



Developing Christlike Character
and Academic Excellence

RELATIONSHIPS

From our hallways to your home. Stories of Christlike Character and Academic Excellence.

Fall 2024



2024-2025 Theme Verse

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

-Isaiah 54:10

Privilege & Partnership

It is a privilege for me to be involved in Christian education. The 2024-2025 school year marks my 29th year of serving in Christian education—my 19th year in an administrative role. Of course, my enjoyment of the blessing of Christian education goes back much further than that. I was blessed to be able to attend Christian schools from Preschool through the completion of my undergraduate degree. Even my doctorate degree was earned at a Christian university. I was blessed to be able to attend the same Christian schools that my parents attended. My grandparents and great grandparents attended

Christian schools as well. What a privilege indeed! I am abundantly blessed, as are all of us connected to Isaac Newton Christian Academy.

Because we have the privilege of being daily involved in Christian education, each member of our school community benefits from that blessing. Because of that blessing, **we are able to serve one another in this community with humility, passion, and a commitment to excellence.**

We value the partnership that our school has with the home and

the church of our students. Our school serves a distinct role in that partnership with our defined expertise and appropriate parameters. We have the privilege of partnering with families and over 50 local churches to point students in the same direction... toward Jesus Christ. We all get to work together in that partnership. And our students are blessed for that arrangement, where everything at school, at home, and at church point them towards their savior, Jesus. That is a lot of power!



Dr. Ridder
Head of School
Isaac Newton Christian Academy



Welcome to Isaac Newton Christian Academy. Join us for a tour!

In this edition of *Relationships*, we would like to invite you on a “tour” of our school. We will walk you through our mission, vision, and a few other foundational statements. Next, Dr. Perry and Mr. Schoon will tell you about a few ways we are actively working towards our mission. Make sure to check out the back to read about our year end giving plans.



Our Mission Statement

Our mission is "**Developing Christlike Character and Academic Excellence.**" We do this through consistent and comprehensive incorporation of Biblical principles. In a Christ-centered, loving environment, the student will achieve academic excellence and individual character development as well as mental, physical and spiritual growth. The result will be a well-educated, caring student ready and able to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the community.

Our Vision

Isaac Newton Christian Academy...entrusted with the hearts and minds of the next generation of Christian leaders. Imagine a campus that provides outstanding academics and activities

for children while they are taught to think and act as Christians. Imagine an environment where the spiritual formation of children thrives because the three main institutions in their lives - home, church and school, are working together to point them in the same direction...toward Jesus Christ.

Our Imperatives

We believe there are four areas that are “imperative” to fulfilling our mission and vision. Those four imperatives are:

World View

Guide all students to a Biblical Christian Worldview through curricular, extra-curricular and student life programming.

Learning

Create a dynamic learning environment that includes cutting-edge technology, the best Christian curricula in the nation, and provides enrichment programs.

Teaching

Recruit and support passionate Christian educators who are trained in professional teaching/ learning strategies and biblical worldview integration.

Growth

Provide Christian education opportunities for all desiring students in our community, with a facility that is up to the task.



Learn more about what makes Isaac Newton Christian Academy Unique.
Visit us online.

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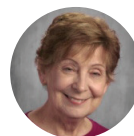
Growing in Academic Excellence

Our mission is “Developing Christlike Character and Academic Excellence.” It is a nice goal, but do we accomplish that? Students in grades 3 – 11 are tested annually using a test called the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) which assesses students’ progress in reading, language, writing and mathematics. Students in grades 5, 8 and 10 also complete a science assessment. Twice a year, students in grade K – 6 take a DIBELS test to measure progress in literacy skills.

Students were tested in ISASP in

March 2024. Results indicated that 90% of our students in grade 3 -11 were either proficient or advanced proficient in Language Arts, and 85% were either proficient or advanced proficient in math. Of the students in grades 5, 8, and 11, 86% were proficient or advanced in science. Those numbers sound nice, but we are not content. The staff analyzes the data to impact our instruction. We disaggregate it by subject, gender, grade level, and grades over time. We determine where our areas of strength lie, and where we need to improve instruction to continue to

challenge students and to provide extra support and instruction for those who are not yet proficient. Miss Schneider and Mrs. Whiting provide support to individuals and small groups. They also monitor progress throughout the year. As an instructional coach, I am in the classrooms to set goals and help with our teaching practices to deliver the best instruction for student needs. Our academic excellence continues to improve.



Dr. Perry
Instructional Coach
Isaac Newton Christian Academy

Growing in Christlike Character



At Isaac Newton Christian Academy, we believe that the call to invest in and educate the next generation extends beyond academics. Central to our mission is developing Christlike character. I may be biased, but I also believe it is intentional that it is listed first in our mission statement. We are part of a higher calling here, and our

hope is to see our students’ faith grow and develop over their time here.

We have several things we do as a school to help nurture our students’ spiritual lives. We have a biblical worldview integration approach to education where we believe God can be a part of every subjects’ content matter and not just reserved for Bible class. We worship and learn together at chapel every Friday. It is an intentional space where we can pause as a school and just seek Jesus. Throughout the school year, teachers submit entries into students’ personal Faith Journey accounts online and into their yellow spiritual folders. Their online profiles allow parents to be able to get more

instant feedback on how their children are doing, and the folders can end up being a nice gift upon their completion at Isaac Newton Christian Academy, and they can look back at their journey during their time here. Additionally, We have a Patriot of the Week announced every Friday at chapel to celebrate someone who has shown their Christlike character at school.

These are just a few of the things that we do to help grow Christlikeness in our community. We believe that each of these things really can help make a difference in a student's spiritual life during their time here.



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Year End Giving 2024!

**YEAR-END GIVING:
UPGRADE
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SECURITY**



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Security Upgrades

At Isaac Newton Christian Academy, we believe that pursuing Academic Excellence and Christlike Character means maintaining an environment where those traits can safely grow and thrive. Each time technology evolves, we have the opportunity to evolve as well. As we have become aware of new opportunities

to create a more secure campus, we have decided to focus our 2024 year end giving on security upgrades. In particular, we would like to heighten the security at our main entrance by making an access control vestibule. This upgrade will allow us to create a space where visitors can check in and receive clearance before they have access to other parts of the school. In addition, this space will be equipped with bullet-proof windows and a visitor management system, SchoolPass, that will allow us to maintain a stronger pulse on students and school visitors.

If you are interested in providing a year end gift or would like to learn more, visit us online, scan the QR code to the right, or send a check to our office at the address below.



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All proceeds will be used to further the mission and vision of Linn Christian Education Association (Isaac Newton Christian Academy).