.84				
Medical Employee	1,203.71				
Medical Employer	1,546.95				
Sub Total	\$22,444.89				

Church	08-09 Goal	Received	Balance	%Paid
Haw CRC	9,200.00	9,200.00	0.00	100%
Ire CRC	27,600.00	34,450.00	-6,850.00	125%
Lebanon CRC	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	100%
Bridge of Hope	2,300.00	1,668.45	631.55	73%
Ed. Partners	16,200.00	3,458.12	12,741.88	21%
Totals	57,600.00	49,408.12	5,891.88	89%

ISB FINANCIAL NETWORK	\$646.26
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ENDOWMENT CD's \$ SAVINGS	\$47,014.64
TUITION SAVINGS	\$661.92
CONCERT FUND CHECKING	\$23,833.98
GENERAL FUND MONEY MKT	\$15,674.35
GPPE STOCK	\$440.00

Ireton Christian School Calendar 2009 - 2010

Aug. 11	Society Mtg. & Registration 7:00pm starting time
Aug. 17-19	Teacher Work Days
Aug. 20-25	Faculty/Staff Inservice Meetings
Aug. 26	Begin School-1/2 day (dismiss at 12:30pm) (K-8 grade)
Sept. 7	Labor Day N/S
Sept. 9	Preschool Begins
Sept. 11	Rally Day Sale
Oct. 1-2	Heartland Teachers Conferences N/S
Oct. 23	School Pictures (8:30)
Oct. 30	End of 1st Quarter (45 days) Dismiss at 11:30
Nov. 10,12	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8pm, Tuesday & Thursday
Nov. 13	No School
Nov. 19	Fall Musical (K-8) 7pm, Thursday
Nov. 25	1:30 Dismissal
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break N/S
Dec. 23	1:30 Dismissal
Dec. 24-31	Christmas Break N/S
Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Jan. 15	End of 2nd Quarter (45 days) Dismiss at 11:30
Jan. 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6pm, not scheduled
Feb. 1-10	ITBS Testing Dates
Feb. 15	President's Day N/S
Mar. 19	Grandparent's Day (9am) End of 3rd Quarter (44 days) Dismiss at 12:30
Mar/Apr	Concert Choir (5-8)
Apr. 1-5	Easter Break N/S
Apr. 21	Unity Track Meet (6-8) 3:45
Apr. 23	Spring Concert/Science/Art Fair (3-8) 7pm, Friday
May 5	Western Track Meet (6-8) 1:15
May 6	Mother's Day Tea (K-2) (No School for K on May 7)
May 12	Dordt Track Meet (5-8) 12:00
May 22	All-School Track Meet (K-6) 9:30am
May 24	Preschool Graduation 7pm
May 28	Dismiss at 11:30 Graduation at 7pm End of 4th Quarter (47 days)

New Staff for the 2009 - 2010 School Year

3rd & 4th Grade Teacher

Jennifer Mills comes to us from Orange City. Jennifer is the wife of Jeremy Mills, our 7th and 8th grade teacher. Jeremy and Jennifer were married in the summer of 2008 and purchased their first home this past spring. We welcome Jennifer to our school and look forward to getting to know her.

Remedial Teacher

Dwight Van Tol is our new remedial teacher. Dwight and his wife Kathleen will be moving here from Holland, Michigan. Kathleen has a new position at Dordt.

Title I Position

Kayla Kooima will be our Title I person. She comes to us from the West Sioux district.

Bus Driver

Don Mulder is our new bus driver, he is taking Randy Van Wyhe's place. Don and his wife Marie live here in Ireton.

ICS Auxiliary Selling School Apparel

This year as an Auxiliary, we decided to offer school apparel items again. We are in the process of finalizing what will be available to purchase. We are looking at clothing items, along with a sweatshirt blanket, duffel bag, tote bag, and a few other items as well. If all goes as planned, look for the order forms to be sent home within the first week of school. Samples will be available to be seen starting the first day of school. If you have any questions, feel free to call Mandy Bonnema at 278-2332.

2009-2010 Ireton Christian School Covenant Foundation Members:

Jason Meyer *
Nicholaas and Arletta Dorhout*
Brent and Cindy Davelaar*
Tena Kramer *
Curtis J. DeVries*
Sadie De Vries*
Leroy and Joan Punt*

Evonne Wielenga*
John and Alice Jongma*
Allen and Clara Eisma *
Jim and Mandy Viet*
Rick and Jill Schouten*
Michael J. Jongma*
Randy and Glenda Van Wyhe *

Gerrit and Tracy Byker*
Kelly and Carmen Noteboom*
Darrell and Kate Noteboom*
Warren and Ruth Dekkers*
Lawrence and Dinah Ter Horst*

* Lifetime members (\$500.00)
Yearly Members (\$25.00)

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