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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner, January 30-February 4. During the week, Catholic schools nationwide show our appreciation to our supporters and celebrate the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Our itinerary for the week:

- 1/30, Sunday. Parish appreciation. Students who wear their uniform to Mass get free dress on Monday.
- 1/31, Monday. Parent Appreciation.
- 2/1, Tuesday. Community Appreciation.
- 2/2, Wednesday. Teacher Appreciation.
- 2/3, Thursday. School Mass honoring Grandparents (evens, 4th Grade leads).
- 2/4, Friday. Student appreciation. Free dress and treat.
- PK and K Virtual Open House planned as well. Details to follow.

This year we celebrate our supporters with love letters and artwork. We look forward to hosting parents and grandparents for lunch hopefully, next year.

Thank you, Principal Cartee, for your continued dedication to and leadership at ICRS. You have been heaven sent during this time, handling all things COVID; student, parent and staff needs; and office needs. Thank you for taking the helm and steering us calmly through these uncharted waters. You are a blessing to us all. "May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you. May God be kind to you and give you peace."

Principal Rodrigues returns to school next week. I will be present part time Tuesday-Thursday, and full time beginning Jan 21. I look forward to being with the children again. Please be patient as I learn new names and faces, and new routines at school. Thank you all for your prayers and support during my absence.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 01/14, noon dismissal, Teacher In-Service
- 01/17, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 01/19, 4:45 Finance Meeting, 6:15 School Commission Meeting
- 01/30-02/04, Catholic Schools Week (See Principal's Message for more details)

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.

2022 Auction Updates



"Under the Big Top" is coming on Saturday, Feb. 26. Look for a link to register on Tuesday of next week. Parents will get an email, an ad will be posted in Flocknotes and posters will be displayed around the school. We still have some spots left for people to sign up for dessert dash. Sign up on the volunteer link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FABAE23A5F85-under>

COVID UPDATES: Isolation and Quarantine Updates



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 are updates for isolation and quarantining periods for K-8 students and staff (updated 1/7/22, WA DOH). Preschool guidance has not changed yet.

Isolation. If a K-8 student or staff member tests positive for COVID, typically they return to school after 10 days. They can return after 5 days when the following criteria are met:

- 5 days have passed since symptom onset, or since positive test date if asymptomatic; AND they are symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. Otherwise, 10 days.

Students and staff should continue monitoring for symptoms and wearing a well-fitting mask around others through day 10 both in and out of school.

Quarantining. Unvaccinated students in close contact with a person with COVID must quarantine. Close contact for students is defined as within three feet for 15 cumulative minutes of the person with COVID.

Close contacts who must quarantine are...

- Adults who completed primary series of vaccination and do NOT have a booster
- Not vaccinated or have not completed the primary vaccination series

Close contacts who do not have to quarantine meet one of these criteria...

- Adults who are fully vaccinated with booster
- 5-17 years old, completed the primary series of vaccinations
- had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 90 days

Quarantine periods. Quarantine ends after the last close-contact date and 24-hour symptom-free without medication. K-8 Students and staff can return after a...

- **5-day** quarantine if symptom-free and with proof of a negative COVID test on Day 5.
- **10-day** quarantine if symptom-free without the aid of medications. (Negative test not required)
- **14 or more days** if symptoms develop, get tested. Return date will be determined after consulting DOH.

We understand that these rules are complicated and detailed. Our intention is to balance safety and the need to be in school. Please contact Principal Rodrigues if you have any questions.

The best way to protect against COVID is to get vaccinated and to stay home if you are sick. The school policy is that a student has to be free of symptoms for 24 hours, without medication, prior to returning to school (assuming symptoms are not part of an ongoing medical condition).

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