

Newton's News

August 18, 2023

"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1John 4:7

EVENTS at a GLANCE

Monday, August 21 Back to School Open House 3:00-7:00

Mrs. Curry's Birthday

Last Day of Summer Break Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, August 23 First Day of School – Classes begin at 8:15

Early Dismissal – 11:45 (K-6); 12:00 (7-12)

Thursday, August 24 Lunch: Mini Corndogs, Veggies, Fruit

Friday, August 25 Lunch: Cheeseburger, Tots, Grapes

Chapel

Upcoming Events

Picture Day August 30 September 4 Labor Day - No School High School Trailblazer Camp September 6-8 School Carnival 5:00-9:00 p.m. September 22

Mr. Joyce's Birthday September 24

Welcome Back to School

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year. It is a privilege for the staff of Isaac Newton Christian Academy to support your family and your decision for Christian education. We are committed to providing your child an education that is focused on their spiritual formation, as well as their intellectual development. We hope that your family has been enjoying the summer months away from school. Summer break is quickly coming to an end, and we are looking forward to the first day of school. We are getting everything ready for the new school year. We look forward to a great year—a new opportunity to serve your family and assist students as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. We are excited for what God has in store for each of us.

Theme Verse 📋

Each school year, Isaac Newton Christian Academy prays over and chooses a theme verse. The verse is recited in morning announcements, memorized by students in Bible class, and posted in our hallways and classrooms. It serves as a constant reminder of God's love and truth.

> The theme verse for this year is 1John 4:7: "Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God. and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 23, is the first day of school. The day begins at 8:15 a.m. The first day of school is an early dismissal (Kdg – 6th grades at 11:45 a.m. and 7th – 12th grades at 12:00 p.m.). Pre-K students dismiss at 11:15 a.m. There is no hot lunch on the first day.

Back to School 🔬 Open House

Back to School Day is Monday, August 21! All families and students, from Pre-K to 12th grade, should plan to stop by between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. to learn about the coming school year, drop off supplies, find classrooms, meet teachers, and make new friends. Secondary students will also complete permission forms and register for classes. This is one of the most important school visits you will make this year, and it's a great way to begin the home-school connection! You will receive a checklist of the items that need to be accomplished while you are here visiting. Our teachers and staff are looking forward to sharing information that will help you and your child get the most out of their education at Isaac Newton Christian Academy. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (319)362-9512.

Teachers and Grade Assignments

Mrs. Abigail Riggs Pre-K Miss Anna Schneider Resource Pre-K Aide Mrs. Rebecca Aamodt Mrs. Katie Whiting Resource Mrs. Allison Padgett Pre-K Aftercare Mrs. Erica McCoy Language Arts Mr. Larry Shonk Mrs. Hannah Mathias Kindergarten Science Mr. Jim Glad Mrs. Jolene Ridder Kindergarten 7/8 Math, STEM Ms. Sherilyn Hubert 1st Grade Mrs. Katie Sulek High School Math Miss Marissa Standl Mrs. Emily Rood 1st Grade 8th Bible/High School History Mrs. Joanna Klever 2nd Grade Mr. Nick Schoon High School Bible/Chapel 2nd Grade Mrs. Carolyn Miller Mrs. Selina Mike Secondary Teacher Aide Miss Caitlyn Green 3rd Grade Mr. Thad Jovce PF/Athletic Director 6th-12th PE Teacher Pre-K-5 Mrs. Ruby Chestnut 3rd Grade Mrs. Frin Harlan Mrs. Susan Leeland Music Pre-K-12th Ms. Barbara Welch 4th Grade Music 4th-12th Mrs. Valerie Sampica 4th Grade Ms. Laurie Thomas Mrs. Vicki Greer 5th Grade Mrs. Karen Curry Technology Pre-K-5th Mrs. Kelly Funston 6th Grade Mrs. Jennifer Richmond Technology 6th-12th Miss Christina Root 6th Grade Mr. Michael Jones Spanish Mrs. Mary Clair Art Mrs. Leslie Mariette Student Aid Mrs. Susan Houy Library Jr. High History/Bible Ms. Kristen Michels

Administrative Team

The administrative team of Isaac Newton Christian Academy is made up of the following people:

Mr. Dean Ridder Head of School Mrs. Tracy King Director of Development Ms. Marie Kasner Secondary Principal Mrs. Julie Sattler Director of Finance

Miss Anna Schneider Director of Early Education Mrs. Karla Bowe Registrar

and Special Services Mrs. Denise Jorgensen Administrative Assistant
Ms. Marie Kasner College and Career Counselor Mrs. Gina Perry Administrative Assistant

Mr. Thad Joyce Athletic Director

School Hours

Class begins for all grades at 8:15 am. Kindergarten through 6th grade students are dismissed at 3:00 pm. Students in 7th-12th grades are dismissed at 3:15 pm. Pre-K students attend from 8:15 to 11:15 am. When school is dismissed early, students in kindergarten through 6th grade will be dismissed at 11:45 am. Students in 7th – 12th grades will be dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Picture Day 🙂 🗖

Lifetouch will be coming on Wednesday, August 30, to take student photographs, PreK through 12th grade. You will be receiving information about cost, background selection, and order information. This information will come in the form of a flyer sent home with your student and via email through Lifetouch. You should also be receiving emails from Lifetouch.

