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# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter from the desk of Principal Rodrigues

## 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.

### November

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

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

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

Tuesday, Nov 17. Cohort A Report Cards going home.

Wednesday, Nov 18. 3:20 PM, Leadership Team Meeting.

Thursday, Nov 19. Cohort B Report Cards going home.

Monday through Wednesday, Nov 23 - 25. No school. Parent-Teacher Conferences and wreaths will be ready for pick up.

THUR/FRI Nov 26-27, Thanksgiving Holiday

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Happy Veterans Day to all of those who have served our country. Thank you for your service, courage and bravery.

### COATS FOR KIDS

The local Knights of Columbus has new coats for children. If your child needs a coat this winter, email [rodrigues@icrsweb.org](mailto:rodrigues@icrsweb.org) with size and gender.

### "I" in KIND

Fourth graders are being the "I" in KIND with random acts of kindness. I am enjoying watching their bulletin board "grow".



### LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

ICRS students are bringing in non-perishable food for the Tri-Parish Food Bank. The Tri-Parish Foodbank is a ministry of Skagit Valley Catholic churches and 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, we can easily meet that goal and earn free dress on Nov 17 and 19.

## **FULCRUM GRANT**

- The Fulcrum Foundation raised funds to provide COVID relief to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. ICRS applied and received a \$60,000 grant to help offset shortcomings due to COVID. We are grateful and blessed to receive this grant.

## **CLASSROOM SURVEYS**

- Thank you for completing the class survey. Your responses will help your child's teacher better serve your child. On Nov 18, I will send out a survey to all school families to dive a little deeper. We appreciate your feedback.

## **EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS**

- See our webpage, [icrsweb.org](http://icrsweb.org), for job openings. The school is seeking instructional aides and substitute teachers. ICRS graduates (18 years plus) who have a calling towards teaching are encouraged to apply. Tell a friend.

## **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](mailto:bveltri@icrsweb.org) to get approval.
- Update to ShopwithScrip. They are changing name to "Raise Right." There is a new app that uses your old MyScripWallet login. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Ordonez (see family directory).

## **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](http://virtusonline.org) to sign up for in-person or online initial trainings.
- A volunteer or two are needed to zip tie the soccer nets onto the frame. Email [rodriguez@icrsweb.org](mailto:rodriguez@icrsweb.org) if you can help.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

- Skagit County's COVID data reflects that we are at high risk. In response to this data, the school improved social distancing during lunch and recess, and changed the format for school Mass, which we hosted via Zoom. We continue to focus on safety measures in the classroom and appreciate each of you doing your part to keep the numbers down.
- If your child is sick, please keep them home so we can continue to offer in-person learning. If your child has been exposed directly to a positive case of COVID-19, please keep them home for 14 days.

## **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.
- Report your volunteer hours for May 1-Nov 6, 2020 and your enrollment plans for next year [HERE](#). Hardcopies of these reports are replaced with this online version.

**THANK YOU** to Mrs. Velasco and Mrs. Ponce-Ramirez for their ministry as sacristans. They helped set up the library for Mass. Thank you to Fr. Ben and 8th graders for leading our first school Mass. Join us for Mass on Thursday at 1:45 via Zoom.

As always, send your questions and comments to [admissions@icrsweb.org](mailto:admissions@icrsweb.org).

Peace and Joy,  
Principal Rodrigues