

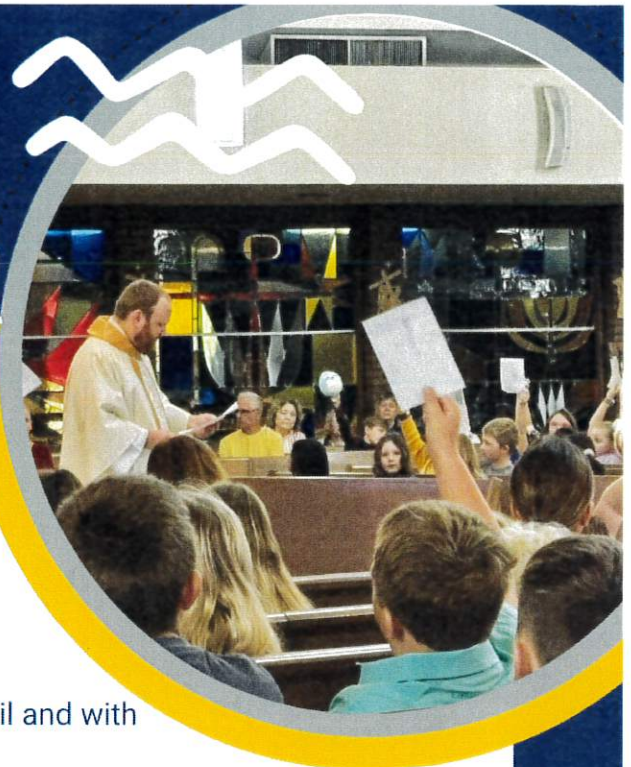
IC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPDATES: MOVING

ITS TIME!! They have completed the work on the other side of the building. We will begin some of the 'moving back' process on Monday, Oct. 6 and finish on Friday, Oct. 10 with a NO SCHOOL day for students. The HVAC was cleaned and serviced as well as all classrooms, the office, and hallways cleaned. Environmental testing has shown better than expected numbers for our return.

Our moving in plans will accompany this newsletter in an email and with Friday Folder information. Please read them carefully.

Many classroom and office items were not salvageable and had to be discarded. When teachers return, classrooms will be a blank slate and will need to be unpacked and reset before students arrive on Monday, Oct. 13. The Knights of Columbus and Field Bros Moving have volunteered to help move items for the teachers next week. Teacher and staff members that have lost items in the mitigation process have created lists with links to needed items. If you, someone you know, or a grant opportunity is able to assist with their replacement, we would be deeply grateful for the support. Teachers and staff will get a sneak peak this afternoon so they can best be prepared of what they need for learning that will need to be replaced. We ask for prayers for a successful transition.



SOCIAL MEDIA

We want to partner with you in helping students be safe, respectful, and responsible online. As kids grow, their social media use can really impact their friendships, well-being, and even how they show up at school.

A few quick tips as you support your child online:

- *Know what apps and platforms they're using and check privacy settings.*
- *Talk about kindness, empathy, and how words and actions online matter.*
- *Keep an eye on group chats, messages, and posts for possible conflicts.*
- *Set clear boundaries for screen time, appropriate content, and what to do if something feels off.*

Please remember: while we address any online behavior that affects school, we can't monitor or manage social media activity that happens outside of school hours or off school grounds. If something comes up, we encourage you to talk with your child and reach out to the right supports if needed.

By working together, we can help our students learn how to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

PLAYGROUND

The work on the playground will begin on Monday. A big thanks to Steve Hubert and Doug Kamm for getting the ground ready after the removal of the old playground. The old playground will be going to another community for reuse. Thank you Renee Knapp for organizing the removal of the old playground. Dr. Angela VanGilder was the chairperson to build a new playground. The IC Educational Development Board, Lisa and Scott Soifer, the Knights of Columbus, and the generous donations from several parish members funded the building of the new playground! Please be aware of equipment that will be working in the playground area. If any drop off or pick up changes need to be made we will send them out via text, phone, and email messages.

SPELLING BEE

IC will be hosting their very own SPELLING BEE!

Qualifying round will be held Wednesday,

October 22. The final round will be held

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 in the school gym.

Finalists will be announced by Monday,

October 27. Information can be found in the school app, in your email, and on the website in the Friday Folder information.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

IC is hosting their own Battle of the Books this year. Teams can be formed and are able to sign up here: <http://bit.ly/3GWujGz>

Dates for BOB competition:

1st/2nd Grade: Wednesday, April 8

3rd/4th Grade: Wednesday, April 15

5th/6th Grade: Wednesday, April 22

*Contact Mrs. Jeanne Hansen with questions.

