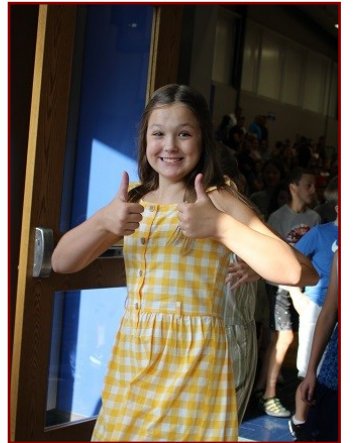


New Students! New Teachers! New Classes!



High School Hallway
Ready for their first day!

On a beautiful sunny morning, our faculty and staff welcomed 360 students to the Academy for the 2023-2024 school year. Starting January 24, when the Students First Act passed, the office was inundated with admissions inquiries. Due to this increase in students, we also added additional sections of several grades. This year we have two sections of kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and sixth grades. Our building is full to capacity! We also welcomed several new teachers and faculty to our staff: **Mrs. Aamodt**, PK Aide; **Miss Hubert**, 1st Grade; **Mrs. Chesnut**, 3rd Grade; **Mrs. Sampica**, 4th Grade; **Ms. Welch**, 4th Grade; **Ms. Root**, 6th Grade; **Mrs. Sulek**, Mathematics; **Miss Stangl**, History/8th Grade Bible; **Miss Thomas**, Music Teacher; **Mrs. Harlan**, Elementary Physical Education; **Mrs. Curry**, Elementary Technology; **Mrs. Whiting**, Resource; **Mr. Jones**, Spanish; **Mrs. Mike**, Study Hall/Secondary Teacher Aide; **Mrs. Perry**, Administrative Assistant. Welcome to all of our new students, families and staff!



Two thumbs up for the
2023/2024 school year!

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy

The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national high school leadership program focused on impact through action. Isaac Newton Christian Academy high school has partnered with Chick-fil-A, whose approach is:

- Engaging students in what interests them
- Exposing them to unique ideas and insights
- Equipping students to put their ideas into practice, positively impacting their local communities

The program is designed for students to get hands-on experience in a service leadership position. Chick-fil-A has created a program where students learn leadership through vision planning, teamwork, innovation, and communication. The students also design and create projects that interest them. The Leader Academy meets weekly, and the students are learning new skills and creating ways to put those skills into practice through tangible ways. This month the students have packaged 160 children's books to deliver to a children's hospital. It's amazing to see our Isaac Newton Christian Academy students work to be the hands and feet of Jesus, positively impacting their local community.



Packaging children's books to deliver
to a children's hospital

2023-2024 Theme Verse

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

—1 John 4:7



Off to 4th grade after beginning the school year together in The Patriot Center with pledges to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Bible. The 2023-2024 school year began in prayer, lead by Mr. Ridder, our Head of School.

Pre-Kindergarten Renovation Complete

Our Pre-Kindergarten students were welcomed into a beautifully renovated classroom for the 2023/2024 school year. Over the summer, the Pre-K room was completely gutted, and along with the new windows, the room was updated with new drywall, cabinetry, counter tops, and 24 lockers, creating a beautiful space for our youngest students to begin their Christian education at The Academy.

Alumni dad, Jeff Westrom, was instrumental in designing and using his many skills to complete this transformation before the first day of school. Thank you to those who helped get the job done, including Board Member, John Garbes, for his project management skills.

Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Aamodt and our 20 new Pre-K students are enjoying this re-imagined and well designed classroom.



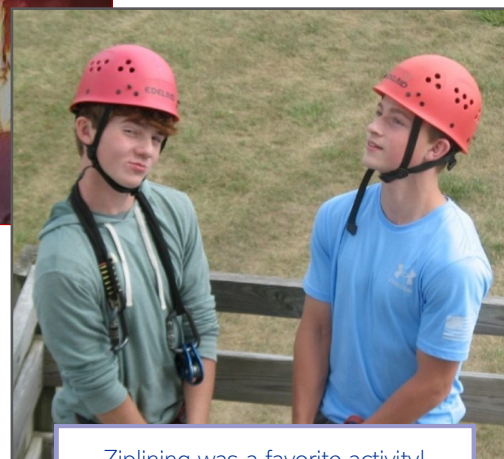
Thank you
FOR GIVING TO OUR
PRE-K REMODEL!

High School Trailblazer Camp 2023



"Playing Capture the Flag reminded me of the war for all of us between God and Satan. Satan is always trying to steal our joy, but God is always fighting and protecting us."

—Brittney



Ziplining was a favorite activity!

Our high school students spent three September days in Deep River, IA, enjoying God's creation at East Iowa Bible Camp. Mr. Schoon led acoustic worship and Ms. Kasner led live interviews with teachers and students to learn how they abide in God. Students got to experience prayer journaling, nature walks, stillness, praying the words of Scripture, and connecting to God through music. They also enjoyed a campfire (with s'mores, of course) and ziplining over the pond!

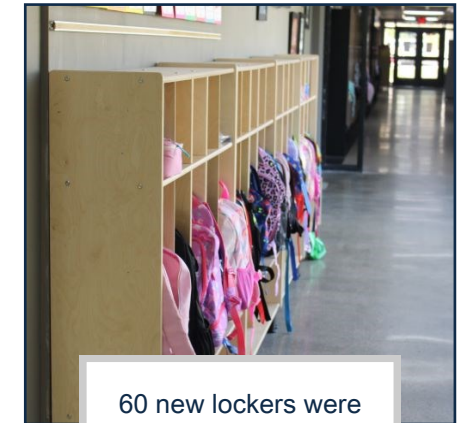
Did You Know?

- Our faculty started the school year with a prayer walk through the halls and classrooms at Isaac Newton Christian Academy, praying the students and staff?
- Over the last six years, Isaac Newton Christian Academy high school students have raised over \$20,000 for their senior class trips? They participate in the Avenue of Flags program to help raise the funds. Students place a 3' x 5' American flag attached to a 10 ft. pole in the front of subscriber's homes on the five "flag holidays" (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day). Subscribers have a metal sleeve in their yard. On the flag holiday, the student slides an American flag into that sleeve and takes it down at night. A typical flag route has 40 flags on it. Through a local service club, our students are paid \$4.00 per flag.



- This summer we replaced the windows and polished the concrete floors in the last eight classrooms in our original building? Thank you to our year-end donors for helping fund this project and to alumni mom, Emalee Nemitz, for managing this huge endeavor!

- With our admissions growth we added an additional Technology teacher, Physical Education teacher, Resource teacher, split 3 additional classes, and added several rows of new lockers?



60 new lockers were ordered & installed!

- Sophomore, Anna Bennett, spent her summer painting a Fruit of the Spirit mural in the Isaac Newton Christian Academy kitchen? Thank you for using your gift to make our space beautiful.



Grandparents' Day
Friday, October 6 (Half Day)

Pie Production Week
October 16-20

Isaac Newton Annual Fundraising Banquet
Doubletree Hotel — Friday, April 19, 2024

Prayer Requests

- Protection of the entire school community
- Wisdom in facility growth
- Student growth in knowledge, love and truth
- New families, students and staff

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