



# 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.

I CAN ... brighten someone's day with a smile.

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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The Student Council hosted Mr. Curtis Steinhauer, member of Welcome Home Skagit, Board of Directors. He shared his story of rising up from 12 years of homelessness to a position of being able to give back to the community.

Mr. Steinhauer helped students understand homelessness from an insider's point of view. Some major take aways from his presentation:

- There's no one story for homelessness; there's no one solution.
- Please give a smile to a person down on their luck.
- Faith and hope carried him through his journey.

Mr. Steinhauer exemplifies the meaning of Advent. He relied on his faith those 12 years, which gave him hope and carried him through.

During Advent, we as Christians wait for the birth of Christ. Like Mr. Steinhauer's experience, we wait and we hope. On Christmas morning we experience the joy of our new born Savior. Thank you Mr. Steinhauer for sharing your experience with us.

The Student Council is collecting items for goodie bags to be distributed to the homeless at the Adventist Church on College Way. Each class is bringing specific items such as tooth brushes, deodorant, hand warmers, granola bars... Ask your child what is needed.



- Dec 13 8AM** Liturgical Choir
- 9:15-2:40 Concert Band Tour
- 12PM Scrip orders ready for pick up
- 3rd & 7th Christmas Caroling at retirement home
- Dec 16 3rd Week of Advent**
- 8:30 AM Scrip orders due
- 1:00-3:00 Protecting God's Children class in the Library

- Dec 18 Power Hour, 9:30 Late Start**
- 3:15 Staff meeting
- 4:45 Finance Meeting

## Dec 19 7 PM ICRS Christmas Program in SJC

- Dec 20 8AM** Liturgical Choir practice
- 11:15 Advent Prayer service (2nd/3rd)
- 12:00 Dismissal, no PM Ext. Care

## Dec 21-Jan 5 CHRISTMAS BREAK.

- Jan 6** School resumes
- 8:30 Scrip orders due
- Jan 8** Power Hour, 9:30 Late Start
- 3:15 Staff meeting

- Jan 10 8AM** Liturgical Choir practice
- 12:00 Scrip orders ready for pick up
- Jan 13 8:30** Scrip orders

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**STAFFING.** I am so grateful that Mrs. Rachel Youngquist will be joining our staff as the long term sub in preschool, while Mrs. Espinoza is on maternity leave. Mrs. Youngquist is the grandmother to the Reese children and has led Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Heart of Mary. We look forward to having her.

Mr. Peter Rosenstein helps with SJC events. He has agreed to step in temporarily to sub for Mrs. Elaine Hunter, custodian in SJC. Please keep Mrs. Hunter in your prayers. She is healing from a car accident and surgery.

**BANNER DISPLAY.** Are you crafty and innovative? The school needs a second banner display (a stand and a pole) for Mass. Please contact Mrs. Reichlin for more information, Reichlin@icrsweb.org.

**VOLUNTEERS.** Many of the school parents have successfully participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class offered through the Safe Environment Program. ICRS is hosting a class next **Monday, Dec 16, 1-3PM** in the ICRS library. If you



would like to volunteer at the school, and haven't taken the class yet, please register for this class online. Go to [virtuonline.org](http://virtuonline.org).

**FULCRUMFOUNDATION.ORG** is accepting tuition assistance grant applications from Oct 1 through Jan 8.