

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



**Welcome to more new students**

**PK4:** Lillian

**K:** Maverick

**3rd:** Mylen

**5th:** Marlen, Matthew

**Wednesday Late Start.** Every Wednesday, from 8:15-9:15am, teachers have the opportunity to work collaboratively to improve student learning. This is an opportune time for parents to set up medical appointments, music lessons, and other services for your child to minimize absences. Families who are dropping off K-8 students between 8:25-9:10am should use the St. Joe's parking lot and check their students in at the St. Joseph Center for a quiet study hall. Students can work on homework, read a book, color, draw. Students should bring their own material. The school will provide supervision. Students who arrive after 9:10 should stay in their cars in the ferry line. Children will be welcomed into their classrooms at 9:25am.

**School Mass.** At this point, we are celebrating school Mass in two groups—even classrooms and odd classrooms. Our first school Mass is on Friday, Sept 10 at 10:30am. The even classrooms will attend. Students will sit four per pew. The first 14 pews are reserved for students and staff. Parents are welcomed to sit in the last 7 pews allowing for six feet of space between families. Masks are required. Join us if you can.

**Volunteers needed.** Are you a pianist? ICRS is seeking a pianist who can play instrumental hymns at Mass. One who is familiar with the liturgy and can easily read music would be the best suited volunteer. If you or your talented child would like to help out, please email [Reichlin@icrsweb.org](mailto:Reichlin@icrsweb.org).

Our Mother Mary statue on the playground needs some loving care. We are looking for a parent volunteer to wash her, and repair a piece of concrete. The statue was originally provided to the school as a Boy Scout project. Perhaps you have a son/daughter who would be able to help also? Contact [Mrs. Oropeza](#) to help.

[Mrs. Oropeza](#) is also seeking yard duty volunteers and lunch duty volunteers. Please send her an email if you can help.

**AM Adjustment.** Starting Monday, students will be welcomed into the building at 8:25am. This is a change. Thank you for your patience.

**Come help bring back sharing our Catholic faith with the youth of our parish!** Immaculate Conception Church has a job opening for a part-time (12 hr per week) English Faith Formation Director. This position includes developing, implementing and directing faith formation programs for students in grades K-8. This includes planning and facilitating sacramental prep programs, coordinating volunteer catechists to lead classes, and organizing special events for children throughout the year. Working schedule is flexible and perfect for a parent with children! Commitment is to be available each Sunday there is class (10:00-11:00am). For more information or to apply, please send your resume to [shari@skagiticatholic.org](mailto:shari@skagiticatholic.org) or call 360-336-6622 extension 27.

## Upcoming Events



**MONDAYS:** 8:45am,  
Scrip orders due  
**TUESDAYS:** Spirit  
Day (students  
can wear spirit  
day shirts)  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
9:25am LATE  
START  
**FRIDAYS:** 12pm,  
Scrip orders  
ready for pick  
up.

### September

- 9/10, 11:30am dismissal for Kindergarten
- 9/10, 11:45am dismissal for PK4
- 9/10, 10:30 School Mass for grades 2, 4, 6, 8
- 9/13, First Full Day of school for Kinder and PK4
- 9/15, **9:25am, Weekly Wednesday Late Start.**
- 9/15, 4:45 Finance Meeting; 6:15 School Commission Meeting. Both via Zoom.
- 9/20-10/8, MAP Testing for 2nd-8th
- 9/20, Soccer game, ICRS @ Edison
- 9/20, Volleyball game, LU @ ICRS
- 9/22, **9:25am, Weekly Wednesday Late Start.**
- 9/22, Soccer game, IC @ Lopez
- 9/22, Volleyball game, IC @ Lopez
- 9/23-9/24, 7th grade overnight Mt. Baker trip
- 9/29, **9:25am, Weekly Wednesday Late Start.**
- 10/1, [FulcrumFoundation.org](https://www.fulcrumfoundation.org) tuition assistance grant applications open for 22-23

## COVID Updates: Travel and Proof of Vaccination



ICRS follows the guidance of the governor, the local Dept of Health (DOH) and the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff and is committed to providing school in-person, five days a week. Guidance flexes with new information related to COVID. ICRS will continue a layered approach to support a safe learning environment. Below is current information on travel guidelines during COVID.

**Travel guidelines** are different for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. The information below pertains to students and staff returning from travel. ([doh.wa.gov](https://doh.wa.gov) 9/2/21; [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), 9/9/21)

1. Unvaccinated: "Get tested 3-5 days after your trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel."

2. Vaccinated persons: "Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms."

**Proof of Vaccination.** Mrs. Oropeza, the school secretary, is keeping record of those (students, staff, and parent volunteers) who show valid proof of COVID vaccination—either a COVID vaccination card or official medical vaccination records.

## Frequently Asked Questions



**Why do students have to wear masks at recess?** At this time, while our COVID numbers are high and many students are unvaccinated, students wear masks at recess. Children like to play with one another at recess. Maintaining six feet between them while playing is not realistic. Per the DOH, "Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals when outdoors in crowded spaces or when in close contact with people from outside their household for a sustained period of time, as the risk of COVID-19 infection increases with the duration and closeness of contact between individuals." ([DOH](https://www.doh.wa.gov), 9/9/21)

Please submit your questions to [admissions@icrsweb.org](mailto:admissions@icrsweb.org)