FRIDAY FOLDER INFORMATION

Information from the school office will go out on Fridays.

This information comes by text, email, and can be found on the app and website.

App: Friday Folder icon in the menu

Website: Under "Parents-Resources"

*Tardies
become absences*



THE COST OF BEING LATE TO SCHOOL

Minutes Late	Lost Learning Time per Year	Impact on Your Child
5 minutes	~3 days	Misses important instructions; disrupts morning routine
10 minutes	~6 days	Can feel rushed, stressed, or fall behind in classwork
15 minutes	~9 days	May miss key lessons, announcements, or activities
30 minutes	~18 days	Falls behind significantly; harder to catch up
60 minutes	~36 days	Major gaps in learning; affects confidence and grades

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Being even a few minutes late adds up over time.
- Late arrivals disrupt both your child's learning and the classroom.
- Consistent punctuality builds routines, responsibility, and confidence.

QUICK TIP:

Set on earlier bedtime, prep backpacks and lunches the night before, and plan for traffic—every minute counts!



*We are excited to continue partnering with you to support your child's growth and learning.
Together, we are Flamazing!*

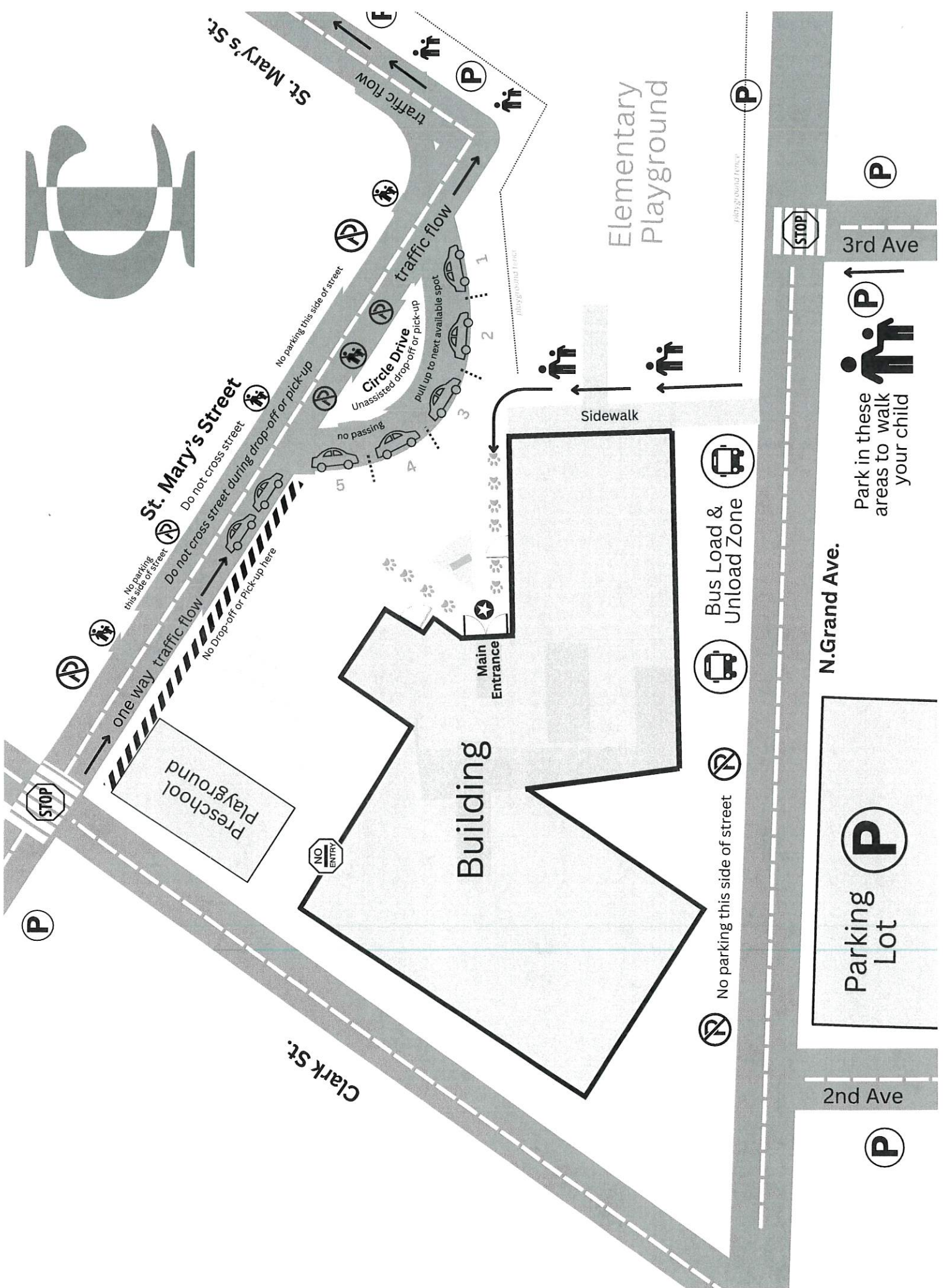


Move-in and Resettle Plan

October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10
New side of the building accessible • Morning Drop off remains the same • Phone lines moved Monday afternoon and parents will need to email any changes after 1:00 p.m. • Pick up at the end of the day remains the same. Normal front door entry 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m.	Temporary main doors used for morning entry and dismissal. 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Main office used for all office business • Temporary office no longer used Moving: Title, ELL, Social work Normal front door entry 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m.	Temporary main doors used for morning entry and dismissal. 