



March 7, 2023

Dear Indianola Academy Patrons:

As Indianola Academy prepares for its 58th session, we take pride in the impact that our beloved school has had on our community and the support and sacrifice of our community for Indianola Academy. With our focus on integrity and achievement and our mission to keep learning first, IA continues to serve the young people of our area by providing a quality education in a safe, secure, and Christian environment. Challenging academic courses, a wide variety of activities and programs, and a nurturing environment continue to produce successful and outstanding young men and women.

2023-2024 will see our school take additional steps to improve the enrollment and payment processes. We have implemented the FACTS Student Information System to provide information on student progress and other important information to parents concerning grades and attendance. IA will now use the FACTS Student Information System to simplify and improve three important areas. Enrollment for the 2023-2024 will be completed online through the FACTS Portal. Instructions will be emailed by FACTS so you can complete the enrollment process quickly. Enrollment for new students will begin in the FACTS portal which is available through a tab on the IA Website. The process will include campus visits, testing, and interviews. The FACTS portal will also benefit our families by streamlining the payment process. Draft dates will be set by parents in the portal and parents will have quick and easy access to accounts, receive reminders and notifications, as well as other tools which will make the payment process easier to navigate for parents. . Parents who pay on the 1 or 2 payment plan will be processed through the business office and entered in the FACTS system by IA. Finally, the FACTS Portal will be used to apply for financial aid. After enrollment and process for application is complete, we will notify you when the FACTS financial aid portal will open so that you can apply. Parents will know amounts of any aid awarded before school starts. These three improvements will have a positive and real time impact for parents in the 2023-2024 school year. Moving to the FACTS portal will simplify the process for our parents in these important areas and both parents and the school will have access to information on accounts at any time. We will post specific instructions on the new process soon and you can always call the office for help and guidance.

Inflation and higher costs have been a challenge for IA. Retaining quality teachers and attracting quality replacements is absolutely necessary to keep our school strong. All these factors make it necessary to implement small increases in tuition and student fees*. The increases adopted for the 2023-2024 school year include increased fees which range from \$15 to \$32 for the year or \$1.25-\$2.67 per month for each student, depending on grade. Increases adopted for tuition by the board for the 2023-2024 school year range from \$152-\$188 per year or \$12.67-\$15.67 per month. The Indianola Academy Board of Directors appreciates the sacrifices that parents make to send their students to Indianola Academy and considers any increase carefully and completely.

Donations through the annual fund are vital to Indianola Academy and we are blessed by loyal patrons who donate generously each year to help IA. We ask each enrolled family to make a tax deductible donation each year to the Indianola Academy Annual Fund. Details of the Annual Fund Program are on a separate sheet in this packet. Please read the sheet carefully and give to the Annual Fund. The Donations given by caring patrons combined with parent donations to the Annual Fund subsidized last year's tuition by over \$945 per student. IA depends on the generosity of our patrons and parents and asks that each family participate in this vital effort.

Pre-Enrollment for 2023-2024 will begin on March 8th and end on March 31st. Enrollment fees for returning families during the pre-enrollment period are \$160 per student or \$260 per family. After the pre-enrollment period ends on March 31th, the enrollment fee for returning students will be \$260 per student and \$360 per family. These fees will be paid directly to IA upon enrollment instead of being paid in the FACTS portal.

Indianola Academy is a special place and the Indianola Academy Family remains optimistic and committed. We are proud of all the wonderful work our students and faculty have done this year and are looking forward to 2023-2024. Please be active in your support of our students, school, and staff in the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the office at 662-887-2025 ext. 224 or 204 if you need assistance in the process.

Sincerely,

Charles Mason, Headmaster Indianola Educational Foundation, Inc.

*Student fees cover cost increases of items paid through student funds. Dual enrollment courses, milk money, school supply packets, and other items are not included in these fees and will be paid separately