



## ICES Weekly Update

### April 15, 2024



#### BACON FUNDRAISER

Our spring bacon fundraiser is now open and runs until April 22. The link for ordering is posted on our school website or you can access it here:

[ICES Bacon Fundraiser](#)

Orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 2. More information regarding times will be provided closer to the date.

#### THIS WEEK

April 19 – Hot Lunch: Pizza

#### APRIL THEME CHAPEL

Due to our Spring Program Dress Rehearsal on April 24, we will not be having our monthly theme chapel on that date. We will return to our monthly chapel schedule in May!

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

##### *EduDeo Ministries*

##### *Education + Gospel = Transformation*

Thank you for your support as we have partnered with various local agencies within our city. For the months of April/May, we will be supporting the global ministry of Edu Deo Ministries based in Hamilton, Ontario. Edu Deo's mission is *"to advance Christ-centered education for children worldwide"* with their vision being *"every community transformed by the Gospel"*. Through their ministries, they advance Christ-centered education globally in three keyways: investing in teachers, shaping communities, and supporting students.

The Warm Heart Project is a specialized program which provides a safe and supportive setting for students with disabilities. This special education initiative provides training for teachers and supports these students *"because all God's image bearers deserve a place to belong, especially at school."* Please see this video: <https://edudeo.com/warm-heart-project>

We hope to generate funds for the Warm Heart Project in 2 ways: a free-will offering at our Spring Program on April 25 and donations at our annual Spring Carnival on May 10 during Christian Education Week. For more information around the work of Edu Deo, please access their website here: [EduDeo Ministries](#)

## 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

We are anticipating the 2024-25 school year and will have a blended start to our school start up. For students in Grades 1 – 3, families with N – Z surnames will begin on Tuesday, September 3 while families with A – M surnames will begin on Wednesday, September 4. Our Grade 4 and 5 students will attend both days. For the younger grades, a staggered start provides opportunity for the teacher to connect with a smaller group of students and introduce classroom routines. For our older students, the familiarity the back-to-school routine makes a staggered entry unnecessary.

This year we are excited to align our Open House with the first week of school! During the last week of August, families will receive an email from the homeroom teachers welcoming their child to the teacher's class. Families will then have opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers on the mornings of September 3 and 4, from 8:30 – 10:00. These Open Houses align with the onset of the school year and hopefully streamline the process for families.

Our Opening Chapel will be on Thursday, September 5 when everyone is at school!

*\*Please see the attached 2024-25 school year calendar.*

## SPRING PROGRAM

We are amid preparing for our Spring Program and look forward to having you with us on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will once again have our Dress Rehearsal on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. open to the public as an option for people to attend.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**April 23** – Spring Program Dress Rehearsal at Trinity Reformed Church 12:30 – 2:30

**April 24** – Spring Program Dress Rehearsal at Trinity Reformed church 9:00 – 11:00  
Early Dismissal @ 2:00

**April 25** – ICES Spring Program “*Giants of the Faith*” @ 6:30 – Trinity Reformed Church

**April 26** – White/Blue/Gold Day

**May 3** – Hotdog Day

**May 6 – 10** – Christian Education Week

**May 6** – Chapel with ICSS in the large gym at 10:00

**May 7** – Grandparents Open House

**May 10** – Spring Carnival  
Society Family BBQ (evening)