

Newton's News— March 10, 2010



Developing Christlike Character
and Academic Excellence

To Run and Not Grow Weary

The INCA 8th grade class has begun its long distance running unit. This 13-week run-walk program will culminate with the 8th grade class running a 10-kilometer race. The runners commit Isaiah 40:31 to memory: *³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* Our hope is that the discipline and self control that develop during the training program will translate into spiritual growth as well. One recurring theme in the program is "Do hard things." We want our students to learn that they can accomplish hard things in their lives with a disciplined approach that relies on God. This is a hugely important life lesson that will serve them well as they leave INCA and go on to high school, college, and careers. Many of the things God will ask them to do in their lives will seem difficult or even impossible. We want to develop their confidence and faith in God to take on the hard things that He will ask of them. The apostle Paul frequently used running a race as an analogy for our service to God. My favorite running passage is I Corinthians 9:24-25 *²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*

Another facet of the running program is the idea of lifetime fitness. We are better able to serve God and others if we maintain our health and fitness as long as we are able. Many school sports programs focus on activities that will not translate into fitness as an adult. I believe that sports programs have great benefits, but I want to make sure that all students are exposed to fitness activities that will impact their lifestyles for many years to come. Our wellness committee will be exploring ways to put this idea into practice at all grade levels.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Psalm 145:9 NKJV

Thank you to everyone from PSO who participated in furnishing the evening meal and snacks during parent-teacher conferences. It was greatly appreciated.

CONCERT BAND

Concert Band will perform at the Elementary music concert on April 15th. Due to a conflict with the 8th grade running unit, band will meet at 7:30 AM every Wednesday morning until the April 15th concert. The first Wednesday 7:30 AM band practice will be March 17th which gives us only four practices before the April 15th concert. Please try to be on time for the remaining practices. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed for Josh McDowell Parenting Seminar Apr. 10

We are so excited to be hosting internationally acclaimed author and speaker Josh McDowell on Saturday, April 10, for a parenting seminar for the community. Here's what we need help with:

-If you are planning on attending, please buy tickets ASAP. We have seating for 630 people, but would really like lots of Isaac Newton parents to attend. It will definitely be worth the minimal \$5 ticket price. Tickets are available through the INCA website, at Lemstone Parable Bookstore and in the school office.

-Please spread the word to your friends and family who'd like to attend. This event will give Biblical answers to parenting and grandparenting questions, and everyone will benefit. McDowell is a phenomenal speaker, and this is a chance to hear him live. If you'd like brochures or bookmark fliers, we have plenty in the office that we could give you to pass along to those that may be interested.

-We need INCA volunteers for the seminar. St. Mark's Lutheran church is graciously hosting this event, but we need lots of volunteers to staff the doors, take tickets, serve refreshments and be all-around INCA representatives to those in attendance. This is our chance to shine to the community and we really need help. If you are able to be there and willing to help, please contact Terese Dummermuth at terese.dummermuth@gmail.com, or by phone at 832-2302.

-Please pray for that weekend's events. Mr. McDowell will also be speaking at the banquet the night before (see the invitation to the banquet in Wednesday's folder for more info on the banquet), and this will be a busy weekend for the INCA staff and Board. Please pray for those planning these events, for those in attendance, for the details of the weekend to go smoothly and that God will be glorified in it all.

Calendar

MARCH

- 12 Praise & Worship Chapel
- 12 PSO Carnival
- 16 LCEA Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 22-26 No School; Spring Break
- 30 Preschool SWAT Activities
- 31 Kdg.-8th Grade SWAT Activities

APRIL

- 2 Good Friday; No School
- 5 Snow Make-up Day
- 6 PSO Meeting-6:30 PM in Lounge
- 9 Annual Banquet featuring Josh McDowell
- 10 Parenting Seminar featuring Josh McDowell
- 10 All City Music Contest
- 15 Kdg.-5th Grade Music Program & All-School Instrumental Concert

2ND TRIMESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

6th Grade A Honor Roll

AnnMarie Anderson
Vincie Fan
Nicole Hartmann
Anna King
Grace Kline
Jade Knake
Nathan Langholz
Halle Rittgers

6th Grade B Honor Roll

Angelica Fink
Molly Fox
Callista Greco
Cayla Greer
Tristian Knake
Hadley Rittgers
Kate Stewart
Dale Temple

7th Grade A Honor Roll

Treasure Divis

7th Grade B Honor Roll

Kari Dummermuth
Douglas Hopper

8th Grade A Honor Roll

John Gorman
Tristen Kopp
Nick Miller
Abby Rubsam
Anna Rubsam
Amy Smith
Carolyn Stone
Kasey Vanden Bosch

8th Grade B Honor Roll

Echo Cassill
Quentin Gaeta
Amy Greeb
Allison Hansen
Samuel Kline
Jason Ohlin,
Megan Pospisil
Madeline Roseke
Paige Wolter



Dear Parents,

Every day the office is receiving a big bundle of responses from the SWAT letters that went out a few weeks ago. These generous donors are showing their support in a big way. They are mailing donations before we have done the projects and the walk-a-thon! Let's do an excellent job with everything we do pertaining to **SWAT day on Wednesday, March 31st**! What an awesome opportunity to spread the love of God all around the city!

If you are available to help on Wednesday, March 31st, please contact Val Jonker at 390-5813. We will need drivers/supervisors, walk-a-thon help, and help with the on-site projects such as Kids Against Hunger meal packaging, and assembling the "care packages" along with homemade cards for area ministry leaders. We need lots of help! The walk-a-thon will take place in the morning, teams for the off-site service projects will leave Isaac Newton around noon, and the on-site projects will take place after lunch. More details on the timing of all of this will come later.

For the care packages, we are assigning each grade an item to donate between now and spring break. If at all possible, please send the following with your child to his/her class:

Preschool: 1 or 2 purse size hand sanitizers
Kindergarten: 1 or 2 packs of gum
First grade: 1 or 2 packs of gum
Second grade: 1 or 2 purse size hand sanitizers
Third grade: 2 or 3 purse size Kleenex packages
Fourth grade: 2 or 3 individual granola bars
Fifth grade: 1 or 2 regular size candy bars
Sixth grade: 1 or 2 regular size candy bars

These items will go into little gift packs. The children will be making care cards to go with each gift pack, and will also pray for the recipient of each pack. These will be delivered after school to some area ministries within the flood zone, and some will be given to Serve the City to hand out at a marriage seminar they are having for couples who lost homes in the flood. (Yes, we need volunteer drivers to deliver these packages!)

BOOK and TOY DRIVE: we will also be collecting new and gently used toys and books to replenish the children's area of Pastor Tim Pridegon's church, which was recently rebuilt. If you would like to donate a toy or book, there is a box outside the office where you can drop off your item. Any extra items will be taken to other ministries and community programs within the flood zone.

Would you pray for this service day? We have many, many details to take care of and things that need to fall into place. Please keep reading Newton's News for updates.

The SWAT Committee