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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 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

As the new school year approaches we have a new excitement and anticipation for the task that lies ahead. As staff/faculty we look forward to inspiring, communicating God's Word, and becoming a role model in each of the student's lives. The Christian staff/faculty is committed to a Christ-centered education which involves all aspects and subjects that the students encounter throughout the year. The teacher plays a huge role in helping each student develop their own abilities so they can use their hands and feet for the betterment of God's world.

What an awesome task set before each staff/faculty member! We have many veteran teachers as well as some new faces in which the board and myself have the utmost confidence in showing each student the straight and narrow path needed to fulfill their Christian duty as they grow up to become leaders in our world. This task requires prayer and devotions for each staff/faculty member and our societies continued support.

A strong commitment from families, friends, and community is a key to enduring Christian Education at the highest level each and every year. Parents, family, friends, and community please uphold these staff/faculty members on a daily basis and have confidence in what they are doing is teaching each child that they are an image bearer of the Christ!

Mr. Schoonhoven

Registration

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held Monday, Aug. 8, following Society meeting which starts at 6:30PM. 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 a family packet which includes;
* 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.
*NICSTO application, this must be signed and turned in.
* Sports Physical Form. Students in any Junior High Athletic events should have a physical by their family doctor before the sporting events begin in the fall.
4. Pick up information about the Title I program.
5. Check the school directory listing for your correct information. This will be used for the 2011-2012 school Directory.
6. Pay the following fees:
 - a. Registration fee of \$15.00 per student
 - b. Activity Fee of \$25.00 per student (one time fee covering all extracurricular activities, field trips, t-shirts, programs, etc. that students participate in throughout the year)
 - c. Band fee of \$100.00 (for entire year)
 - d. Hot Lunch: Pay first months fee for Aug. 23-Sept.23 lunches. Hot Lunch needs to be paid on a separate check-billing is the 1st of each month, ask that it's paid by the 10th of each month- your bill will always reflect the month upcoming.

K full price (\$1.75) 15 days=\$26.25

K reduced price (0.40) 15 days=\$6.00

Gr. 1-8 full price \$1.75) 23 days=\$40.25

Gr. 1-8 reduced price (0.40) 23 days= \$9.20

e. First Month's Tuition

(Based on 10 month payment plan)

K only -\$244.90

K&2-\$833.90

K&K -\$420.90

2K &2 -\$808.80

1 in Gr.1-8 \$404.60

3 -\$900.70

K&1 -\$572.90

4 -\$900.70

2 in Gr. 1-8 -\$704.40

5 -\$900.70

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<u>Children in school</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Kindergarten	\$2,449.00
1	\$4,046.00
K + 1	\$5,729.00
2	\$7,044.00
K + 2	\$8,339.00
3	\$9,007.00
4 or more	\$9,007.00

Society Meeting and Registration

The first Society meeting of the year will be held Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 with registration following. The Society meeting will be starting at 6:30 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.

Kids of the Kingdom Preschool

Reminder all children attending preschool that are four years of age are covered under the preschool grant and there will be no cost other than hot lunch. Children either three years old or five years old will have to pay tuition on a fixed scale per month. Three and Five year old students may qualify for Empowerment funding from the local agency in Orange City, the preschool teacher will help each one of the children apply for this, contact Tammy Sieck (home 278-2354, cell 360-0329) if you have questions.

TRIP News

Upcoming order dates are: August 23, September 12, October 3, October 24, November 14, November 28, and December 12.

Orders need to be in the TRIP box in the school office or given to Donna Koopmans by 8:45 AM on order dates in your family envelope. No late orders will be taken. Do not fax or call orders to my house - money needs to accompany orders or they will not be processed. Please try to remind your child to bring the order to their teacher or the office right away when they get to school, so that orders will not be forgotten or late.

Remember we have a good inventory of gift cards on hand for purchase on a first come basis in between order dates. To find out what's available you can call Donna at 278-2506 (home) or 278-2105 (work) or you can email dkoopmans@hotmail.com. You can always print a current order form off the TRIP link on the ICS website.

Thank You!

To everyone who came out to help during the school cleaning nights. "Thank You!" your help was greatly appreciated.

"Thank you" to our school custodians. They have worked hard waxing the classroom and gym floors. They are SHINING!

"Thank you" to all board members and supporters who have helped with the summer repairs, the new cement at the front and east side of the schoolhouse and the new office! When all the work has been completed it is really going to be nice!!! There is a lot of work left to be done and any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated!

