



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter from the desk of Principal Rodrigues

CALENDAR

December

Thursday, Dec 17. Auction procurement due. (Contact bveltri@icrsweb.org if you have questions)

Friday, December 18. School day ends at noon. No teacher contact after noon

Saturday, December 19 - Sunday, January 3. Christmas Break.

January

Monday, January 4. School resumes for cohort A

Wednesday, January 6. School resumes for cohort B

Monday, January 18. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. (No school)

*Tuesday, January 19. All Kindergarten and 1st grade students phase in.

*Monday, January 25. All 2nd grade and 3rd grade students phase in.

*Monday, February 1. All 4th grade students phase in.

**Please use these launch dates and disregard the dates noted in the calendar sent home in the brown envelope*

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

Enhanced hybrid model. After review of the parent survey results and with guidance from the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) and the Department of Health (DOH), Fr. Tom and I are happy to announce that ICRS will phase in all K-4th grade students for in-person instruction four days per week, Monday – Thursday. The launch dates for these grades to transition to the four-day in-person schedule are as follows:

- **January 19, (Tuesday) Kindergarten and 1st grade**
- **January 25, (Monday) 2nd and 3rd grades**
- **February 1, (Monday) 4th grade**

Please note, these launch dates are subject to change with directives from the DOH or OCS. (***Due to current COVID rates and mitigation results, we do not anticipate this happening.***)

Thank you to all my school families for your patience during this pandemic. We truly appreciate you believing in us! Our goal this year is to see all students return to the building. Currently the data is not there yet to support the middle school transition. We will continue to work with the CDC and our county health department to reach our goal.

In the meantime, we are excited to have our elementary students return to the building. We know that our in-person instruction is the best in our county. We are confident that our elementary students will be safe in the building due to our mitigation measures and we are excited for you to join us in January as we continue to move forward.

More details regarding our Enhanced Hybrid Model, including drop-off/pick-up adjustments for K-4 families, can be found on our COVID-19 page. [**CLICK HERE**](#)

THANK YOU to my staff who remain healthy, flexible, and very supportive of student learning.

God bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Principal Rodrigues

FUNDRAISING

- Auction procurement is due Thursday December 17. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#) to secure your item today. Please email Brock Veltri, bveltri@icrsweb.org, if you have additional procurement ideas. He is happy to work with you!
- Raise Right (Shop With Scrip) will be running holiday promotions all month long. This week is **EGIFT CARD BONUS WEEK**. Log on to the Raise Right app today to see a variety of gift card bonuses, up to 17%, that will be available until midnight on Dec 18, for your last-minute holiday shopping needs!

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AT ICRS

- I need a parent or two to move furniture from classrooms to the bus barn, and to install sneeze guards on every desk. This will take place after school or on a weekend in January. We can coordinate convenient times. Please email Principal Rodrigues if you can help. rodrigues@icrsweb.org
- All volunteers and school employees must meet Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements. The initial class is three hours and usually in person. Thereafter, volunteers 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. Principal Rodrigues is hosting an online class on Jan 11, 5:30PM. Registrants will receive a link to the class the morning of Jan 11.
- Creative ways to volunteer: Thank you to Mrs. Crenna, who is teaching Junior Achievement to 2nd graders on Fridays. What a creative way to earn volunteer hours and enhance children's learning. If you have an idea to do something similar in your child's class, contact the teacher.
- In preparation for the enhanced hybrid model, we will be adding a third lunch hour and recess beginning Jan 4. If you can help with any of the duties below, please contact Gaby in the office.
 - **Recess duty, 10:00-10:15 for 3rd-4th-5th students**
 - **Recess duty, 11:00-11:30 for 3rd-4th-5th students**
 - **Lunch duty, 12:30-1:00 for 6th-7th-8th students**

REMINDERS

- [Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grants \(TAG\)](#) applications for the 2021-2022 school year are being accepted until Jan 8. ICRS uses this same application to distribute our institutional scholarship. Please apply today.
- Boeing's gift matching program will match employee donations in the year donations were given. Request your employer match before Dec 31. Check with your HR department for more details.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

- **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.**
- As an added measure of safety, the school purchased sneeze guards for each K – 4th desks and sneeze guards to add in the cafeteria. We are also ordering Medify air filtration devices for K-8 classrooms. (SJC has well maintained HVAC units.)
- 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 COVID.
- In order for ICRS to continue in person instruction, we need all families to be safe this Christmas break. Families traveling out of state this Christmas should plan to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return home and get tested. Please let the office know if this applies to you.

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