Whether or not you choose to purchase photos, the pictures taken on Wednesday are the photos that are used in the yearbook and for the class composite.

We are looking forward to another great year of Patriots Sports! This summer you should have received a link to sign up for sports which will get you in the communication loop. Be sure your email accepts communication from our Athletic Director Mr. Joyce, tioyce@incaonline.org and from RenWeb/FactsSIS. If you have not signed up yet, please contact Mr. Joyce. Remember to turn in your Medical Eligibility and concussion form prior to the first practice to the office or email office@incaonline.org. Sport fees are Isaac Newton are \$100 per sport for students in 5th-8th grade, and \$125 for students in 9th-12th grade. Students playing sports through our co-ops with Regis & Xavier, will pay the fee requested by those schools to those schools.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

All drivers must exercise extreme caution on the school's parking lot and driveway. The established speed limit is <u>5 mph</u>. Pedestrians have the right-of-way. Please remember to watch for children when driving on the school property. Please do not park your car along the curb.

Drop-Off

Children may be dropped off as early as 7:50 a.m. without being part of our before school care program. Students should proceed directly to their homerooms when arriving. When dropping off your children in the morning, please stay to the right of the yellow line along the sidewalk. The left land (exit lane) must remain open so traffic can flow freely. Please do not park your car along the curb. Ask your children to exit the car quickly on the right side of the vehicle, along the sidewalk, and to walk to the building. Parents should remain in the vehicle and keep the line moving forward as much as possible. If you need to come into the school, please park in a parking space.

Pick-Up

After school, please stay to the right of the yellow line along the sidewalk and allow the left (exit) lane to remain open so traffic can flow freely. Please do not drive into the exit lane to avoid waiting for traffic. This increases the danger to children and other drivers. Please have your children board the vehicle on the right side (sidewalk side). This prevents the students from having to walk between cars and into oncoming exit traffic. Mr. Ridder, or a designee, will be on the sidewalk supervising dismissal. Please give him your name and he will announce to the students waiting in the school that their ride has come. Please encourage your children to exit the building quickly when their name is called and to board the vehicle as soon as possible. This keeps the line moving. Parents picking up students in grades 7 -12 should wait until after 3:15 p.m. to pick up their children, or park in a spot if they arrive early. This prevents the line from being stopped waiting for older students who have not yet been dismissed from school.

Authorization for Pick-Up

The school requires that parents provide the names and relationships of persons authorized to pick-up their student(s). If your child will be picked up by another individual, please notify the school of that change.

DashPass

To ensure safety and efficiency, the school uses DashPass, a secured, automated school dismissal mobile platform. This app optimized the student pickup experience for parents and school staff. When picking students up, the authorized pick-up person should have the app open on their mobile phone. This triggers a geofence that has been set up around the school. DashPass announces your arrival on campus automatically so your student can be called to your car for dismissal. Only those whom the parents authorize will be able to pick up the student because of the apps features.



Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Welcomes You Back to School!

PTF is a vehicle for fostering support for the school and for improving communication among parents, teachers/administrators, and LCEA board members. Your input and participation are so important. The smallest gifts of time can make the most difference. If you are looking to meet more parents, or simply get more involved, please consider joining the PTF. Some of the PTF's endeavors are facilitating refreshments for Grandparents' Day and hosting a carnival where families and members of the community can come enjoy a night of games, food and entertainment and the annual flower sale in the spring.

Communication – Newton's News

We desire to communicate well with our families. In this effort, we will be sending Newton's News, our weekly school newsletter, home on Fridays with students in Pre-K - 5th grades; 6th - 12th grade students will have a copy emailed to the parents. Email copies will also be sent to everyone with an email address on file. In addition, Newton's News will be posted on the school's website (www.incaonline.org), and on the school's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/Newtonsnews/).

Computer _Connectivity

Some coursework may require the use of a computer and an internet connection at home. Should your family have a connectivity or internet access need, please let Mrs. Richmond know. You can send an email to her at irichmond@incaonline.org.



Hot lunch will first be served on Thursday, August 24. The menu for August is available on the school website.

Ordering Hot Lunch:

Students will give their lunch order preference each day in homeroom. If a student does not order hot lunch, he/she is expected to have a lunch provided from home.

Hot Lunch Fees: $$4.00 \text{ per meal (Pre-K} - 5^{th})$ $$4.25 \text{ per meal (}6^{th} - 12^{th})$

- > Extra slice pizza \$1.25 on Mondays
- > A la carte items \$1.00 each for other items such as fresh fruit, chips, granola bars, string cheese, baked goods.

The price of the meal includes one beverage. An additional beverage may be purchased for \$0.35 each. The selection for beverages usually includes 1% milk and chocolate milk.