2011-2012 School Year Theme

Our theme for the new school year is *"Armor of God"*. Ephesians 6:10-11 says "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Together the staff, faculty and students will be having monthly activities that specifically relate to our theme, preparing us and helping us to be always ready to with stand the devil and live our life for Christ everyday by putting on the armor of God.

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!

Changes in Our Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year

Gail Vonk will be our Title I, Remedial, and Co-op teacher
Kimberly Pals-Miller will be our band teacher
Kelsie Van Beek will be our 7-8th grade teacher
Lori De Jong will be our 3-8th grade art teacher

We wish Dwight Van Tol, Jeremy Mills and Shirley Van Engen the best in their new ventures.

August and September Birthdays

August 8	Eric Erickson
August 15	Jackson Vander Windt
August 16	Kari Van Klompenburg
August 17	Tessa Schoonhoven
August 18	Dylan Liston
August 19	Cassady Dekkers
August 30	Isaac Van Beek
September 11	Callie Kluver
September 12	Kennedy Vander Windt
September 17	Lori DeJong
September 26	Jacie Van Wyk



Ireton Christian School Calendar 2011-2012

Aug. 8	Society meeting/Registration 6:30
Aug. 15-16	Teacher Work Days
Aug. 17-19	Faculty/Staff Inservice Meetings (18th at DC Inservice 9-12)
Aug. 23	Begin School-1/2 day (dismiss at 12:30) (Pre-8)
Sept. 5	Labor Day N/S
Sept. 10	Rally Day Sale
Sept. 23	Early dismissal 12:15 Teacher Inservice at DC at 1pm
Oct. 6-7	Heartland Convention N/S
Oct. 21	School Pictures (8:30)
Oct. 28	End of 1st quarter (46 days) Dismiss at 11:30
Nov. 8, 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8pm, Tuesday and Thursday
Nov. 11	No School
Nov. 23	1:30 Dismissal
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Break N/S
Dec. 8	Fall Musical (K-8) 7pm Thursday
Dec. 21	1:30 Dismissal
Dec. 22-31	Christmas Break N/S
Jan. 3	Classes Resume (Tuesday)
Jan. 13	End of 2nd Quarter (45 days) Dismiss at 11:30
Jan. 20	Early dismissal 12:15 Teacher Inservice at DC at 1pm
Jan. 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6pm, not scheduled
Feb. 1-10	ITBS Testing Dates
Feb. 20	Presidents Day N/S
Mar. 16	Grandparents Day (9am) End of 3rd quarter (44days) Dismiss at 12:30
Mar. 23	Early Dismissal 12:15 Teacher Inservice at DC at 1pm
Mar/Apr	Concert Choir (5-8) (no exact date set)
Apr. 5-9	Easter Break N/S
Apr. 25	Unity Track Meet (6-8) 2pm
Apr. 27	Spring Concert/Science/Art Fair (3-8) 7pm
May 2	Western Track Meet (6-8) 1pm
May 3	Mother's Day Tea (K-2) (No school for K on Friday May 4)
May 9	Dordt Track Meet (5-8) 12:00
May 19	All-School Track Meet (K-6) 9:30 am
May 21	Preschool Graduation 7pm
May 25	Dismiss at 11:30 Graduation at 7pm End of 4th Quarter (47days)

IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2011-2012

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

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors – basic
- 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
- 1 Markers –wide
- 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

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colored pencils
- 1 Scissors – sharp point
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Water colors
– Prang brand requested
- 2 Kleenex boxes – large
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 notebooks
- 1 Sketch book – opt.
- 2 Pens
- 2 pkgs. of loose leaf
paper, wide ruled

5th & 6th

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors – basic 8 count
- 1 Scissors – sharp point
- 1 White Glue – small
- 1 Eraser
- 2 Kleenex – large
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
- 5 Spiral notebook
- 1 Sketch book
- 1 Pens
- 1 TI Calculator
- 1 protractor

The assignment books will be provided.

7th & 8th

- 1 Tote Bag
- 1 Colors – basic 8 count
- 1 Scissors – sharp point
- 1 White Glue – small
- 1 Eraser
- 2 Kleenex – large
Pencils, reg. #2
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 3-ring binder
(with 5 separating tabs)
- 1 Markers –box
- 1 Bible
- 1 12” ruler with metric
- 8 Spiral notebooks
- 1 Sketch book
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Compass
- 1 TI Calculator
- 1 Pens
Loose leaf paper (opt)
Graph paper (opt)

The assignment books will be provided.

