



SERVE-A-THON 2018
“Doers, Not Just Hearers”

Dear ICS Parents:

Serve-A-Thon is the annual ICS kick-off event for **Character- In-Action**, our school-wide program of community service and Christian character training. We believe active participation in Serve-A-Thon is a critical part of our students’ learning experience because:

- Serve-A-Thon meets real needs within our community while offering students tangible ways to express the lessons learned in the classroom.
- Serve-A-Thon provides a meaningful way for our children to invest in the lives of others through acts of service.
- Serve-A-Thon is an extension of **the living curriculum** embraced by the families of our school. This means putting our faith into action, **being doers of the Word and not just hearers; serving others, not just ourselves.**

We are excited about this opportunity to serve others and at the same time support the financial needs of our school. This is the **ONLY** fundraising activity in which our students seek sponsored donations to ICS. Last year God richly blessed our efforts, allowing us to raise over \$70,000. **Funds raised through Serve-A-Thon are essential to balancing our annual budget and help to slow down the rise of tuition.**

NEW THIS YEAR: Our overall fundraising goal is \$70,000 but there are **TWO** phases to our goal:

- **PHASE 1:** \$45,000 is essential to meet our operational needs and balance our budget this year. Our budget includes items such as textbooks, workbooks, equipment and salaries – everything necessary to educate our students. We depend upon these necessary funds that are raised through Serve-A-Thon. In addition, our school board has **committed to give 10% of the first \$45,000 we raise through Serve-A-Thon each year to help our three sister-schools in Romania, Rwanda and India.** What a privilege to support the vital work of ICS through character development activities that are central to our purpose as a Christian school.
- **PHASE 2:** The next \$25,000 of our goal will go directly toward updating our Library Media Center. Our goal is to install lower profile child-accessible bookcases and add flex-seating which adapt to the needs of students and teachers. It was many years since our Library Media Center has been updated and it’s time to focus attention on this well-used and crucial resource in our school. Technology has drastically changed the way libraries support the educational needs of students and it is our goal to update and provide space that is innovative and inspirational for all learners.

I am looking forward to all that God will do in our school through Christian service this year, **not only through the dollars raised for Christian education, but also through the lives that will be changed.** Our clear challenge from God’s Word is to be doers of the Word and not just hearers (James 1:22-25). It is a promise that those who hear the truth and live the truth build their lives on a firm foundation for the future (Matthew 7:24-27). Serve-A-Thon is a great way for us to start the year building on that foundation.

In His service,

Stephen E. Danish
Head of School