



NOV 4, 2020



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter from the
desk of Principal Rodriguez

CALENDAR

Reminder

Every Monday, scrip orders
are due at 8:30 AM, and
every Friday, scrip is ready
for pick up after 12:00 PM.
(excluding holidays)
Fridays, spirit wear days.

October

Wednesday, Nov 4. 3:20 PM,
Leadership Team Meeting.

Thursday, Nov 5. 8:45 AM,
Facilities Maintenance Meeting.

TUE/THUR Nov 3/5, PARENT-
TEACHER CONFERENCE
NOTICES WENT HOME IN
BROWN ENVELOPE. Please send
your response back to the school.

Friday, Nov 6. End of Trimester.
No teacher contact after noon.
Teachers working on report
cards.

Tuesday, Nov 10. 1:45 PM, School
Mass for 3rd-8th Cohort A.

Wednesday, Nov 11. 3:15 PM Staff
Meeting.

Thursday, Nov 12. 1:45 PM,
School Mass for 3rd-8th Cohort B.

Friday, Nov 13. Veterans Day
Holiday Observed, no school.

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kudos to Krista Squib for organizing our wreath fundraiser and to all of those families who participated. ICRS exceeded our goal and sold over \$15,000. Way to go! Wreaths should be ready for pick up during parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you parents for participating in grades K-3 class surveys last week. Your input on these surveys, and input you have provided to me via email, phone and in-person is being heard.

I assure you that **my team and I are continuously working to improve our hybrid model**, specifically increasing instructional time and improving delivery. Our planned improvements keep in mind the varied perspectives and needs of the school community and are aligned with CDC data and guidance from the Office of Catholic Schools. My team and I are collaborative and creative. We are working on solutions to meet the educational and safety needs of the children, families, and staff. We plan to implement best practices learned from our colleagues in Archdiocesan schools and will remain a safe learning environment. We applaud the efforts of our school community to date—children interact with peers and their teacher in person two days a week (and three days remotely); we wear masks, wash our hands frequently, practice physical distancing, conduct morning screenings, clean and sanitize more frequently. Sick ones stay home. We were creative with this design and will continue to be creative to improve our current hybrid model. More to come - watch for an all-parent email survey that will be sent out before Thanksgiving.

BOOSTER GROUP NEWS

- **Santa Survey** for PK-3rd grade families. The ICRS Booster Group seeks input from primary ICRS parents to determine if there is interest in having kids tell Santa what they would like for Christmas. We could arrange for Santa to be at St. Joseph Center on a Saturday or Sunday. To ensure safety all would wear masks and families would set up appointments with Santa.
- Marty Reese is the Chair of the Booster Group. If you have ideas for community events during Covid restrictions, please contact him at mreese@be.wednet.edu.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR. ICRS is showing love for our neighbors by collecting non-perishable food items for the Tri-Parish Foodbank. The Tri-Parish Foodbank is a ministry of Skagit Valley Catholic churches and operates out of St. Charles Church in Burlington. The foodbank serves over 1000 Skagit County families per week. The school's goal is to deliver 360 food items by November 19. If each child brings in two items to their respective classrooms, we can easily meet that goal and earn free dress on Nov 17 and 19.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Auction procurement is now underway. **SIGN UP ONLINE** to secure your item. All items are due by Dec. 17.
- Do you have an idea for a new auction item? Email bveltri@icrsweb.org to get approval.
- Update to **ShopwithScrip**. They are changing their name to **"Raise Right."** There is a new app that uses your old **MyScripWallet** login. Sign-up instructions can be found on the ICRS website. **Click Here.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- All volunteers and school employees must meet Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements. The initial class is three hours and usually in person. Thereafter, volunteers have to update their Safe Environment requirements every three years online by watching a short video and taking a quiz. Renewal notices are sent via email. For first time volunteers, see virtusonline.org to sign up for in-person or online initial trainings.
- Weekend opportunity. One family is needed to stick dots on the playground to help students stand six feet apart during dismissal.
- Sacred space – If you are gifted with interior design, this job is for you. I need help converting the library to sacred space to use during Advent Reconciliation. Please email rodrigues@icrsweb.org.

EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS. See our webpage, www.icrsweb.org/employment.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

- Skagit County's COVID data reflects that we are at moderate risk, currently in the 50s. We continue to focus on safety measures in the classroom and appreciate each of you doing your part to keep the numbers down.
- The HVAC units at the school are maintained twice annually. Our service provider replaced filters last week which ensure optimum air quality for students in the St. Joseph Center.
- The Archdiocese has protocols in place to ensure participants at school Masses are safe. The school will follow the same protocols when hosting mass in the gym next week, such as, keeping the room capacity below 25% (with 70 in attendance capacity is well below 25% in the St. Joseph Center), physical distancing, masks worn by all, sanitizing after Mass, and suspending singing and hand shaking for the time being. Fr. Ben will be our celebrant for Masses on Nov 10 and 12.

REMINDERS

- **Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grants (TAG)** applications for the 2021-2022 school year are being accepted until Jan 8. ICRS office staff are available to help through Dec 11. Please set up an appointment with Gaby or Dayna.

As always, send your questions and comments to admissions@icrsweb.org.

Peace and Joy,
Principal Rodrigues