

Isaac Newton Academy By Joel Barraza

“This is the year that the Lord has made, We will rejoice and be glad in Him”

Paraphrasing psalm 118:24, I firmly believe that this is the year the Lord has shown us His great love and His mercy for our children. To be the principal of the academy gives me the great privilege to see up close the transformations, the changes, and the great advancements that happen in the children’s behavior, their academic knowledge, their spiritual growth and peace and their hunger to be different, to be better each day.

During registration, we were able to see how we are impacting our community and how our reputation is growing as a school where children are really cared for and educated. Mothers from the community would constantly come asking if there was space for their children. This led us to an increase of our student body in our elementary school and a long waiting list. During the 2007-2008 school year we had 138 students in total, 64 students from Emmanuel Children’s Home and 68 students from the community. All the students enjoyed the benefit of a 85% scholarship. Our tuition is 15 dollars a month; the regular price of a private school is between 150 to 200 dollars a month. So our community knows our school is different and is trying to make a difference in our city by providing a Christian education at a very affordable price. The children of Emmanuel Children’s Home enjoy a 100% scholarship.

This year we were able to have a staff with great experience in our school; they were very familiar with our politic, our vision and mission, which helped in a great way to work in unity and as a team. Our group of teachers included a PE teacher who came with a great program for physical fitness, a variety of sports, great competitions and tournaments that encouraged our students to prepare and make great efforts to win the medals of the different activities. In November we had a new teacher join, Luis Delgado, who brought enthusiasm and excitement to have the opportunity to work in our school. He was so happy with the way we work and how we are structured to give our children the best that he invited his wife who is also a teacher to join us. It was such a timing of the Lord because around the same time our 6th grade teacher had turned in her resignation and she came to fill in that position immediately. We were so grateful with the Lord because it is usually very difficult to find teachers in the middle of November since by this time everyone has their contracts in the different schools. God showed his love through this couple since they both became amazing collaborators and great examples and friends of our children.

We invite you to walk with us through our school year in the different events and activities in the following pages through the pictures that we have included for you. Rejoice with us in thankfulness for the hand of the Lord was in our midst and his great gift of private education for our children is a blessing.

Health Campaign



During the month of October we had a “health and first aid” campaign given to us by the Health Government Offices. We received 6 First Aid kits that were placed in the different classrooms.

During the week this great big sign hung in the entrance of the Academy announcing to the community that our school was celebrating “The Week of Health and First Aid”. Brochures with information about “First Aid” were given to the students by the Health Department and State Government.

During the month of January we invited in an independent effort Registered Nurse Luz Portillo for two workshops for our pre-teens to talk about their changing bodies and the different puberty issues our boys and girls face.





In November we had the visit of the State health department to give our children the tetanus vaccine free of cost.

During the month of March we had the visit of the health department bringing us a full treatment per student, to get rid of stomach parasites, Pre-school and Elementary school students as well as all the teens that are not in our school but are in the Children's Home. They made the promise to come back during the month of October 2008.

Sport Tournaments

During February a Two-Ball tournament was celebrated by all the students in elementary school. The tournament was organized by groups of two in 3rd to 6th grade. 1st and 2nd grade participated in a sack race. The winners got medals as prizes for their accomplishments.



During April we had another two-ball tournament and the game "catchibol" was also another facet of the games. Students grades 3rd to 6th participated and there were teams of 7 to 8 players and we'll just let the images say it all!





Academic Contest

During the month of February we had the honor to be chosen for the Olympics for Knowledge for the 8th Zone (8 schools). 6th grade students participated and qualified for the competition at sector level, that is 120 schools. Most of the time this competitions are only for public schools, but the inspector that supervises our school and our Zone asked if we could host the competition because she really wanted to show us as an example of a school that is clean, that has very organized classrooms, interactive materials for the students, and dedicated teachers. We felt very honored the inspector wanted to make our school an example for the rest of the Zone.

During the School year we had many activities and celebrations.