Early Dismissal

We will dismiss at 12:30 on the first day of school, which is Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011 (preschool through eighth grade).

Opening Dedication Service

We will begin our school year on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 8:30am 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 SATURDAY, Sept. 10 at 6:30pm. Please have your donations to the school after 3:00pm on Friday and all day Saturday. 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 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. After school on Monday and Wednesday till 5:00pm.

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 accessed 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 months of Aug., Sept., Oct., April 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, only athletic shoes, no sandals or flip-flops.
- * 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 at a lower or discounted rate, please take advantage of these and turn in your physical forms before the first day of school.

Needed: Room Mothers

We are in need of Room Mothers for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in helping out in your child's classroom, please 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 24, 2011. Band fees will be \$100 for the year, due at registration.

Board Meeting - Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer & Devotions by Board President Rick Schouten
3. MINUTES of last meeting read for approval
4. Items to be added to agenda
5. Old Business
 - a. June or July meeting should be used as a work night for updates, repairs, painting, etc
 - b. Board nominations for 2011-2012 school year (currently no reps from Haw CRC or Leb CRC) need 9 total, 3 will be alternates (alternates will fill any vacancy position)
Nominations were:

<u>Leb CRC</u>	<u>Haw CRC/Ed Partners</u>	<u>Ire CRC/Bridge of Hope</u>
Jacob Liston	Bryan Dekkers	Josh Folkerts
Darin Noyes	Benjy Weida (alt)	Jim Dekkers
 - c. TRIP payout to families (\$11,616.80), Board makes a recommendation of 90/10 payout for Auxiliary to possibly change for 2011-2012 school year, auxiliary will vote on after August 8 society meeting
 - d. Date of Registration/Society meeting for 11-12 year will be Mon., August 8 at 6:30pm, all board members will need to help at the tables-finance, registration, textbook affidavit, handouts, etc.
 - e. Staff/Faculty positions for board approved for 2011-2012 school year:
Kelsie Van Beek 7-8 teacher,
Gail Vonk Title I/Remdial/COOP
Lori De Jong 3-8 art
Kimberly Pals-Miller for 5-8 band
 - f. Motion made and approved for ICS board to take over KOK board, but keep a committee for fundraisers, KOK head teacher will report directly to ICS board once a month (written or verbal)
6. Principal's Report was given for information
7. Bills/Donations submitted and approved
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Building-remodeling of inside and cement work
 - b. Education-approval of staff positions for 2011-2012 position (art, band, preschool assistant)
 - c. Finance-HL fund paid General fund \$12,000 (owes 1188.00 yet) balance of 1186.47, state funding ran out for commodities
 - d. Bus Gerald's bus window, Don's bus windows
 - e. Endowment-was reported on finance reports
 - f. Preschool-purchase fencing 6' & 8' on East & North side & smart board
 - g. Technology Smartboards, Cat 5, Telephone line
 - h. Promotion/Concert some business openings yet for next year
9. Finance Committee Reports

General-\$38,211.36	Tuition Asst-\$1017.49
Building-\$56,026.10	KOK Preschool-\$16,385.12

 *Approved Principal, Committees, and Finance Reports
10. New Business (Items for Action)
 - a. completion of projects around school
 - b. Art, Band, Preschool Assistant for 2011-2012
 - c. Board nomination letters sent out June 15
 - d. CSI Health Insurance rates, just for info, will stay with Blue Cross/Blue Shield
 - e. Board work night-July 11
 - f. IRS audit report was given, everything was passed and looked in good order
11. Reviewed Board Policies #800-1004D
12. Board Visit: no report
13. Next meeting Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:00pm (work night)
14. Concept Minutes/Adjourn
15. Marlin Schoonhoven-closing prayer



2011-2012 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*
Duane and Lee Ann Bonnema*
Earl and Toots Kooi*
Dan and Sharon Byker*

Gerald and Rhonda Postma*
Stan and Barb Hoekstra*
Jay and Marlene Broek*
Verlyn and Karel Dekkers*
Brian and Sharla Gradert*
Allen & Ruth De Jager*
Roger and Joann Obbink*
Dick and Harriet Bonnema *

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

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