



ICES Weekly Update

April 22, 2024



SPRING PROGRAM

We look forward to having you with us on Thursday, April 25th for our annual Spring Program! Once again, the Dress Rehearsal on April 24 at 9:15 a.m. is open to the public as an option for people to attend.

The evening of Spring Program, students should be at the church by 6:15.

**Please ensure they use the washrooms prior to going to their assigned classrooms.*

BACON FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your bacon orders! This event **closes today at 11:00 pm**. If you haven't ordered yet, you still can you can access it here: [ICES Bacon Fundraiser](#) Orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 2.

THIS WEEK

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

GRADE THREE UKRAINE INITIATIVE

Grade 3 is having a lemonade and cookie sale on May 2! They are asking for donations to support Ukrainian refugees who had to flee their country because of the war. Please send a small donation that will go toward GAIN who is actively working in Ukraine. Here is a link for the Grade 3 fundraiser site if you would like to add your donation here. [Global Aid Network \(GAIN\) - Grade 3 Fundraiser for Ukraine](#) . Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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 Edu Deo's *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.*

ICES RUNNING CLUB

The Run Club is set to start! We are excited to offer this opportunity to further promote daily physical activity in our school, to enjoy the fresh air and meet new friends. During the final few days of April and the majority of May, we invite students to run for fun every noon recess!

Our goal is to run an almost marathon (40.2 km) leading up to May 29. Since the complete school outfield, equals half a kilometre, we will need to run a total of 80 laps! We will track and record student laps each school day. We do encourage students to participate and do the best they can. We will have an information meeting for all students who are interested on April 26 during the noon recess. Our first official running day will be April 29th at noon recess.

FYI: The Runner's Soul is hosting the Little Souls Kids Marathon on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. There is a limited number of spots available for this race. For more information, please check out <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/86689/little-souls-2024>.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 29 – ICES Running Club begins

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)