Independence day 16th of September

October 12, Discovery of the Americas Christopher Columbus Day

On December 17th every class did a special presentation remembering the birth of Jesus and the Nativity story. All the parents of the children were invited to come and it was a wonderful opportunity for our school to preach the gospel of Jesus to all who came.





Spring Celebration March 21st



Day of the Child April 30th



Our very committed teachers dressed up on child day to make the children feel more special and have fun with their costumes.



May 10th Mother's Day Celebration

Graduations

During the month of July we had the graduations for our preschool and elementary school. We were very proud both our classes grew and graduated more students than last year.



Our Fifth Generation of Kindergarteners



Our Second Generation of 6th Grade Graduates



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PERSONAL DOCENTE.

Sitting right to left: Connie Palma 2nd grade, Pre-kinder teacher aid Whitney Anderson, 1st grade teacher Matilde Eloisa, Assitant Principal Sonia Lopez, 5th grade teacher Rita Ascension, teacher aid to 4th, 5th and 6th grade Crisitna Salazar, Secretary Carmen Bugarini, 4th grade teacher Lourdes Rojas, 6th grade teacher Maribel Perez.

Standing right to left: Kindergarten teacher Denisse Betancourt, Pre-k teacher Velia Dominguez, 1st grade teacher aid Patricia Castaneda, P.E. teacher Hector Campa, 3rd grade teacher Luis Delgado, Principal Joel Bar-raza, 2nd grade teacher aid Ana Castaneda, Kindergarten teacher aid Giselle Carillo, 3rd grade teacher aid Adriana Hernandez.

Testimony of Gratefulness for God's Goodness and People's Heart of Giving

During the school year we had the love of many who donated materials for our children, continuing is a list of those who blessed us.

August.	Marsha Caleg from Las Cruces Ashley Holter	notebooks gifts for teachers
September	Ashley Holter Lori Henkels from Chicago First Baptist Church, Weston TX Ms. Ana Palmer, Allen TX Jonatan Lopez Ana Palmer	foam blocks Books \$110.00 dlls Books Basketball stand Books
November	Robin Kirk	Books and games
December	Robin Kirk Soledad Lopez Femenil from Emmanuel Church	games for kindergarten heater for 2 nd grade Tamales for Christmas
January	Teacher Martha Zapata Incredible Pizza Company	Books giant lollypops
February	Dr. Paula Tapia City Cleaning Department	\$40.00 dllrs 5 garbage cans
April	Emmanuel Children's Home Teacher Matilde Eloisa Rodriguez	cleaning supplies supplementary materials
May	Ashely Holter Emmanuel Children's Home Health department Katrina Jones Kent school Sojourn Church	make up School supplies vaccines, first aid kits marbles school supplies school supplies
June	Ashley Holter	games and pre-school materials
July	New Covenant Christian—Michigan	school supplies

Income and Expense Coming Through Emmanuel Ministries Bank Accounts

Income		Expense	
Isaac Newton Academy		Isaac Newton Academy - Exp	
General School Fund	25,030.00	General School Fund	1,517.98
Matching Fund Drive January 08	44,810.00	Payroll - Salaries	
Sponsor a Classroom	7,840.00	INA - Christmas Bonus	2,967.00
Teacher Support	675.00	Payroll - Salaries - Other	88,600.51
Tuition Support	5,770.00	Total Payroll - Salaries	91,567.51
Total Income	84,125.00	Payroll - Taxes	4,926.41
		School Building	365.88
		School Equipment	3,634.09
		Teacher Support - Designated	675.00
		Upkeep and Repairs	400.00
		Total Expense	103,086.87

Please Note—Expenses not covered by designated Income were covered through our general fund.

**Breakdown of Income and Expenses Directly Through Isaac Newton Academy
Average Peso to Dollar Exchange Rate for the year 10.3**

Income from Tuition	11,512
Expenses	
Curriculum	2,538
School Supplies	3,774
Parties and Awards	212
Gasoline, Bridge, Parking	137
Sports Equipment	128
Maintenance and Cleaning	1,352
Fees and Courses	345
Electricity	146
Computer Lab	99
Supplies	505
Telephone	575
Miscellaneous	1,673
Total Expense	11,484