

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH ICS

The following list provides opportunities for you and your family to be involved in a variety of areas within our school. Community service is an important part of our school identity. We require 20 hours of volunteer service through out the year. See tuition and fee schedule for more information.

Parent Service Team (PST)

As a member of the Parent Service Team, parents work as a team to provide volunteer support in each homeroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and use your gifts and abilities at ICS. The PST is responsible for coordinating with the classroom teacher for class activities, parties, and events. **Please email Jill Rummel, Parent Service Team Coordinator, at jill.rummel@icsva.org if you are interested in serving in this way.**

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

The Parent Teacher Fellowship is active in supporting ICS through school-wide events, athletic booster support, fun lunch programs, and fundraising activities. Parents are encouraged to attend the PTF meetings and become involved in educating and equipping students to serve God. The PTF looks for new ideas to improve ICS, and they welcome new volunteers to increase the support for teachers and students. Volunteers are always needed for the Back to School Picnic, Fun Lunches, Pasta Palooza (spaghetti dinner) and Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week. **Please contact our Parent Teacher Fellowship Committee Chair at ics.ptf@icsva.org to learn more.**

Character-in-Action (CIA) Classroom Cheerleaders

The Character-in-Action program is an integral part of the ICS curriculum, as it is the “action” element behind our mission to inspire students for purposeful lives of learning, godliness and service. Every class has a team of volunteers critical to providing support for class service projects including communication between parents, teachers, and the local representative, transportation, and accompanying students as they serve. **Contact Beverly Atkinson, CIA Coordinator, at beverly.atkinson@icsva.org, to find out how you can meet a need!**

New Family Sponsors/New Student Buddy Program

This is a wonderful program that pairs new students with returning students to help new students and families get plugged into the ICS community. This encourages our children to show kindness and care to others, especially to those who may be uncertain in a new environment. Many close friendships have formed over the years through our Buddy Program. We ask you to connect with the new family as soon as you are paired to coordinate a play date or two before the new school year begins. It is also a good idea to invite the new family and buddy to meet up at the Back-to-School Picnic! **If you and your child would like to be a new family sponsor, please email Lauren Gessner, Enrollment Manager, lauren.gessner@icsva.org.**

First Look Friday (FLF) Ambassadors

We are looking for parents who are available during First Look Friday Open Houses to speak to prospective families. This is a wonderful way to give back and promote our school by sharing your stories and experiences at ICS. This year we will be hosting 10 First Look Friday Open House events; however, you do not need to be available for all 10 dates to participate. **If interested, please contact Lauren Gessner, Enrollment Manager, at lauren.gessner@icsva.org.**

Online Advocates

ICS Online Advocates play an important role by promoting our identity and highlighting the school community to prospective families researching schools online. Your personal experiences and Interactions in classrooms and with teachers, staff, and administration provide great insight to help prospective families become acquainted with ICS. **To be part of our Online Advocates and help promote our school through online media please Jennifer Baxter, Communications Manager, at jennifer.baxter@icsva.org.**

Church & Preschool Liaisons

These individuals connect with local churches and preschools to spread the word about ICS! If you already have a well-established relationship with a church or preschool please contact us to see how you can help expand our reach within our community. **Please contact Jennifer Baxter, Communications Manager, at jennifer.baxter@icsva.org.**

Front Line Promoters

Faculty and Staff are some of the best ambassadors for the school, just by doing what they do best! These individuals continue to keep the lines of communication open among staff, parents, and students through posts to class websites, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Google +. **Please contact Jennifer Baxter, Communications Manager, at jennifer.baxter@icsva.org with questions or more on how you can help.**

Parents in Prayer

All parents are encouraged to be an active part of ICS, and prayer is a great way to do this! Parents meet weekly for prayer to encourage and enhance our school community. Please consider coming to our Parents in Prayer ministry at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the Hospitality Room in the Upper School wing. Come especially when your child's class is featured; you will be notified by email through the Prayer Guide. It is very encouraging to know our parents are praying for us! **Please email info@icsva.org if you have questions.**

Contact Card Carriers

When new families inquire about our school, it is always nice to have a list of families for them to call or email to ask questions and hear another parent's perspective about ICS. This is a great outreach to prospective families and a great way to encourage community. **If you would like to be included in this list of available people to contact, please email Jennifer Baxter, Communications Manager, at jennifer.baxter@icsva.org.**

Sports Boosters

A new program, the main function of the Sports Boosters is to develop support for the student athletic program. This may include: promoting sporting events to increase student attendance at games, reporting scores and details of events, and taking photos for the yearbook and to upload to Facebook. **For further questions and ideas, please contact Travis Briggs, Athletic Director, at travis.briggs@icsva.org.**

Alumni Relations

We love having our alumni come back and share their experiences at ICS, and we want to continue to foster the relationship between our school and our alumni. Graduates have great opportunities to spread the word about ICS in their realms of influence, and we want to develop opportunities for alumni to share with current ICS students. **For more on how to be involved with alumni relations, please contact Allison Masson, Development Manager, at allison.masson@icsva.org.**

Student Ambassadors

ICS Student Ambassadors are motivated students who play an important role throughout the school year by assisting for school events, welcoming visitors into their classrooms, serving as buddies for new students and on Visiting Day, and guiding parents at the evening Open House event. Student Ambassadors complete an application process and are teacher recommended. **If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Lauren Gessner, Enrollment Manager, at lauren.gessner@icsva.org.**

Fun Lunch Volunteers

Please consider helping out during the lunch hours each Wednesday at school. We need help serving Wednesday Fun Lunches. **Please email funlunch@icsva.org to volunteer during lunches.**