

# IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Weekly School Note

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### PRAYER CORNER



**\*\*Year's Theme: "Armor of God"**

**\*\*February Theme: Shield of Faith**

**Memory verse: Ephesians 6: 16** "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can distinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

#### Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, You understand the difficulties we face,  
and the pressure we are under right now.  
We ask that you guide us as we take this test,  
so that we may do our best.  
Open our mind, Clear our thoughts,  
And grant us perfect concentration,  
So we may use the knowledge we have gained,  
To build up your kingdom,  
For the good of all people. Amen*

**Prayer Request:** *Pray for students and teachers as we begin ITBS  
Pray that everyone is healthy, well rested, and focused.*

### HOT LUNCH MENU

**THURSDAY, Feb. 2** - Taco in a bag, carrots, pears, ice cream, milk

**FRIDAY, Feb. 3** - Ham, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, milk

**MONDAY, Feb. 6**- Chicken nuggets, curly fries, frozen peach cup, layer bars

**TUESDAY Feb. 7** - Stromboli, corn, apples, blueberry dessert, milk

**WEDNESDAY Feb. 8** - Hot dogs, carrots, strawberry fluff salad, Charlie brown pie, milk

### PIANO LESSONS WITH KATE:

There will be **no** piano lessons with Kate on Thursday, February 2  
Next week there **will** be piano lessons on Monday and Thursday afternoon.  
All piano students, please bring your books

**BAND INFORMATION:** February 6 and 13 will be make-up days  
(lessons and band)

### SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1** - Cadets 6:30 – 8:00

**THURSDAY, Feb. 2** – Basketball Game vs Sanborn Chr (home) at 4:00

**FRIDAY, Feb. 3** – School Pep Rally – **Wear school colors** (red & black)  
or something with ICS on it.

– **Completed Bluegrass Gospel Packets due in office**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 4** – Girls Basketball tournament at Unity Christian  
(8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM)

**MONDAY, Feb. 6** – Hearing rechecks (AM: Preschool)  
- Boys BB Practice 3:30 – 5:15

**TUESDAY, Feb. 7** – Hearing rechecks (AM: Preschool, PM: Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup>)

**THURSDAY, Feb. 9** – Boys BB Practice 3:30 – 5:15

**FRIDAY, Feb. 10** – "Dress up as your Favorite Book Character" Day

**SATURDAY, Feb. 11** – Boys Basketball Tournament at Western Christian (8 AM)

**FRIDAY, Feb. 17** – All School Chapel (Wear Chapel T-Shirts)

**BOX TOP COLLECTORS:** Bring in your collected box tops for the next 2 weeks so they can be mailed in by the deadline. Remember to cut them down to the lines and put in small bags of 50. We made \$400 first semester. Let's make a goal of \$600 for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. To make it fun, we will have a competition by classrooms based on percentage of box tops brought in. More details will come next week.

**READING PROGRAM FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY** – Read-A-Million Minutes takes the place of Reading Rodeo (Book It) for the month of February. A different colored sheet will be sent home each week. Each class is required to read a certain amount of minutes for the week, fill out and return the sheet each week to attend the party on March 2. (K –105 min/week, 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> – 140 min/week, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – 210 min/week)

***Thank You – Thank you to Angela Dekkers for volunteering on Fridays for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester! We would also like to welcome and thank Pam Fedders for volunteering on Fridays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.***

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### **FEBRUARY IS SPIRIT MONTH:**

February 3 – Pep Rally. Wear school colors (red & black)  
February 10 – “Dress up as your Favorite Book Character” Day  
February 13-17 – Pixie Week (more information will come later)  
February 24 – “Crazy Hair, Pajamas, Lollipops” Day  
March 2 – Reading Party  
(for all who meet required reading minutes for month of February)

**THERE WAS A GLASS PAN** left from Spud Night at school. If yours, please come and claim. *Thanks.*

**PARENTS: IOWA ASSESSMENT TESTING is February 1-10** (formally ITBS)  
We ask if at all possible to avoid making Dr’s appointments during this time. Also, make sure your child gets enough rest and a good breakfast so they can do their best. *Thank you.*

**TRIP IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** If there is ever a late start on a TRIP order date, the orders will be due at the time school starts. If school is cancelled for the day, the order date will be the next school day, but the orders might not be ready by that Friday.  
Also during the school year, on hand inventory is now only going to be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15-2:00 at the school office.  
Upcoming TRIP order dates are: February 13, March 5, March 26, April 16, and May 7. Please have orders and payment to the office by 8:45 that morning. On hand inventory is now available in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 2:00.

**MOMS IN PRAYER:** will meet February 9 and 23.

**Isaac Van Beek is selling Sioux Center Pizza Ranch coupon booklets.**  
The value is over \$80. The cost is \$10 made payable to Boys Scouts.

### **CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE**

	<b>3:45-4:45</b>	<b>4:45-End</b>
Feb. 2	Schoonhoven	T. Bonnema

### **SPRING CONCERT TIME!!**

That time of the year is here again! The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual I.C.S. Bluegrass Concert will take place on April 21, 2012 at the BJ Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. The packets were sent home with your son or daughter last Friday. This year’s entertainment will be the “Link Family” and the “Knutson Family” Bands.

You will notice that you all have been given extra names to contact this year, due to the committee dividing out Le Roy’s contact names. Please remember this is a HUGE part of our school’s financial needs!

Just a little note about the packets: They will contain – 1) tickets, 2) a sample letter to either take with you or send prior to your phone call or visit. This letter explains the giving levels and the specific information on the concert, 3) a copy of last year’s actual program inside page. If they would like to see how things are laid out, you can show this, 4) Helpful hints, and lastly, 5) a sample thank you letter. I usually sent his out with the tickets enclosed. PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE THANK YOU no matter when you decide to send them out. Just remember to do this step! It is vitally important. You don’t know how many contributors will mention if they did nor didn’t receive a thank you. Your follow-up can make a difference in consistent contributors.

Please **DON’T PROCRASTINATE!** This is an I.C.S. MAJOR FUNDRAISER! It has been very successful because of parents who have a sincere passion for our school and Christian education. But, it takes each and everyone of us! We realize that solicitation can be a scary thing but, the businesses, you’re approaching have been involved with this fundraiser before. In a round-a-bout way, most of them are expecting you.

On last note, remember, in your presentation, that you are representing our institution. Be professional and appreciative for whatever is given or not given.

Completed packets can be brought to the office by **February 3**. There will be a box labeled “Concert Items”. On the outside of your packets note what each business is donating and if there is a check in the envelope or if it’s being send to the school. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of the committee members: Le Roy Punt, Leah Schoonhoven, Tammy Sieck, Angela Liston, and Amy Noyes.