

High School Happenings



Isaac Newton High school students at "Trailblazer Camp" 2018

JOIN US FOR
ISAAC NEWTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

The Banquet

MAY 2ND, 2019
7 - 8:30 PM
HOTEL AT KIRKWOOD

Join us for dessert as we thank God for:

- Our supporters & families
- All He has done
- All He is doing



Update on our High School program

It is an exciting time to be connected with the high school program at Isaac Newton Christian Academy! In just three years we have gone from having no high school students on campus, to now having a growing program that offers 30 college credits, multiple extra-curricular opportunities like cross-country and drama, and an active Student Council. One of the greatest benefits of building this high school from the ground up is the opportunity to create and customize the highest quality programs for our students. Throughout their high school experience at Isaac Newton, and especially during their annual

"Winterim" session, students explore their individual gifts and talents and take part in career study opportunities. They engage their callings through job shadowing, internships, and college-based academic programs geared to their specific gifts and career goals. They take part in activities to help them discover their God-given gifts and unique strengths. It is our desire to enable students to pursue their education more efficiently as they follow God's distinct calling for each of their lives. We are excited to see the four-year program culminate next year as Isaac Newton Christian Academy continues to train students in academic excellence and Christ-like character all the way through 12th grade!

Relationships is a newsletter for supporters of The Academy.

Did you know...

- We started a Cheerleading program? 5-8th grade girls cheered for our home basketball games this season. In total, we had 52 students participate in winter sports, including girls and boys basketball, cheer and bowling.



- Drama club has kicked off? Our Jr. and Sr. high students have begun to explore drama by playing drama games and learning new skills in acting and improvisation. They are preparing skits to share during chapel services and plan to do a spring play. Drama Club is great for developing communication skills as well as building confidence.
- Our First Lego League Team “Sparky Space Nebula” competed at the State level? Every fall, students at Isaac Newton Christian Academy in grades 4 through 8 have the opportunity to participate in First Lego League, also known as Lego Robotics. The students work together as a team to learn about software programming concepts and designing mechanical aspects of a Lego Mindstorm Robot. This year the team consisted of 9 boys and girls and 3 coaches. At the regional state qualifier, we obtained the highest robot point score which secured us a spot at the state championship in Ames on January 19th. We had a great time at the state championship and received the Overall Robot Design Honorable Mention Award. Being a part of the action has gotten us excited about the possibilities for our team next year.



ACSI Association of Christian Schools International

- The Academy has almost completed our Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Accreditation renewal? Mr. Ridder, the faculty, and the Board have been working diligently to ensure that we maintain our accreditation. This 5-year accreditation cycle affirms that Isaac Newton Christian Academy meets the standards of quality established by the international Christian school community.

The [ACSI] accreditation program is designed to assist our school in achieving a standard of excellence and encouraging us in a continuous process of assessment and ongoing development.

Dean Ridder
Head of School

The accreditation program is designed to assist our school in achieving a standard of excellence and encouraging us in a continuous process of assessment and ongoing development. To desire excellence is to take seriously our commitment to Christ, whose name is excellent (Psalm 8:1). The on-going process of achieving and maintaining accredited status is our means of proclaiming our commitment to doing things well and to school improvement. It is a process of recognizing and assessing Isaac Newton Christian Academy's entire program against accepted standards of performance, integrity, and quality. The major benefit of ACSI accreditation for our school is the documentation of an intensive appraisal of each component of our ministry.

A visiting team of five educational professionals from throughout the Midwest will arrive on campus to conduct a 4-day inspection at the school March 5-8, 2019.



New Director of Development

Hello and Happy New Year! I want to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Director of Development at Isaac Newton Christian Academy. Kathyne Oates retired this fall after 12 years of faithful service building the Academy. We are grateful for her dedication. Kathyne continues to be involved as the grandmother to two students currently at Isaac Newton.



Sarah Jackson
New Director of Development

After her retirement, Kathyne's position was divided into two roles. Tracy King added the Director of Enrollment duties to her Office Manager role and the part-time Development role was posted. I am humbled and excited to step into this role.

I, too, have been involved at Isaac Newton for many years as our youngest daughter has been a student here since Kindergarten (she is now in 6th grade). Our experience here has been nothing short of exceptional so I look forward to continuing the legacy of excellence. I have volunteered in various support roles including coordinating the Moms in Prayer group that meets at the school each week to pray for our families and school. Professionally, I have served in support roles for other non-profits, so have a big-picture knowledge of donor development processes and am excited to expand in this area. I look forward to meeting each of you and working to further God's kingdom in our small corner of Cedar Rapids, knowing that God uses the small to impact the world. I appreciate your prayers and grace as I learn.

I want to personally invite you to join us for this year's fundraising event we're calling "THanquet" - a mini dessert banquet. See the announcement on the back of this newsletter for details.

Isaac Newton Christian Academy

Mr. Josh Davis, Board President
Mr. Dean Ridder, Head of School (dridder@incaonline.org)
Mrs. Sarah Jackson, Director of Development (sjackson@incaonline.org)
Mrs. Tracy King, Director of Enrollment (tking@incaonline.org)

1635 Linmar Drive NE - Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Phone: 319-362-9512 Website: www.incaonline.org

Facility Updates

The Patriot Center

Our beautiful building that houses our gymnasium has been renamed The Patriot Center. The new signage will make it easier to recognize by outside groups when they rent the facility, or we host home volleyball and basketball games. There is still some construction to be completed that includes locker rooms and coaches' offices, and a mezzanine level that will house two classrooms.



The Commons

A new Commons area is being completed to be a gathering spot for parents and student groups or to meet with prospective families. Beautiful acoustical panels have been mounted and carpet laid to absorb sound. Built-in cabinetry designed to showcase student work is being built. The wall along the office corridor will feature a dynamic display that depicts milestones of the school throughout its history. Alumni parent Jeff Westrom, co-owner of the advertising agency JW Morton & Associates, is working with the Board to design and contract the project.

