



# The Ireton Christian **BEACON**

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## **"BLESSED"**

The background of the flyer features watercolor-style illustrations of autumn leaves and pumpkins in shades of yellow, orange, and green.

IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ANNUAL  
*Rally Day Sale*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

FOOD BEGINS AT 5:00 PM  
AUCTION BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LIVE AUCTION  
GUN RAFFLE  
GIFT CARDS  
KID'S ITEMS  
HOME DECOR

DONATION ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL  
ANYTIME ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY BEFORE 5:00

*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 anytime of the year, Christian education is an ongoing thing and we need your help. 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!*

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

*I hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement as we are settling into a new school year! It's truly a joy to welcome both familiar faces and new members to our school community. The beginning of a new school year is a time of renewal, growth, and endless possibilities.*

*As we step into this academic journey, I want to take this opportunity to introduce a theme that will guide our school community's values and actions throughout the year: The Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a set of teachings by Jesus Christ that are found in the Bible, specifically in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 3-12. They are a profound and timeless guide to living a life of compassion, empathy, and moral excellence.*

*Throughout this school year, we will explore the meanings and applications of these Beatitudes in our daily lives. Our goal is to foster a nurturing and inclusive school environment where students can grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Each Beatitude holds valuable lessons that can help us become better individuals and contribute positively to our community.*

*As we delve into this theme, I encourage students, parents, and teachers to reflect on how we can embody these teachings. Together, we can create a school culture that reflects the core principles of the Beatitudes.*

*In the coming weeks and months, you can expect to see various activities and events related to our theme, including discussions, community service projects, and guest speakers who will help us delve deeper into the Beatitudes.*

*I look forward to a year filled with growth, compassion, and meaningful learning experiences. Together, we will make Ireton Christian School a place where the values of the Beatitudes shine brightly.*

*Thank you for entrusting us with the education, character and spiritual development of your children. If you have any questions or ideas related to our theme or any other school matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our dedicated staff.*

*Thank you for partnering with us as we do God's work!*

*Mrs. Kooima*





It's a  Girl!

Congratulations to Mrs. Justine Byker and her husband Klay in the birth of Ada Marie born on Sunday, September 17. Everyone is doing great. Ada is welcomed home by big brother Kaden.



## ***GRAB THE LIGHTS AND CUE THE HOLIDAY MUSIC!***

*The annual Ireton Christian School's Holiday Festival is scheduled to return Friday, November 17, and we would love for you to be a part of it! Let's kick off this holiday season together!*

*Here's what you can expect from this year's event:*

- *FRESH wreaths and swags will be pre-sold, available to pick up during the Festival! Seek out a student or call the school office to order in October!*
- *FRESH potted greens will be available for purchase and pick up at the Festival!*
- *A delicious meal!*
- *Holiday decor sales and Holiday goodies!*
- *Entertainment throughout the Festival, featuring ICS students!*

*AND best of all, because of the generosity of the Holiday Festival sponsors, FREE admission so you can bring the whole family out and enjoy so mark your calendars now to plan to attend!*



# KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

Hello ICS family! Kids of the Kingdom have had a wonderful first few weeks in preschool! We welcomed all 18 preschoolers into the classroom on August 30 for our first day– it's been such a joy to see all of their smiling faces and bright personalities throughout these last few weeks. Our students have been learning the ropes and rules of preschool. They have been doing a fabulous job showing us their school skills– gluing, cutting with scissors, holding a pencil, and using do-a-dot paints, to name a few! They also learned all about the letters A,B,C, and D. In Bible, they heard about the Creation story and began learning a couple memory verses. I love their willingness and eagerness to learn in all subject areas! Some of our favorite preschool memories so far include playing outside, making new friends, singing songs together, and discovering the different play areas in our classroom. I'm excited to watch these little ones grow throughout this school year!

*Mrs. Roghair and Mrs. Plendl*



# KINDERGARTEN

We are off to another great start here in Kindergarten at ICS. This year, there are 12 students in our classroom - 3 boys and 9 girls! As with every year, we spend some time getting to know the school and our routines. These kids caught on quickly! Some of the activities that we have been working on in class are: Old Testament Bible stories, writing numbers 0-5, counting, writing letters and learning their sounds, exploring parts of trees, being a good citizen (and classmate!), and our five senses. Each of these subjects has a variety of hands-on, writing, or verbal activities to help students learn. There is an excitement and a love for God in this classroom! Please continue to pray for students by name or by class - God has amazing plans for these kids and we are privileged to be the ones to guide them through this phase of life!

*Mrs. Kuperus*





## 1ST & 2ND GRADE

It's hard to believe that we're already a whole month into school! Summer always seems to go by so fast, but it's always so good to be back at school, have a routine again, and of course to see all of our friends! In the 1st/2nd grade room, the students are busy reviewing many concepts taught last



year. It tends to take us a little bit to get back into the groove and

remember all the things we learned last year! If you ask any of the students in our room, they'd probably all tell you science is one of their top subjects each day. This is our first year with a new Christian based science curriculum, and it's fantastic! We've been focusing on what matter is, how matter changes, and how matter moves. There have been many activities and experiments that go hand in hand with what we've been learning each day, which makes it fun for the students. We used rootbeer floats to see the 3 states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas. Ask any student which melts faster: ice, butter, or chocolate! It's a joy to be able to put our Christian beliefs into what we are learning each day. God created matter and He allows it to change and move. By learning more about matter, we are able to learn more about God's creation and to use it to do many things. It will be fun to see all the things we get to do and learn this year. We appreciate all the prayers and support we receive throughout the year.