Accounts:

Parents should deposit money in the family's lunch account by adding money through FACTS, or by sending a check or cash to the office. The amount of the items purchased will be subtracted from the account each day. Parents can monitor the family lunch account through FACTS ParentsWeb. You will be notified by email when your account reaches a \$0.00 balance. When you receive these emails, please add more money to the lunch account as soon as possible. If the family account has no money in it, your child(ren) should bring a lunch from home. You may receive a phone call from the staff asking you to bring a lunch for the child.

Forgetting Lunch:

If a child forgets to bring a lunch from home, the child will be permitted to call his/her parents to see if a lunch can be brought to school. If arrangements cannot be made, the student will be given a hot lunch and the family's account will be charged for the lunch.

Microwaves:

Students in 3rd - 12th grades may use the microwaves in the cafeteria to heat their lunches. Please send items that require two minutes or less of cooking time.

Before and After School Care Program

Before and After School Care is available for school families with students in Kindergarten through 8th grades and begins on the first day of school. All students who arrive at school before 7:50 a.m. and remain past 3:30 p.m. will be included in the Before and After School Care program.

<u>Supervisors:</u> The supervisors of the Before and After School Care Program are Isaac Newton Christian Academy staff members.

<u>Location</u>: Both before and after school care are held in the cafeteria (if the weather is nice, they may go to the playground in the afternoons after school)

Effective Dates:

Before and after school care will be available on days when school is in session, with the following exception:

Friday, May 24, 2024 Before school care ONLY

No after school care will be provided on days when school is dismissed early for weather or emergency reasons. On days when the start of school is delayed because of inclement weather, there will be no before school care.

Hours of Operation:

Before School: 7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. (After 7:50 a.m., students are released to the playground or the gym

depending on the weather, where all students gather before school starts.)

After School: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on half days and a sack is needed)

Cost:

Before School: \$4.00/child; \$6.00/family
After School: \$6.00/child; \$9.00/family
Half Days: \$14.00/child; \$22.00/family

Families whose children are picked up after 5:30 p.m. will be charged \$1.00 per minute after 5:30 p.m. Families who are consistently late risk losing participation in the program. Fees will be included on your monthly statement from the school office. For the 2023-2024 year, you will only be able to pay the balance due once it has been charged and will not be able to prepay. This is so our staff can charge the correct amount and have the correct payment for tax reporting purposes an email is sent out the end of each month.

Activities:

Some activities that your child may choose to participate in are free play, active games, homework help, and relaxation. Half Days:

On scheduled half days when after school care will be provided, students **should bring a lunch from home**, as the school hot lunch program is not in operation on half days. After school care is not provided on the following half day: May 24 Pre-K Extended program

The Pre-K extended program runs separately from the rest of the school. Please stop in the office for a brochure or see the school website.

Immunization and Screenings

An immunization record is required for all students entering Kindergarten.

The lowa Department of Public Health requires tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccines for students enrolling in 7th grade and 12th grade. Students entering **7**th **grade** shall also have one dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Students entering **12**th **grade** shall have two doses of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Please provide the school office with an updated lowa Certificate of Immunization reflecting these immunizations. For more information, please see the IDPH Bureau of TB & Immunization website at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTb/Immunization.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Adolescent. All other students that are new to the school need to submit the most current immunization record.

Dental Screening – Needed for students entering Kindergarten and 9th grade Vision Screening – Needed for students entering Kindergarten and 3rd grade

Cell Phone & Electronics Reminder

Please remember that students may bring cell phones to school, but they must be turned off while at school. The school will not be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones. Junior High students must keep the cell phone in their locker during the day. Elementary students (Kdg – 6th) should give their cell phone to their classroom teacher. High school students may carry their cell phone on their person but may not use it without teacher permission. High school students may apply for additional cell phone privileges by contacting the Secondary Principal for an application. Students may only use cell phones in a teacher's presence. If a student does not keep the cell phone in the proper place or uses it without the teacher's permission, he/she may no longer bring the cell phone to school. Students are not to bring other electronic equipment to campus except for class use as authorized by the teacher.

2023-2024 Student Handbook

The Student Handbook is available online through Family Portal/ParentsWeb > School > Resource Documents. The handbook is a printable PDF.

FACTS SIS/ParentsWeb

The school uses a school management software system called FACTS SIS. Each parent has access to their individualized website called Family Portal/ParentsWeb - a private and secure parents' portal that allows parents to see academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others.

All you need is an Internet-capable computer to view information such as:

Attendance Transcripts Missing Assignments Student Medical Information

Daily Grades Discipline School Announcements School Calendar

Progress Reports Homework Staff and School Directory Family Account Balances

Report Cards

Instructions for logging in to Family Portal/ParentsWeb are included in this mailing.

Mom's In Prayer 🙏

What's the best way to ensure a great start to the school year? Prayer and fellowship! Join our Moms in Prayer group each Monday right after drop off (8:15) in the Cafeteria. We would love to get to know you and pray for your family. Questions? Contact Sarah Jackson (sarahjackson@gmail.com or 319-431-9479).