



March 4, 2021



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 8. State of the School recording emailed to families. Families can earn 0.5 volunteer hour for watching or 1 hour if two parents watch.

Monday, March 1-14, Re-enrollment, priority for returning families.

Monday, March 8-11, Science, Cultural, Engineering Fair (6th, 7th, and 8th)

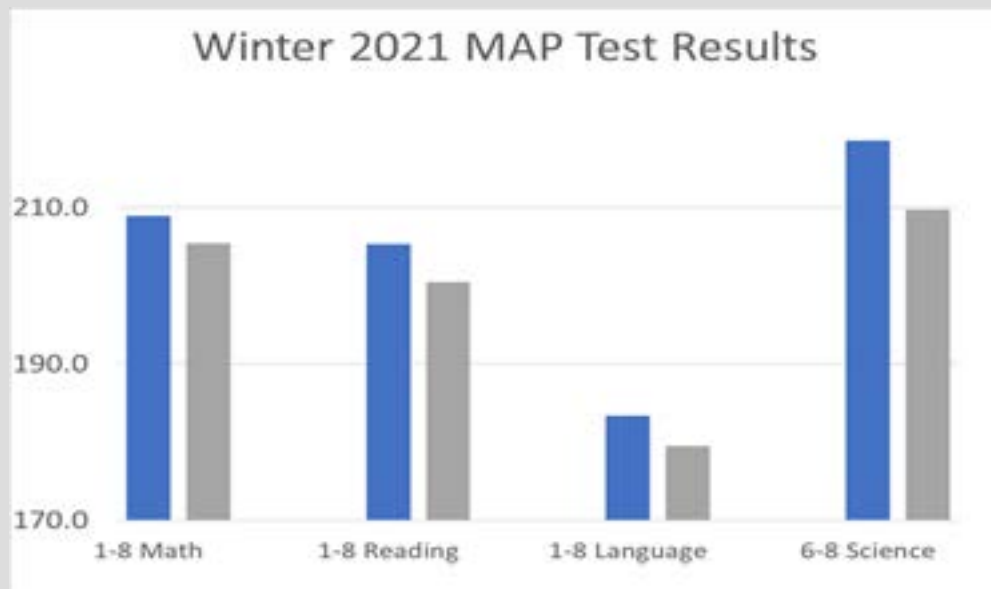
Sunday, March 14, Daylight Savings.

Monday, March 15, Open enrollment for new families.

Monday, March 22-25, Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, March 24, Finance and Commission meetings.

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,



ICRS 1st-8th graders participated in the Measurement of Academic Progress between January 19-Feb 5. MAP testing this winter provides baseline information about your child's academic progress and informs instruction. Students were assessed in math, reading and language. The MAP test was taken online and adapted to each student's instructional level. When a student got an answer correct the next question was a little more challenging. When a student got an answer wrong, the next question was a little easier. At the end of the test each child was given a RIT score. A student's RIT score indicates the level at which he/she was answering questions correctly 50% of the time.

This winter, public and private schools nationwide took the MAP. The overall participation rate for MAP testing was lower than in previous years as there were many public districts which did not test in the Winter due to COVID shut downs and lack of access to technology for all students.

MAP SCORES CONTINUED

In this graph the blue bar captures ICRS results compared with the gray, nationwide results. ICRS students continue to shine, showing greater averages than their peers nationwide in math, reading, and language. Our middle school students participated in the science portion of the test. ICRS middle schoolers outperform their peers in science.

Your child's results were sent home last week in the brown envelope. If you have any questions as to how to read your child's results, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher. More information can be found here: <https://www.nwea.org/content/uploads/2017/08/Parent-Guide.pdf>.

REMINDERS

Priority Re-enrollment is March 1-14. Current ICRS families have priority registration from March 1-14. New families will begin enrolling on March 15 and will be able to reserve an available seat. Due to current wait-lists in grades, we anticipate full classes in the fall. Please register early.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS

ICRS students are supporting our new neighbor, Pregnancy Choices, with donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 6), wipes, and new infant clothes (0-18 months). The 8th graders are tallying total donations. If the school donates 1050 items by March 31, the entire student body will get free dress on Thursday, April 1.

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 families plan for spring break (Apr 5-9), I've had a few inquiries regarding travel policies during COVID. In order to continue in person learning, ICRS is following the stricter travel guidelines as directed by the Office of Catholic Schools and the Governor's office. If your student travels out of state, plan on a two-week quarantine upon return. I will keep families updated if this guideline changes. Online learning will not be available to traveling 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.

EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS

Mr. Fejeran has informed us that he is not returning next fall. ICRS is seeking a part time music teacher beginning next fall. To apply start [here](#) and reference job # 7201.

THANK YOU To...

Our auction sponsors, attendees, supporters, volunteers, and auction committee for an incredible virtual auction last weekend. Thank you to school families who invited extended family and friends to our event. And thank you to all of you for supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year. This was a great week of giving for ICRS!

As always, send your questions and comments to admissions@icrsweb.org.

Peace and Joy,

Principal Rodrigues

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