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Review changes with kids during Hall Meeting Normal front door entry 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m	Temporary main doors used for morning entry and dismissal. 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2:00-2:45 Read and Feed so teachers can organize and label items to be moved. Normal front door entry 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m	No School Teachers & Staff work on rooms.

October 13	October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17
1st Full Operational School Day <i>operating in both sides of building</i> <i>Normal drop off</i> <i>Mac the Wildcat at front door</i> Parent Walk through 7:40 a.m. -7:55 a.m	Drop-off zone duty: Jill, Jeanne, Laurie Entryway Duty: Koleen, Kendra, Sherry	Hall Meeting will be a school-wide Wildcat Gallery Walk (no meeting in gym)	McTeacher's Night	



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STOP

No parking this side of street

No Drop-off or Pick-up here

one way traffic flow

St. Mary's Street

Do not cross street during drop-off or pick-up

Do not cross street

No parking this side of street

St. Mary's St.

Clark St.

NO ENTRY

Building

Main Entrance

no passing

Unassisted drop-off or pick-up

pull up to next available spot

traffic flow

St. Mary's St.

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traffic flow

Sidewalk

Elementary Playground

No parking this side of street

Bus Load & Unload Zone

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playground area

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2nd Ave

Parking Lot

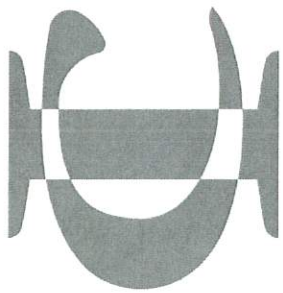
N. Grand Ave.

Park in these areas to walk your child

3rd Ave

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St. Mary's Street

Do not cross street during drop-off or pick-up

No parking this side of street

Circle Drive

Unassisted drop-off or pick-up

traffic flow

No drop-off or pick-up here

Students line up on blue paw prints in the morning.
*No supervision prior to 7:40 AM.

