



ICRS Parent Newsletter

Immaculate Conception Regional School provides an education rooted in Catholic beliefs and values for the students in Skagit and surrounding counties. ICRS emphasizes the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical development of its students, while fostering community among students, parents and staff.

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“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.”-Walter Winchell

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CAMP FIRE STUDENT FUND. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sacramento are offering free tuition and assistance to any child displaced by the fire (<https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/camp-fire-student-fund>). On Tuesday, Dec 4, ICRS will host a free dress fundraiser for student victims of the fire. Please bring a dollar to school.

SERVICE PROJECT REFLECTIONS. 6/7/8th graders volunteer 5 hours a trimester to live out the Gospel values of compassion and stewardship, and to be active citizens who work for the common good. Students volunteered at *Where the Heart is*, baseball tournaments, animal shelters, and other locations. See back side of newsletter for sample reflections.

Nov 30 Book Fair set up
8:00-8:40 Liturgical Choir at SJC

8:45 1st to The Nutcracker

Dec 2-7 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dec 2 9-1PM Santa Pancake Breakfast (hosted by 5th/6th grades), Library Open House

Dec 3 9AM Advent Prayer Service (2nd/3rd)

4PM 7/8 BBB LaVenture @ IC

Dec 5 8:30 Power Hour

9:30 Late Start

12:45-2:00 Advent Reconciliation

3:15 Staff meeting

4:00 7/8 BBB @ WV

Dec 6 12:45-2:00 Advent Reconciliation

Dec 7 8:00-8:40 Liturgical Choir at SJC

10:30 School Mass **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (6th grade)

Dec 10 Pack up Book Fair

Dec 11 8:45-2:00 4th/6th to Marblemount Fish Hatchery

Dec 12 8:30 Power Hour

9:30 Late Start

2:00 Facilities Maintenance Meeting

3:15 Staff meeting

Dec 14 9AM Advent Prayer Service (7th)

9:45 Concert Band Christmas Tour

Dec 20 7PM Christmas Program

Dec 21 Noon dismissal, No Extended Day

FROM THE OFFICE, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY POWER HOUR includes chess and engineering. See inserts to register.

FUNDRAISING, VOLUNTEER STATEMENTS are going home today. Please review your statement. If you did not get a chance to report your volunteer hours earlier this month, please do so on the form enclosed.

2018 BOOK FAIR begins after **Santa Pancake Breakfast on Dec 2** and runs through December 7. The breakfast will be hosted by the 5th and 6th grades. Funds raised will support their outdoor education expenses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help Mrs. Nordgulen organize/clean the room upstairs. Please call the office if you can help.

GATES opened at 2:45. Don't block intersection. Loop around to SJC and line up along 15th in south bound lanes.

HOT LUNCH is not serving romaine lettuce. For the time being hot lunch salads will consist of spinach and shredded iceberg lettuce.

BALDWIN PIANO, Oscar LeCompte. Call Mary O'Brien 360-421-4520.

LUNCH DUTIES needed. Are you available from 11:30-12:30? We need duties to cover Thurs lunch recess. Please call the office if you like to play outside.

WREATHES for sale. As of Tuesday we have two \$38 wreathes, and two \$19 center pieces for sale. Wreath sales support your family's fundraising obligation.

EXTENDED DAY needs corks from wine bottles and old CDs for an art project.

FULCRUM FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE. Applications due Jan 4. Go to FulcrumFoundation.org and submit your tuition assistance grant (TAG) online. The school uses the same application to disburse in house funds.

Scholastic Book Fair Hours
(Dec. 2-7) Students will have opportunities to purchase books during their Library time. Additional hours are as follows:



Nov 30, 3-4PM Teacher Preview
Dec 2, 9AM-12PM, Open during Pancake Breakfast
Dec 3-7, 12:30-4PM
Dec 5, 8-9:30 AM

FOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS' SERVICE PROJECT REFLECTIONS



Description of Service Project: On Nov 2, I volunteered at a pro-life auction.... My job was to take the things that people bought, put them in paper bags, and then bring them to where the people checked out when they wanted to leave.... The money we raised by the auction went to buy ultrasound machines for pro-life clinics.

How did you feel before, during and after you participated in this service project? I felt a little nervous beforehand. I was sort of worried I'd embarrass myself by breaking something. Nothing broke, though....During the auction I felt sort of odd. This was because there was a small group of protestors outside the gym for a few hours. This kind of surprised me. After the auction, I felt ...happy that we had raised enough money to buy an ultrasound machine.

How has this service project impacted you? This impacted me by reminding me that not everyone agrees with Catholics. I already knew that,...but I never really acknowledged it.... Before pro choice people had appeared in my mind as faceless...politicians. Now, they seem more real and more in need of convincing.

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Description of Service Project: My service project was helping take dogs

from kill shelters go to caring owners. I did this for the dogs and people to help them find a perfect match. I did this on 10/22/18 at NOAH.

How did you feel before, during and after you participated in this service project?

Before I participated, I was ready to pet some dogs and hand them over to their owners. It was not like that. During the event dogs were shaking so hard and lying on the ground while people tried to pull them to their owners.

I felt really sad at how dogs were so terrified of people. THERE WERE PUPPIES THAT PEOPLE WERE GOING TO KILL!. After the project I felt happy that these dogs got a better home, but I was disgusted and angry at the people that would have killed them.

How has this service project impacted you? This project did not change me. I already knew how people were so sick as to kill an innocent. I learned how much some people love dogs. Some of the owners were crying when they saw their new dog step out of the van.

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Description of Service Project: Last summer, Mount Vernon hosted a state baseball tournament. Games took place primarily at Bakerview Park, but also at Skagit Playfields. The city needed volunteers, so my teammates and I helped.

How did you feel before, during and after you participated in this service project?

We helped rake the fields after games, operated the scoreboards and kept pitch count for two days. I also umpired a half of a baseball game when the field umpire was late.

How has this service project impacted you? I enjoyed doing this, and even though I didn't really want to do it before. it helped me realize how hard adults have to get sports events to work for their kids. ... it was almost worth missing a break time just to see the smiles on the little kid's face. As for the rest of the volunteer work, it was kind of fun to help make a tournament happen, especially because I remember the tournaments I've been to.

This really helped me appreciate the sacrifices parents must make so their kids can play sports. As a kid I take for granted that for me to play baseball, other people must be willing to spend time and money to let me play sports. Volunteering at baseball helped me understand that.

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Description of Service Project: This October I went with my 4H group to *Where the Heart Is*. We played bingo with the senior people there. After, we passed out and ate cupcakes.

How did you feel before, during and after you participated in this service project? Before we went I felt a little nervous because I am a little afraid of the elderly people. When I was there I felt happy because I was making other people happy. After we left I was happy because the seniors had fun.

How has this service project impacted you? I learned that the people in senior centers don't get to do much. It has made me more aware and compassionate toward the senior people in our community. It has changed me by me having a better understanding of how the people in senior centers live.