*Mrs. Oolman*



## 5TH & 6TH GRADE

The 5th and 6th graders are off to a fantastic start to the school year. They are making the transition to middle school like pros! We have been reading texts on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Nez Perce Tribe to build background information on our upcoming book *Thunder Rolling in the Mountains* by Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall. Within our reading, we are identifying parts of the text such as the topic and concluding statements. We are also learning how to write informative/explanatory paragraphs. On September 14, God blessed us with a beautiful fall day to visit the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Sergeant Floyd River Museum and the Sergeant Floyd Monument in Sioux City. It was a great day of fun and learning outside of the classroom! In History, we are learning about the ancient civilizations and making flashcards as we go to help us keep them all straight!



We are studying Paul's missionary travels in the Bible and studying the book of Colossians. We thank God for placing us in a Christian school to teach and learn all things through the light of His Word!

*Mrs. Zylstra*



## 3RD & 4TH GRADE

Just like that, summer is over, and we are well into our first quarter! This year, we have welcomed a total of 16 students, and it's been wonderful getting to know each and every one of them. We've had four new additions to our classroom, and we warmly welcome Elsie in 3rd grade, Evan, Gracelyn, and Hunter in 4th grade. The students have been doing a fantastic job readjusting to a full classroom environment and making our newcomers feel right at home.

In our language arts curriculum, we've been diving into some exciting texts. We've read "Emma's Rug" by Allen Say and explored the inspiring story of Alvin Ailey. Our discussions have been insightful, and the students have been engaged learning the different ways one can be considered an artist.

In our Bible lessons, we've been learning about different aspects of history and culture. The students have delved into the world of ancient drawings in the Bible as well as the fascinating world of hieroglyphics. Their curiosity and enthusiasm for history have been truly inspiring.

Our science curriculum this year is out of this world! We've been taking a journey through the solar system, and when you step into our classroom, you'll be surrounded by beautifully crafted planets hanging from the ceiling. The students are learning about the different planets, their characteristics, and their place in our cosmic neighborhood.

We're excited to also welcome back Ms. Sydney who's teaching the kids Ag. Our students have already started learning about various day-to-day items that are composed of pig scraps.

We are genuinely looking forward to the school year ahead and are thrilled to see our students grow academically and socially. As always, we encourage open communication, so please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. We are confident that this will be a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and fun.



*Mrs. Sieck*

## 7TH & 8TH GRADE



Our 7th and 8th Grade Class is off to a great start this year! Starting in Bible class each morning we are learning about the kings and the sin of Israel and how God continued to "forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:34) Praise God we have a Savior who forgives all of our sins as well! In science, we have been seeing life through the Bible's story.



We studied the life around us as well as the unique life God has created on the island of Madagascar. After reading and discussing the characteristics of life, we tested out the different types of microscopes and viewed some organisms such as bananas and geraniums under them. Now we are learning about the complexities of each individual cell and how creation could have only been divinely engineered by our Creator, God.

*Mrs. Hoogland*



# CHAPEL





# OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Nicki Weida
October 2	Tenley Westergard
October 5	Joseph Hoekstra
October 6	Cooper Rens Emmett Rens Maverick Rule
October 7	Brighton Kroese
October 9	Camden Waterman
October 14	Sophia Kooima Martha Hoekstra
October 17	Elsie Scholten
October 22	Zoey Zomermaand
October 24	Max Eisma
October 26	Blair Loges
October 27	Alex Bos Kayla Fedders
November 4	Deacon Oolman
November 9	Harper Hooyer
November 10	Tammy Sieck
November 12	Wyatt Wielenga Nyelle Smith
November 16	Randy Van Wyhe
November 19	Lincoln Kramer
November 20	Hudson Blankespoor Ty Eisma
November 21	Evan Hooyer Mason Hooyer Krista Oolman
November 23	Emilee Butcher
November 28	Dana Scholten
November 30	Kallie Eisma

# UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5	No School (Heartland Convention)
October 25	End of 1st Quarter
October 26	No School (Teacher Conference)
November 4	Rally Day Sale
November 6 & 7	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 17	Holiday Festival
November 22	1:30 dismissal
November 23-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break

# TRIP NEWS

Upcoming order dates are: October 30, November 27, and December 11

TRIP Order forms can be printed off the school website if you need one. Orders need to be in the TRIP box in the school office or given to Donna Koopmans by 8:00 AM on order dates in your family envelope. No late orders will be taken.

## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In compliance with regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) all parents, teachers, students and employees are hereby notified that Ireton Christian School does contain degrees of Asbestos in some floor tiles, ceiling, and walls. Ireton Christian School has a management plan for asbestos available in the school office, should anyone desire to see the plan. Let us know. Areas that contain asbestos are given required periodic surveillance and are maintained according to required regulations.

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