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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. Fridays, spirit wear days.

October

Monday, Oct 26, Parent Meeting. [View recording here](#)

Thursday, Oct 29. Black and Orange Day. 4:30 PM Communications Meeting.

Sunday, Nov 1. All Saints Day.

Monday, Nov 2. All Souls Day.

Tuesday, Nov 3. Picture retakes, Cohort A.

Wednesday, Nov 4. Picture retakes, Cohort B. 3:20 PM, Leadership Team Meeting

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

Friday, Nov 6. End of Trimester. No teacher contact after noon.

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

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

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Skagit County Commissioners granted \$9,200 to ICRS to support the school's reopening efforts this fall. I will determine with my leadership team and the School Commission the best use of these funds. We are blessed. Thank you County Commissioners.

PARENT MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to the parents who participated in the Zoom meeting on October 26. We received several questions following the meeting. The questions that are not addressed below will be included in next week's message.

Parent Question: Why are scrip orders inconsistent this year? ICRS must submit a minimum number of orders or the school loses money due to the cost of shipping gift cards. Rather than losing money, scrip orders will be deferred until the following week when more orders come in. If you have time sensitive order, please contact the school office to confirm that a sufficient amount of scrip has been ordered for the week. Additionally families can take advantage of ScripNow through the Raise Right app which offers instant access to electronic and printable gift cards.

Parent Question: Will the weekly Principal's Message be added to the website? Yes. Each week this newsletter, with the addition of live links, is added to the school website for easy reference. Visit ICRSweb.org and click on the "Parents" tab at the top of the page. Then click the link for "Principal's Message" on the right hand column. You will find today's message as well as past updates.

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.

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.
- Lunch duty and recess duty volunteers are needed. Please contact goropeza@icrsweb.org to sign up. Volunteers must be current with their Safe Environment requirements.
- Weekend opportunity. One family is needed to stick dots on the playground to help students stand six feet apart during dismissal. Please contact goropeza@icrsweb.org to sign up.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

- Rainy day dismissal: As we approach the rainy season, we want to keep students dry and warm. Please make sure your child has a jacket on those days. Dismissal will look different. Students will remain in their rooms and be called over the PA system to board their cars. Rainy day dismissal will begin at 2:55 PM.
- 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.
- Here is guidance from the CDC to help your family stay safe and healthy during the holidays: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- The CDC recommendations regarding [Tips for a Safer Halloween](#)

REMINDERS

- **TEXT MESSAGES. ATTN:** New ICRS families and parents with new cell numbers, TEXT “yes” to 87569 to opt in and receive school text messages. Families who have already signed up for text messaging in previous years do not need to take any additional steps.
- [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.

EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS

- ICRS is seeking qualified substitute teachers. Candidates must meet Safe Environment requirements and hold a valid teaching credential. Please let your teacher friends know. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Principal Rodrigues at rodrigues@icrsweb.org.
- SJC manager. Miny Chavez is retiring as the St. Joseph Center Manager. We thank her for her service to our school and community. The school is seeking candidates with administrative skills to manage events at St. Joseph Center. The ideal candidate meets Safe Environment requirements, has technology skills, and is well organized. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Principal Rodrigues at rodrigues@icrsweb.org. This position is less than five hours per month during Covid-19.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the mask makers who donated plenty of small, medium and large reusable masks and families who donated face shields to the school—Acuna, Nicol, Ryan, Halgren, Makahanaloa (Ms. Rodrigues' sister), and Veltri families.
- Thank you to the 33 families who linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Card to ICRS. FM Kroger donated \$90.19 to ICRS from 3rd quarter activity. Link your FM rewards card to ICRS. [Click here](#) to learn how.
- Thank you to Schuh Farms for bringing the Pumpkin Patch to ICRS. Students in Kindergarten to 4th grade each received a pumpkin for decorating. Here are pictures of Halloween fun in the classroom.

