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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.

### December

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

Wednesday, Dec 16. 4:45PM Finance Meeting, 6:15PM Commission Meeting

Friday, December 18. No teacher contact after noon

Sunday, December 20 - Sunday, January 3. Christmas Break.

Monday, January 4. School resumes for cohort A

Wednesday, January 6. School resumes for cohort B

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

I hope you all had a fulfilling Thanksgiving. I am grateful for the four days we had off, family and friends, good health, and the great sense of community at ICRS.

Please keep Mrs. Reichlin and her family in your prayers. Her mom passed away Monday night. Students are signing a beautiful card for Mrs. Reichlin and her family.

### STAFF UPDATES

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Anna Rutherford (Class of 2014) as the temporary aide for 1st - 4th grade. Ms. Anna Rutherford will be here until she returns to Notre Dame in February.

We are also welcoming Bobi Courtney as our new Title I support for our 5th-8th grade teachers.

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I am adjusting our hybrid model such that we phase in all K-4 students, four days a week, when it is safe to do so. All families, please fill out this survey if you have not done so already, [click here](#). Survey responses will also inform our schedule to pivot and our daily schedule.

Mr. Veltri is composing a Christmas video featuring ICRS families. We Need A Little Christmas, [here is a link to the songs](#). Please send video clips of your family lip syncing to the song or decorating or baking for the holidays to [bveltri@icrsweb.org](mailto:bveltri@icrsweb.org) by December 7. Clips must be less than 60 seconds in length.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Patroness, is on Dec. 8. Please join us for 10:30 Mass which will be live-streamed on Facebook, [Skagit Valley Catholic Churches page](#). 7th graders will be the lectors at Mass.

## FUNDRAISING

- For this year only, families who fundraise in excess of \$350, half of the excess will support scholarships in 2021-2022 and half will offset the family's tuition in 2021-2022.
- Auction procurement is now underway. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#) to secure your item. All items are due by Dec. 17.
- **THANKSCRIPINGDAY** was a huge success last week. We raised over 255% more than last year's ThankScripingDay total. Thank you to all those families who participated. Please remember to use Raise Right (Scrip) for all of your holiday shopping needs.

## 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.

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

- 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](http://virtusonline.org) to sign up for in-person or online initial trainings. Principal Rodrigues is hosting "Protecting God's Children" class on Jan 11, 5:30-7:30pm via Zoom. Registered participants will receive an email the morning of the event with the Zoom link.
- We are seeking an immunization records keeper. Thank you to Robin Cully who has helped us with this project for the past two years. Contact the school office if you are interested.

## 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.*
- 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.
- All students, staff, and volunteers must wear their masks properly, which includes covering both your mouth and nose. Thank you for doing your part.
- **LUNCH ROOM.** ICRS students eat lunch in the lunchroom practicing the CDC safety protocols. The 5th-8th graders eat at 11:30, and the K-4th graders eat at noon. Children wear their masks when lining up, 6 feet apart, to wash their hands. They are seated six feet apart when eating, with cohorts spaced 8 feet apart. The north and south doors are opened to allow fresh air to circulate. After lunch, they line up, 6 ft apart, and return to class, wash their hands, and change their mask. Our HVAC units have filters changed twice a year (most recently in October.)

**THANK YOU** to those parents who help us with yard duty, lunch duty, and morning screening.

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

Peace and Joy,  
Principal Rodrigues

## 2021 ICRS AUCTION SPONSORS



For information on becoming an auction sponsor for the 39th Annual ICRS Auction email [bveltri@icrsweb.org](mailto:bveltri@icrsweb.org).