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Ireton Christian School Class of 2026

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Class Verse: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.”*

John 3:16

Song: *To God Be the Glory*

Class Colors: *Blue and Black*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Surely Goodness and Mercy

As we come to the close of another school year, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on God's faithfulness to our school community. When we began this year with Psalm 23 as a theme, we were reminded that the Lord is our Shepherd—the One who guides, provides, and walks beside us in every season. Looking back now, I can truly say we have seen His goodness and mercy throughout this entire year. From the excitement of the first day of school to concerts, programs, Rally Day, classroom learning, and everyday moments together, God's hand has been evident in so many ways.

This first year serving as principal at Ireton Christian School has been such a blessing for my family and me. I am incredibly thankful for the warm welcome, encouragement, and support we have received from parents, staff, churches, volunteers, donors, and the broader community. We have celebrated meaningful growth this year—not only in enrollment and opportunities, but also in the strength of our school community and the Christ-centered relationships being built within our walls. Christian education is a special gift, and it has been a joy to watch students grow academically, spiritually, and socially each day.

As we wrap up our year centered on Psalm 23, I'm reminded of the final promise: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." My prayer is that our students and families carry that truth with them into the summer months ahead. Thank you for partnering with us, praying for our school, and investing in the mission of Christian education. We look forward with excitement and hope to all that God still has in store for Ireton Christian School.

Blessings, Laura Moes, Principal

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

June 6 Amanda Van Driessen

June 7 Axl Eisma

June 10 Rochelle Eisma

June 11 Harlow Eisma

June 12 Adaline Weyen

June 13 Gavin De Kam

June 15 Huxton Visser

July 3

July 5

July 9

July 12

July 13

July 15

July 17

July 17

July 19

July 19

July 21

July 24

July 26

July 26

Lila Sieck

Nolan Moes

Grady Dekkers

Hailey Byker

Erika Vander Berg

Renee Saarloos

Mackenzie Noteboom

Madelyn Noteboom

Raelyn Richardson

Kara Richardson

Gracelyn Hoogland

Ellie Richardson

Rylee Zomermaand

Ryder Zomermaand

August 7

August 9

August 11

August 18

August 22

August 27

Hadlee Dekkers

Trenton Hoekstra

Vincent De Boer

Taelyn Loges

Brianna Kiel

Jason Blankespoor



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

As the school year winds down, I am so thankful for the class family we created together in preschool this year. Each student has grown in so many ways, and it has been such a joy to watch them learn and thrive! We wrapped up the year with a unit on kindness — the very best kind of learning in preschool. The preschoolers worked hard to fill up our “100 Acts of Kindness” chart and went far beyond that goal! We celebrated their kind choices with a walk to the Ireton park and also enjoyed our end-of-year field trip to the LaunchPAD Museum in Sioux City — their smiles said it all. As the year comes to a close, it is my prayer that each preschooler knows how deeply loved they are and continues shining their light for Jesus. Kindergarten, here they come!

Miss Roghair



The end of the year was fantastic! Our class took a field trip to Sioux Center – RISE gymnastics, Pizza Hut, Ground Effects, and Culver's. We hosted the special women in our lives for our Mother's Day Tea. We look forward to closing out our year with some chapel buddy time and then sending the eighth graders off at graduation. Students have succeeded this year and can look forward to a well-deserved summer and a first grade classroom in the fall!

Mrs. Kuperus

KINDERGARTEN

We start off the year with many goals – we want to read and write and count. We work toward those things every year. However, there are more important things that students came away with this year. Students learned to love God and to love others. They learned to love the stories of God's faithfulness, Jesus's life, Jesus's miracles, and the parables. They learned how to share God's love with others. We value head knowledge, but heart knowledge is lasting!



1ST GRADE



As the school year winds down, the pace in our classroom has only picked up—with joyful moments, meaningful learning, and plenty of reasons to smile. It's one of those seasons where you blink and realize just how much has been packed into these final weeks.

Our Reading Month celebration took us to the circus, and the wonder on the students' faces was unforgettable. Field Trip Friday was another highlight-filled day. From climbing and exploring at Rise Gymnastics, to enjoying lunch together at Pizza Hut, to learning about plants and God's creation at Ground Effects, and finishing with a stop at Culver's—each moment held its own learning experience. One of the most memorable parts was watching students step out in confidence as they ordered their own ice cream. There may have been a few nerves, but every student rose to the occasion with courage and independence!

In the classroom, we wrapped up our Economics unit, where students learned about needs and wants, goods and services, and producers and consumers. We brought these concepts to life with a student-led snack sale. After “repaying the bank” (Mrs. Oolman!), and giving a portion to our churches, students voted to use their profits to purchase an inflatable Gaga Ball pit for the school. Talk about real-world learning! We may have a few future entrepreneurs in our midst.

We also had the opportunity to attend Unity Christian's Ag Day, where students enjoyed hands-on learning and the chance to see former ICS students thriving. It's always encouraging to witness those connections and see students using their gifts.

As we look ahead, excitement is building for our upcoming Cinderella Ball—a magical way to celebrate the end of our reading unit. And yes, even the boys are looking forward to it (though they might not say so out loud!).

While it's always bittersweet to see the year come to a close, this class has grown in so many ways and is more than ready for the adventures that await them in 2nd grade. We are thankful for each moment, each memory, and the many ways we've seen God at work in our classroom this year.

Mrs. Oolman

2ND GRADE

What a fantastic year we have had in the 2nd grade classroom! This last quarter was filled with exciting activities, including field trips, projects, programs, and many special moments in between. The second graders have grown so much this year, and I am incredibly proud of all they have accomplished. Their love for Christ shines through in the way they interact with one another and in their willingness to try new things while exploring God's creation through reading, math, science, and more.