Entry for Mrs. Osier's Class

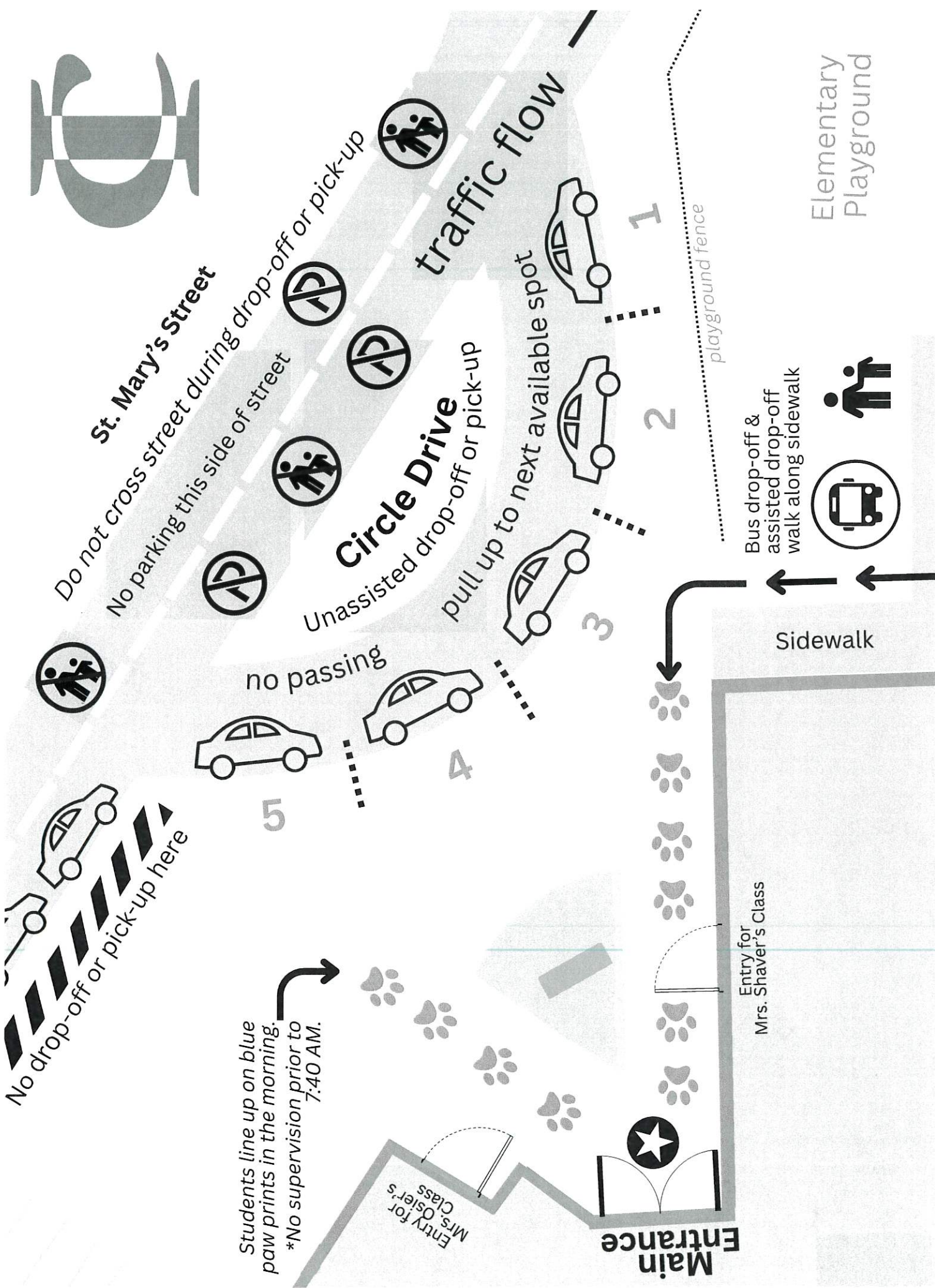
Main Entrance

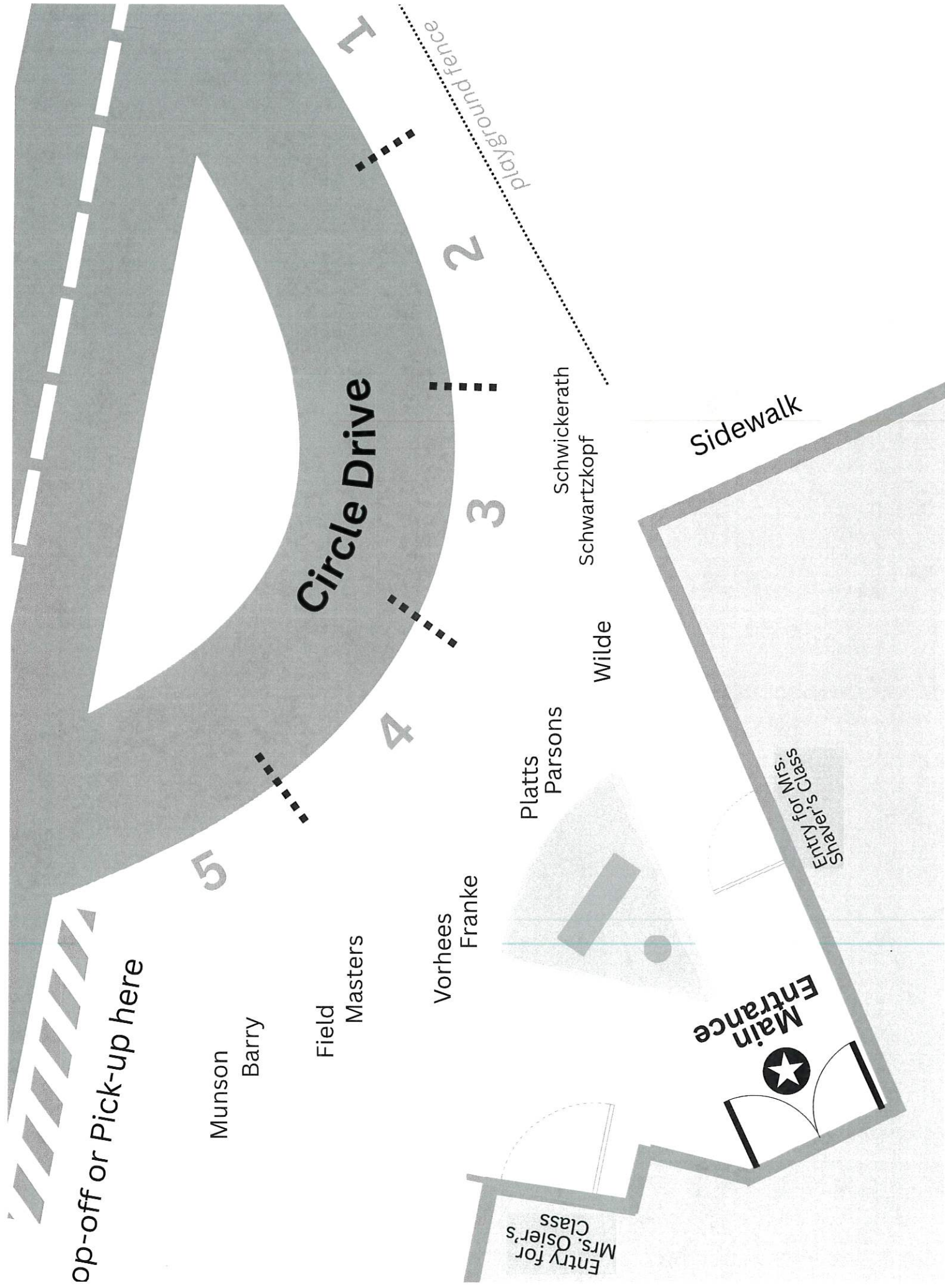
Entry for Mrs. Shaver's Class

Sidewalk

Bus drop-off & assisted drop-off walk along sidewalk

Elementary Playground





op-off or Pick-up here

Circle Drive

playground fence

Sidewalk

Main Entrance

Entry for Mrs. Osier's Class

Entry for Mrs. Shaver's Class

Munson
Barry

Field
Masters

Vorhees
Franke

Platts
Parsons

Wilde

Schwickerath
Schwartzkopf



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

NEW
for
2025-2026!

2026 COMPETITION DATES:

10:00-1:00

@ Charles City Public Library

1st/2nd Grade: Wednesday, April 8

3rd/4th Grade: Wednesday, April 15

5th/6th Grade: Wednesday, April 22

Teams of up to 4
students can
register at:

<http://bit.ly/3GWujGz>



BOOK LISTS



<http://bit.ly/45s5jze>



I.C. SPELLING BEE

***An exciting new event at school
during I.C. Scholarship Week!***

Get ready to test your spelling skills in our FIRST IC Spelling Bee! We'll have two rounds of competition based on various word categories.

Here's the plan:

- **Round 1:** Every student in grades 1–6 will take a written qualifying quiz in Mrs. Hansen's room.
- **Round 2:** Top-scoring students from each grade will move on to the final oral spelling bee in the gym. Spectators are welcome!

QUALIFYING QUIZ : WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

**SPELLING BEE FINAL ROUND:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
IC GYM**

Tentative Event Timeline:

