



# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter from the desk of Principal Rodriguez

## CALENDAR

**Mondays, 8:30 AM -- Scrip orders due**

**Fridays, noon – Scrip orders ready for pick up (excluding holidays)**

**Fridays, spirit wear days**

### March

**Monday, March 22-25, Scholastic Book Fair**

**Wednesday, March 24, Finance and Commission meetings.**

**Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week.**

### April

**Thursday, April 1, 1:30 PM, Holy Thursday, ICRS Stations of the Cross live streamed .**

**Friday, April 2, Good Friday. No student contact.**

**Sunday April 4, EASTER SUNDAY.**

**Monday, April 5-9, Spring Break.**

**Monday, April 12, 5:30 PM, Safe Environment Class for new volunteers.**

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT—In-Person Learning on Fridays.**

I am excited to share the good news that ICRS will offer in-person instruction on Fridays. This was a decision that we did not make lightly, and spent many hours creating and revising schedules, discussing impact on safety, teaching, learning, and respecting the time and energy of parents, to make the best decision possible. Beginning the week after spring break (April 12-16), ICRS welcomes K-8 students on campus on Fridays, 8:30AM-12:00PM. AM screening will begin at 8:20. Pick up will begin at noon. The schedule does not include lunch and replaces remote learning on Fridays.

We know that mornings are most productive for learners and so have committed this time of the day for student learning. Teachers then will use the afternoons for professional collaboration (or professional learning communities—PLCs). Teachers will also use the afternoons for preparing for the following week. We appreciate the wonderful support and the positive growth-mindset you share with us as we navigate through the next part of our journey this school year.

We look forward to seeing your children on nine Fridays, beginning April 16.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Miss Sue is bringing the Scholastic Book Fair to school. Proceeds earned from this event help purchase new books for our library. Online sales (<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/icrs>) run March 17 to March 30. In-person sales will take place the week of March 22, during class library time, and by appointment from 3:00-4:00, and by appointment on Friday March 26.

## **REMINDERS**

- If you have a NEW preschooler, Kindergartener or other sibling now is the time to apply. Start here for [NEW STUDENT applications](#). EXISTING FAMILIES DO THIS NOW for new students.
- RICE BOWLS: Holy Week begins this Sunday. Children can bring their Rice Bowls to a Catholic church or ICRS during Holy Week. Thank you children for collecting coins for our brothers and sisters around the world.

## **WHAT'S NEW?**

- 8th Grade Student Council has re-instituted Spirit Day on Tuesdays. After spring break, students can wear their spirit wear on Tuesdays. Download attached form to order spirit wear.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- AM screeners or traffic directors, 8:15-8:45.
- Volunteer for Jog-a-thon committee with Brock Veltri. Virtual meetings to start.
- All school and church volunteers need to take the initial class, "Protecting God's Children" before volunteer work can begin. I am hosting a class on April 12, 5:30-7:30 via Zoom. To register for the class
  - Go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)
  - In the left margin, choose "First time registrant"
  - "Begin the registration process"
  - Select "Seattle, WA (Archdiocese)"
  - Create a user ID and password.
  - Follow prompts

## **EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS**

ICRS is seeking a part time music teacher beginning next fall. See [our website](#) for more details. To apply start [here](#) and reference job # 7201.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Skagit County's COVID data reflects that we are at moderate risk. We continue to focus on safety measures on campus and appreciate each of you doing your part to keep the numbers down.
- Travel updates (as of 3/24/21 11:30AM). The Office of Catholic Schools and the Governor's Office have adopted the CDC travel guidelines. Students travelling during spring break should plan on a 7-day quarantine upon return with a negative COVID test, or a 10-day quarantine without a COVID test. The CDC recommends essential travel only. See [CDC travel guidelines](#) for more information on what to do before and after travel.
  - CDC guidance for [Domestic travel](#)
  - CDC guidance for [International travel](#)
- Online learning will not be available to travelling students as this takes away valuable learning time from those who are in class. Students who travel can pick up a learning packet upon return. Please coordinate this with your child's teacher well in advance.

## **THANK YOU To...**

Mr. Esposito and Mr. Bergsma for installing pavers in the grassy area across from the Grotto.

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

Peace and Joy,

Principal Rodrigues

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