Our field trips this quarter included a visit to the circus for Reading Month, attending Ag Day at Unity Christian High School, and participating in Field Trip Friday. During Field Trip Friday, the second graders joined the Kindergarten and First Grade classes for visits to Rise Gymnastics, Pizza Hut, Ground Effects, and Culver's. These experiences provided wonderful opportunities for learning, teamwork, and fun outside the classroom.

In science, our focus this quarter was the human body. God created each of us uniquely and wonderfully! Students celebrated their differences while gaining a deeper understanding of how God designed our bodies to function. Through hands-on experiments and life-size posters, the students enjoyed sharing what they learned with others. Jade, Dalton, Axl, Kalli, Emma, Taylor, Harper, Marcus, Brighton, Axton, Eden, Collins, Kenzie, and Maddie — may God continue to bless you as you continue your lifelong journey of learning. I pray that you will keep growing in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and that your lives will be filled with the joy that comes from knowing and trusting in Him. You have all been such a blessing to have in class. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Vander Berg

5TH & 6TH GRADE



As we wrap up the school year, we are reflecting on so many memorable experiences shared together. One highlight was our trip to Des Moines, where the students explored the State Capitol and learned about Iowa's government in action. We also visited the State Historical Museum, diving into Iowa's past, and spent time at the Science Center, where students interacted with various hands-on exhibits. To top it off, students enjoyed some well-earned fun at Smash Park.

Another highlight was our field trip to Mill Creek State Park in Paulina. Students embraced the outdoors by kayaking and canoeing, hiking trails, and even trying their hand at geocaching. Of course, no trip would be complete without a sweet treat—ice cream was the perfect way to end a day full of adventure.

In the classroom, students have also been hard at work. In Bible, we studied Paul's missionary journeys and the importance of sharing the Gospel. In reading, we enjoyed two novels, *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. In English, we focused on strengthening our writing through capitalization practice. It has truly been a year filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable moments!

Miss Schiebout

7TH & 8TH GRADE

Within the past month, the 7th and 8th Graders have been on a couple field trips. In April, we went to Des Moines for a day. We visited the State Capitol Building, the State Historical Museum, the Science Museum, and then Smash park which has lots of games to play. In May we had field trip Friday. The seventh graders hiked in Palisades Park and went to Sky Zone. The 8th graders went golfing in Hawarden, lunch at Texas Roadhouse, and then to Thunder Road for lots of go-karting. These trips were fun and educational, and we are thankful for these experiences!



April and May have been busy with track meets, soccer games, math bees, our spring program, culture fair, cleaning ditches, and lots of learning in our classroom! In math we are ending the year with some geometry, implementing lots of formulas for surface area and volume. In Bible we are making our way through the major and minor prophets, with their messages of judgment, repentance, and hope. We are currently learning about Ezekial. In Science we are finishing up a unit about heat and energy.

Graduation is approaching quickly, and we will miss the 8th grade class comprised of 7 gentlemen. They have been great leaders this year, and we pray that they will always keep God at the center of their lives!

Mrs. Hoogland

3RD & 4TH GRADE

What a wonderful year we have had in our classroom. New friendships were made, old friendships grew stronger, we learned so many new things, experienced new things and now we look forward to summer break. Woohoo!

We went on our field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. It is always amazing to see the animals that God has created. We made a stop at Freddy's in Sioux City for supper and overall had a great day.

We also had our Mother's Day Tea in May. The kids did an awesome job and loved making their moms a new canvas painting for their gift. The kids love to be creative here.

We are learning the presidents and each of the kids will present next week. It has been so fun even as the teacher to learn more about our presidents over the years. It is also a challenge to learn all 45 names before the end-let's just say, the teacher will NOT be winning this challenge. Haha!

In our Bible class we have been learning about King Asa and King Ahab. This has challenged us to think about decisions we make every day and how we are influenced by others, commercials, clothing, etc. We decided we all could do better at doing the right thing and not following the crowd.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break. It is hard to believe how fast each year goes but we are all ready for a break. I hope you all take some time to relax, go see something new, read a book, try a new food, and have fun!



God Bless, Mrs. Sieck



END OF YEAR SCHOOL BOARD RECAP

As we close another school year at Ireton Christian School, the School Board would like to share a brief recap of the work, decisions, and progress made throughout the year. We are grateful for God's faithfulness, the support of our school community, and the opportunity to serve alongside dedicated staff and families.

Mission & School Culture

This year, the Board continued to support the school's mission of providing Christ-centered education that nurtures students academically, spiritually, and socially. Throughout the year, the Board worked closely with school leadership to strengthen school culture, support staff, and encourage long-term planning for continued growth.

Enrollment & Growth

The Board reviewed enrollment trends and celebrated continued interest and growth within the school community. Planning conversations included classroom needs, staffing considerations, expansion opportunities, and future facility needs to support students and families in the years ahead.

Financial Stewardship

The Board remained committed to responsible financial oversight. Key discussions this year included:

- Annual budgeting and tuition planning
- ESA and NICSTO funding opportunities
- Facility maintenance and improvement planning
- Long-term sustainability and fundraising efforts
- Careful stewardship of donations and school resources

We are deeply thankful for the generosity of families, churches, donors, and community supporters who continue to invest in Christian education.

Facilities & Improvement Projects

Several facility and planning projects were discussed or completed this year, including:

- Summer maintenance and improvement planning
- Continued conversations regarding future building expansion
- Campus safety and operational needs
- Improvements designed to support student learning and daily school operations
- Purchased a bus and are updating it to replace Randy's bus for next year.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, the Board remains excited about the future of Ireton Christian School. We look forward to continuing to grow together as a school community rooted in faith, excellence, and service.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in Christian education. We praise God for His provision and guidance throughout this school year.

"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life..." — Psalm 23:6

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