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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. (excluding holidays) Fridays, spirit wear days.

### November

Wednesday, Nov 18. 4:45 PM, Finance Meeting, 6:15 PM, Commission Meeting.

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

Friday, Nov 20. Wreaths ready for pick-up.

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.

MON/THUR, Nov 30 & Dec 3. 1:45 PM, Advent Reconciliation.

Wednesday, Dec 2. 3:20 PM, Faculty Meeting.

Tuesday, Dec 8. SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, School Mass and celebration of our patroness.

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

We are so grateful for the support our local parishes provide our school families. Families who are subsidized by their parish receive an excellent Catholic education at a significant cost savings. Did you know you can participate in Mass weekly? Contact your parish office to receive the Flock Note bulletin notices via email. Join Skagit Valley Catholic Churches on Facebook for live streaming of Sunday Masses, 9am in English, and 11am in Spanish.

The best way to protect yourself and your family this holiday season is to stay home. For those who do travel, [here are CDC travel guidelines](#). Upon return from travel, it is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days ([Gov. Inslee's Travel Advisory](#)). For your information, see also [Holiday Celebrations and Small gatherings, guidance from the CDC](#). Please practice the safety protocols in your home to ensure a safe return to school.

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Students are bringing home report cards this week, just in time for Parent-Teacher Conferences next week. I will email families the conference schedule and Zoom links to meet with each teacher. Parents will wait in a Zoom wait room and will be admitted to the meeting at their scheduled time. Please honor your scheduled time.

Look for an email in coming weeks from Mr. Brock Veltri who is composing a Christmas video featuring ICRS families.

### EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS

- See our webpage, [icrsweb.org](http://icrsweb.org), for job openings. The school is seeking instructional aides and substitute teachers. Tell a friend.
- Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Bobi Courtney, our new Title I instructional aide. Mrs. Courtney will be on campus beginning Dec. 1.

## 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 [here](#). Hard copies of volunteer reporting is replaced with this online version.
- Used uniforms can be dropped off at the office.
- The Knights of Columbus, IC Mt. Vernon has new coats for children. If your child needs a coat this winter, email [rodriguez@icrsweb.org](mailto:rodriguez@icrsweb.org) with size and gender.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 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.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Auction procurement is now underway. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#) to secure your item. All items are due by Dec. 17.
- **THANKSCRIPINGDAY** Is this Thursday and Friday. This is your opportunity to earn up to 20% with 120+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Mark your calendar and help support ICRS with your holiday shopping list—from the comfort of your own home. All purchases go towards your family fundraising obligation.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

- The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. With our commitment to mask wearing, social distancing, frequent hand washing, sanitizing each room, morning screenings, ample ventilation in each room, and limiting access to essential staff on campus, we are doing our part to ensure that every child and teacher is in a safe place. Parents are also part of our success story when they keep their sick children home to recuperate fully. Working together, we can continue in-person instruction. To date, ICRS has zero cases. Please see the [school's response to the Governor's press conference here](#).
- **Skagit County's COVID data reflects that we are at high risk. 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 or has been potentially exposed, please keep them home so we can continue to offer in-person learning. [Here is What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with a positive case of COVID-19.](#) (Skagit Co DOH) Families, please notify me if your child has had direct contact with a positive case or if your child has tested positive for COVID.
- Skagit County COVID testing has relocated to the [fair grounds](#). The Health Department is offering free flu vaccines to adults without insurance this weekend, 9am-3pm, at the fair grounds.

**THANK YOU** to 8th graders for leading our Canned Food Drive and all students for supporting our efforts. Thank you also to the DiPardo family who is taking our donation to the Tri-Parish Food Bank tomorrow.

Thank you to Krista Squibb and her team of parent volunteers who prepared wreath orders for pick up. Wreaths are ready for pick up this Friday and during conferences.

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

Peace and Joy,

Principal Rodrigues