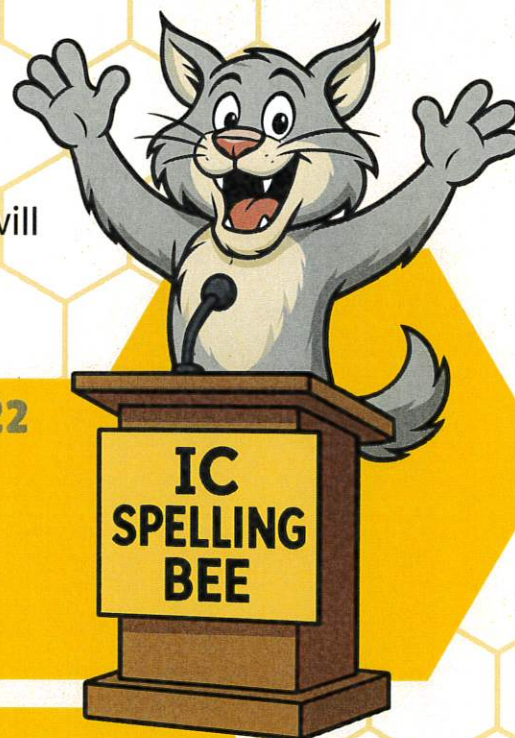
8:05 - 5th & 6th Grade
10:10 - 2nd Grade
10:40 - 1st Grade
12:15 - 3rd Grade
12:50 - 4th Grade
1:35 - Hall Meeting

**INFORMATION & GRADE
SPECIFIC STUDY LISTS
AVAILABLE HERE!**



Questions? :

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Learn more about cancer

in Floyd County

Did you know? Iowa has the 2nd highest rate of new cancer diagnoses in the U.S., and rates are rising!

123 people

in Floyd County are diagnosed with cancer each year, on average

40 people

in Floyd County die of cancer each year, on average

Floyd County ranks

#16

for new cancer rates in Iowa where #1 is highest and #99 is lowest

Join experts from the Iowa Cancer Registry to learn about cancer trends, statistics, and risk factors in your county.

Monday, October 6, 2025

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Floyd County Courthouse

101 South Main St.

Charles City, Iowa 50616

This meeting will be livestreamed via Zoom
RSVP to attend online or in-person at
<https://canceriowa.news/floyd>
or use the QR code



Top cancers in Floyd County
Based on age-adjusted incidence rate per 100k

Prostate: 150.6

Female Breast: 117.3

Lung: 60.0

Melanoma: 43.5

Colorectal: 40.2



Iowa Cancer
Consortium

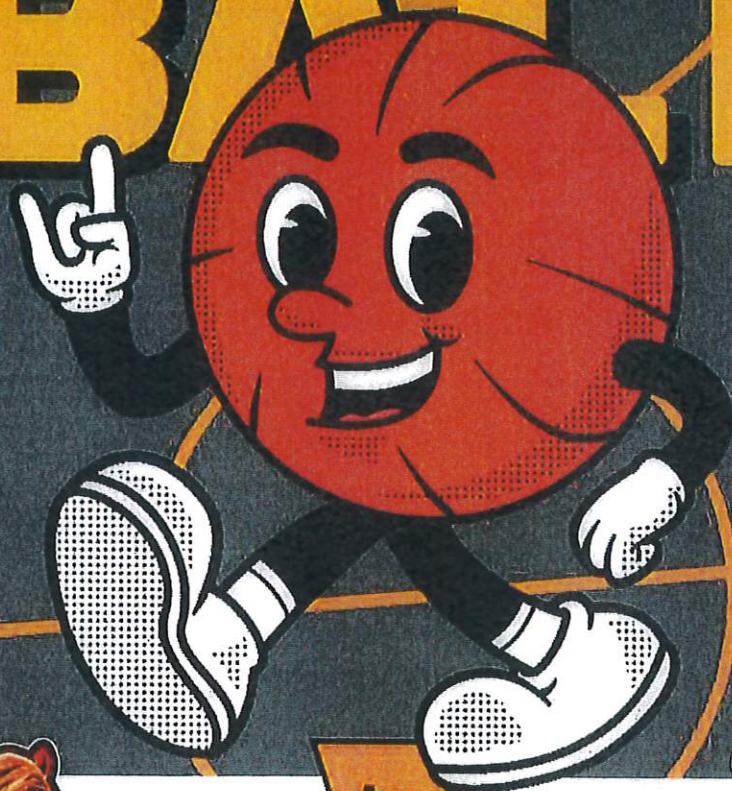
IOWA
HEALTH CARE

Holden Comprehensive
Cancer Center



BASKETBALL

Camp



GIRLS

And

BOYS



GRADES: K-2

NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22

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• PLAY @ HALF TIME OF VARSITY GAME •

• North Grand Gym • 9:00AM-10:00AM • TAKE HOME A YOUTH BASKETBALL •

COACHES: GIRLS AND BOYS COMET BASKETBALL PLAYERS