

Newton's News— Jan. 13, 2010



It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

The Role of Christian Schools

Isaac Newton Christian Academy was established to help believing parents raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As parents of students at a Christian school, we need to be reminded of the role that the school plays in our children's lives. The INCA board of directors has been reading Serving God on the Christian School Board by Roy W. Lowrie, Jr. and Roy L. Lowrie. I would like to share some excerpts from the book with you.

"The Christian school is a spiritual and educational endeavor in which the Spirit of God deals with the spirits of the students. The Christian school stands at the intersection of two things that God loves - children and truth. Christian education starts with the following beliefs: that God exists, that He has spoken through His Word, the Bible, and that He must not be ignored because He is the center of life. The Christian school exists to proclaim the lordship of Christ in all areas of life. In the Christian school, the Bible is central, it is conspicuous, and it is authoritative. Christian educators know the Word of God, and they know who is at the center of their lives, their thinking, their subject matter, and their teaching.

Many educators wish to instill in the hearts of their students a commitment to character, to doing what is right and living by moral standards. But moral standard must be built on a foundation of truth. Since the secular world has abandoned transcendent truth and has declared truth to be relative to every individual, secular morality has also become relative. The Bible's moral standards are true because they are established and revealed by God. Not only are they pleasing to God, but also they are a benefit to the students.

Educators look for a unifying truth that will integrate all learning, binding it together as one intelligible whole. The Bible is that truth. 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7)."

Next week we will examine our philosophy of Christian education. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Mark Kline
President, LCEA Board of Directors

Calendar

JANUARY

18 EARLY DISMISSAL— 11:45/12:00 PM; NO LUNCH

FEBRUARY

5 EARLY DISMISSAL- 11:45/12:00; NO LUNCH

25 ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE

26 SECOND TRIMESTER ENDS

MARCH

12 PSO CARNIVAL

19 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HOSTS MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTREACH WITH 89.1 SPIRIT RADIO AT OAKLAND NAZARENE CHURCH

APRIL

9 ANNUAL BANQUET FEATURING JOSH MCDOWELL

10 PARENTING SEMINAR FEATURING JOSH MCDOWELL

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Thursday, January 14 - Varsity Boys Basketball Game vs. Pathway Christian at First Assembly; 5:30

Tuesday, January 19 - Varsity Girls Basketball Game vs. Cedar Valley at First Assembly; 4:30

Tuesday, January 19 - Varsity Boys Basketball Game vs. Cedar Valley at First Assembly; 5:30

SPECIAL NOTICE

Newton's News is going paperless soon! Putting the newsletter online will save the office staff and volunteers valuable time. A hard copy will still be available upon request. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Vision Screening

Grant Wood Vision Screening for Kindergarteners will be held at Isaac Newton on Monday, January 25, at 9:00 am.

Gym and Recess Attire

Students must have tennis shoes for phys. ed. classes and indoor recess. Snow boots are not allowed in the gym. Please remember hat, boots, snowpants, gloves, etc. are needed for outdoor recess. It is helpful if snowpants, gloves, etc. are marked with the student's name.

Apples for the Library

If you have picked an apple from the hallway bulletin board, please return your apple with payment to the office as soon as possible.

Delays & Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather, Board members will take into consideration the decision of the Cedar Rapids Community School District, but may not necessarily do the same. Please check our website and TV or radio stations.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table in the hall. Items will be removed at the end of this week.

Electronics at School

Electronic game devices, iPods, etc. are not permitted at school, unless a teacher and administration have given prior authorization for special occasions. Isaac Newton is not responsible for lost electronic items. See page 24 in the student handbook.

SPELLING BEE

On Friday, February 19, 2010, ten students will be competing in the ACSI Spelling Bee in Eldridge, Iowa. These students have already become spelling bee winners in their classrooms here at INCA and are preparing for the next level of competition.

We are in need of parents to transport students to and from the competition and 5 parents who are willing to serve as judges during the competition. We have information and training packets for those willing to be judges. If you are interested, contact Board Member Gloria Telecky at rgtelecky@msn.com or by phone at 895-8117.

Those students who are our spelling bee classroom winners are:

1st - Paige Pesch, Jeralyn Wessel

2nd - Emma Prostine and Thomas Brandt

3rd - Gabriel Fink

4th - Joseph Bushman

Congratulations to all our winners!

5th - Camryn Wolter

6th - Carissa Lee

7th - Douglas Hopper

8th - Abigail Rubsam

Note From Barb

Thank you for your patience with our first attempt at e-mailing the monthly tuition statements!! Those of you who responded were overwhelmingly in favor of e-mail, but we are happy to accommodate those of you who have requested a paper copy. Families that haven't given a preference will receive e-mail statements unless you contact me. E-mailing saves me time and the cost of paper and envelopes so INCA saves money!

This week I will be sending a statement **for tax purposes only** for calendar year 2009. Please remember that the balance is the December 31, 2009 balance and does not reflect any payments made or deposited after that date.

Thank you for your help.

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