

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**The Passion.** The 8th graders will re-enact the Stations of the Cross beginning with a silent procession down the school hallway, around the block, and culminating at the Church. This is a solemn and reverent prayer service which reminds us of Christ's Passion.

We are in the midst of Holy Week, which began with Palm Sunday. Today is Holy Thursday which commemorates the Last Supper, the establishment of the Eucharist, and the establishment of the priesthood. At Masses this evening, the most memorable event is that priests everywhere will wash the feet of 12 parishioners, to remind us that we are called to serve one another. At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is removed from the Tabernacle. The congregation is invited to pray and remember Jesus at the Mount of Olives, thus reliving *The Agony in the Garden* with Jesus.

After Holy Thursday, Jesus is betrayed and begins his Passion, the Stations of the Cross, which ends on Good Friday, the day when Jesus is crucified and dies for all of us, willingly. From noon to 3:00 PM Jesus hangs on the cross, and surrenders his spirit at 3PM. There are no masses this one day of the year. Take time on Friday, at 3PM to remember Jesus' great love for us and to venerate the cross. (Communion will be shared.)

Masses commence at sunset on Holy Saturday, beginning with a bonfire and candles for the congregation at the Easter Vigil Mass. This is a 3-hour Mass, complete with many Biblical readings from Genesis to the Gospels, highlighting God's promised Son. The priest lights the new Pascal Candle. New candidates and catechumens are welcomed into the Catholic Church, after many months of study. Bells ring. The church lights up. Voices rise in song. This is a great Vigil to celebrate.

Easter Sunday is a glorious day when God's only Son rises from the dead, bringing new hope and new life for all. He conquered death. He conquered fear. All things are possible with God.

Have a remarkable Easter. Remember: God loves you so much, He sent His only Son to live and die for you.

## Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Holy Week

### HOLY THURSDAY

April 14th

5:00 PM St. Catherine, Concrete  
6:00 PM Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
7:00 PM Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley BIL  
7:00 PM St. Charles, Burlington BILINGUAL  
7:00 PM Sacred Heart, La Conner  
8:00 PM Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th

3:00 PM Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
5:00 PM St. Catherine, Concrete  
7:00 PM Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley BILINGUAL  
7:00 PM St. Charles, Burlington BILINGUAL  
7:00 PM Sacred Heart, La Conner  
8:00 PM Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 16th

8:30 PM Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon BILINGUAL  
8:30 PM St. Charles, Burlington BILINGUAL

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 17th

7:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
7:45 am St. Charles, Burlington SPANISH  
8:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
9:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
9:30 am St. Catherine, Concrete  
9:30 am Sacred Heart, La Conner  
10:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley SP  
11:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH  
11:15 am St. Charles, Burlington  
1:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to help Gaby decorate the monthly birthday board for May and June, and next school year. Pinterest and ETSY fans encouraged to sign up. The office also needs help on Thursday mornings to stuff brown envelopes. Call Gaby if you can help.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: April



**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.

4/15, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 1:45

4/19, 5pm via Zoom, "Protecting God's Children" class **for new volunteers**

4/22, Jog-a-thon, last fundraiser

4/25, New trees in front of school

4/28, Synodal Listening Session for ICRS community.  
[Register here.](#)

4/29, Whole School Mass; Student family group activity

### MAY

May 2-6, Auditions and practice for the Missoula Children's Theater production of the *Emperor's New Clothes*.

May 6, 7pm Performance of *Emperor's New Clothes*

May 4-6, Vision and hearing tests on campus

May 6, Kindergarten Round Up; May Crowning and Rosary

May 10, Graduation picture

May 17, Class pictures in full uniform

## JOG-A-THON, April 22, 2022



Welcome back from Spring Break! We are now in our second week of fundraising for the ICRS Jog-A-Thon! Let's keep moving to reach our fundraising goal and support our amazing school!

Supporters can donate online with this link: <https://icrsjogathon2022.ggo.bid/>. While there is not a way to choose a student name when making your donation online, we will follow up with supporters via email to thank them for their donation and ask them to designate which student they would like to support.

Supporters are always welcome to write a check to ICRS with Jog-A-Thon in the memo line. Please include a note with the check designating the student(s) you would like to support.

If you have additional questions, please contact [ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org](mailto:ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org) or 360-428-3912 x16. Thanks for supporting the ICRS Jog-A-Thon and happy giving!

## COVID UPDATES: COVID Immunization NOT Required (SBOH)



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.

On April 14, the Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) announced that the SBOH "voted not to include COVID-19 in the state's immunization requirements for school entry at this time." This means that ICRS will not require COVID immunization for students at this time.

"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.

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

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