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STAFF CHANGES. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Allison Brooks who will step in as the kindergarten teacher while Mrs. Wade has an extended leave beginning Nov 1. Mrs. Brooks has worked in kindergarten with Mrs. Wade for over eleven years and obtained her teaching certificate last June. She knows the kindergarten curriculum very well; she already knows the children and is committed to student improvement. Welcome, Mrs. Brooks. "I will miss my kindergarten students! I know they are in good hands." (Mrs. Wade).

NOW HIRING — SUB TEACHERS AND AIDES. ICRS is in need of substitute teachers and additional aides to support an excellent education during COVID. These positions help to ensure children in school continue to receive a seamless education when teachers are out and help to support children who are working remotely. These are ideal positions for ICRS parents who meet the qualifications. Please see our [website](#) for more details. Interested candidates are encouraged to email their cover letter and resume to [Principal Rodrigues](#). Please tell your friends.

MCPEAKE DONATION. ICRS received a second check from the McPeake Estate totaling \$525,000, which will contribute to the school's general endowment fund. Our yearly general endowment distribution covers approximately 10% of our operating expenses which helps to keep our tuition rates some of the most affordable in the Archdiocese. We would like to thank Mr. McPeake for his contribution which will help our school for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Nicol, for being instrumental in this donation.



SPORTS NEWS. "Thank you to all kids, parent volunteers, and staff that made the 2021 ICRS soccer season a great success. Our team finished with a record of 5-3-1. Most importantly, our team was committed to winning and losing together, everyone had a chance to compete and all of the kids worked hard to support each other on the field. I am very proud of this group of kids; they are all naturally very talented. I hope they learned a little about soccer; they certainly learned a lot about what it means to be part of a team and what it means to represent your school. Go Spartans!" (Coach Friebe)



DOES YOUR EMPLOYER MATCH DONATIONS? Check with your HR department. Boeing employees have until Dec 31 to submit claims.

SCRIP UPDATE. Fred Meyer gift cards will be sold in increments of \$100 only. We will no longer carry Fred Meyer cards at \$25.

ICRS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

- Volunteer Coordinator, contact: [Mrs. Cartee](#)
- Pianist, contact: Reichlin@icrsweb.org.
- Yard duty, Lunch Duty, contact [Mrs. Oropeza](#)

ICRS Volunteer obligations have been adjusted for the year given the limited access volunteers have on campus—28 hours per family (14 hours per single parents) per year. Volunteer reporting sheets went home in the brown envelope.

2022 Auction Updates



“Under the Big Top” is coming on Saturday, Feb. 26. Please see inserts in the brown envelope or our FB page for procurement ideas and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the school auction, please contact ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org.

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

November

- 11/11, Noon Dismissal, end of 1st Trimester
- 11/12, Veteran's Day, no school
- 11/17, 4:45pm Finance Meeting; 6:15 School Commission Meeting
- 11/18, Picture retake day; Report Cards going home
- 11/19, Last day for food drive
- 11/19, School Mass (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th)
- 11/22-24, Parent Teacher Conferences on Zoom
- 11/24-25, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/29, Beginning of Advent

COVID Updates: Close Contacts, Learn to Return, Student Vaccinations



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 information on revisions to **K-2 close contacts**, **FREE COVID testing** available at ICRS and **student vaccination** updates.

The Washington State DOH updated their K-12 Guidelines on Oct. 27. ICRS is moving swiftly with each new piece of information to maximize in person learning at school. Based on the updates, K-2 will now contact trace if there is a positive COVID case in a classroom. This means that only students (K-8) within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more to the student with the positive COVID result will be quarantined. If there is an “outbreak” (at least 10% of positive cases in a class), the full class will quarantine.

“Learn to Return”. ICRS is offering the antigen and PCR COVID tests on campus. Please be patient with us as we develop our roll out plan.

Vaccinations for students ages 5-12 are now available. The best option for scheduling a vaccine dose for students is through the [Vaccine Locator](#) website, your local pharmacies, primary care and pediatric clinics, or the Skagit County Fairgrounds. All offer convenient locations for vaccination in Skagit County. Children who show proof of vaccination, or tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days (as recorded with the DOH), will not need to quarantine unless they are experiencing symptoms.

Please submit your questions to admissions@icrsweb.org