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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Priority Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is now open until March 14. New families for 2022-2023 will begin enrollment on March 15. We are anticipating full classes, especially in the elementary grades, so please reserve your child's spot by the March 14 priority deadline. To enroll, log into your [RenWeb.com](https://www.renweb.com) account. Choose "Apply/Enroll" in the left column and follow the prompts. Thank you for continuing to choose ICRS!

Teaching Vacancy. ICRS has a 3rd grade teaching position open beginning next fall. Certified teachers are encouraged to see [our website](#) for more information.

Student Speakers. On March 5/6, ICRS students spoke after Masses in the Skagit Valley and in Arlington to encourage new families to visit our school. Thank you for your support Frankie (1st), Molly (2nd), Jayden (2nd), Matthew (2nd), Emily (3rd), Alpha (4th), Victoria (4th), Billy (7th), Cadence (7th), Eileen (7th), Lauren (7th) and Bart (8th). I admire your courage and leadership.

Parent Volunteer, MCT Play Coordinator Needed. The Missoula Children's Theater's production of *The Emperor's New Clothes* will be here the first week in May. I need a parent volunteer to work with our guest directors, coordinate communications to families, schedule other parent volunteers to supervise practices. Without parent volunteers, we may have to postpone this production. It's an easy position to fill, and Laura Fisher will help train a parent coordinator. This role will satisfy all required volunteer time. Please see the flyer emailed.

ICRS Track Coach Needed. The 7th/8th grade track team needs a few good coaches. If you can help with coaching track, please email athletics@icrsweb.org.

Do volunteers need to be vaccinated? Yes. "Even though the Governor lifted the mask mandate, **the school vaccine mandate is still in place.** This vaccine mandate for schools requires all school "workers" (both staff and volunteers) in educational settings to be vaccinated. " ([SeattleArch.org](https://seattlearch.org), Mar 11, 2022)

UPCOMING EVENTS: March



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.

Mar 2-18, Diaper and New Baby Clothes Drive to support CARE Medical (formerly, Pregnancy Choices)

3/11, No School, Parent-teacher conferences via Zoom

3/13, Daylight Savings. Move clocks forward 1 hr.

3/16, \$1 Free dress to support Ukraine, blue and yellow theme

3/17, St. Patty's Day, free dress, green and white theme

Mar 17-18, Science, Cultural, and Engineering Fair for middle school

3/18, 9:30am, School Mass (lead by 3rd graders)

2022 AUCTION UPDATES



Thank you for the outpouring of generosity during the 40th Annual ICRS Auction! This year's auction raised over \$145,000 and \$65,000 will support outdoor education, K-3 technology and capital improvements. The remaining funds will be used to support the general operating budget for next school year. Thank you for supporting the important mission of ICRS to provide a quality education rooted in Catholic beliefs and values to children in our community.

COVID UPDATES: Masks Optional in School



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 and will peel back each layer as DOH guidance allows. Below is information on optional masks at school beginning March 14.

Step 1: Masks Optional at Outdoor Recess.

Since Feb. 28 masks have been optional at outdoor recess. Based on an informal survey among teachers, about 50% of our students are wearing masks at recess. Students are being very respectful of one's choice to mask or not. Thank you.

Step 2: Masks Optional Indoors and on the School Bus

ICRS will transition into "masks-optional" in school. Students can be mask-free indoors beginning Monday, March 14. (There will be some exceptions indoors where physical distancing between cohorts is limited, and when one must wear a mask during quarantine or isolation. Students should pack one clean mask in their backpack, just in case.)

Masks on the AM/PM bus ride shared with MVCS are optional as well.

Families who prefer that their student wear a mask, please have a conversation with your student. Most importantly, parents please remind your students that we respect each families' decision and support one another without judgment.

ICRS Plan for a soft roll out to lift other mitigation measures in March:

3/18, Shields removed in lunch room

3/21, Children can play across zones at recess

"While we are moving into a new phase of the pandemic, COVID-19 remains with us, and it should be recognized the COVID-19 pandemic response must remain flexible with the possibility for changes that occur at the state and local levels. Conditions may require implementation of additional mitigation practices to lessen the impact of disease in schools and provider settings, and to ensure continuity of in-person instruction and care." ([DOH, 3/10/22](#), p.6)

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).

Please submit your questions to admissions@icrsweb.org

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