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# THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

All Are Welcome!

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year. We are grateful and excited to bring back so many wonderful traditions – family groups, field trips, camps, assemblies, parties, school masses, and all kinds of hands-on learning activities. This is the year that parents can get involved and forge new relationships.

A little about me ....

I graduated from the University of Notre Dame and got my teaching endorsement from Seattle University. Catholic education is in my DNA; it is my passion and my calling.

My motto is "Maximize Student Learning". It is the lens by which I will do all my work. Student learning focuses on the whole child: spiritual, social, emotional, academic, and physical learning. I am proud that ICRS teachers and staff see this as their mission.

I look forward to partnering with you in educating your child. Please stop by and introduce yourself. I feel blessed and honored to be part of your lives.

Our theme for this school year is, "All Are Welcome". ICRS is a place of inclusivity and diversity. This year we will focus on celebrating our diversity through our family group meetings, Student Council activities, and classroom-based projects, and prayer services. We will teach children skills about how to be friendly and welcoming to one another. I thank Mrs. Reichlin for taking the lead with our school theme this year.

Please join us at Back-to-School night (information on page 3) to learn more about changes at the school and how to get involved with our ICRS family. Your family is important and makes us who we are as a school.

-Sarah Rutherford



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## COVID UPDATES

As we start a new school year, we have new guidance for the way we handle COVID. The Archdiocese follows the Department of Health, and ICRS follows the Archdiocese. Below are the highlighted changes from last school year:

- Vaccine mandate is still in effect for employees, volunteers, & contractors, with the exception of outdoor activities (unvaccinated volunteers may do recess duty and other outdoor activities but must test prior to volunteering. Tests can be taken at home or administered at school.)
- no social distancing requirement
- updated return to school protocols after testing positive (Day 0 is first day of symptoms or day of positive test if asymptomatic)
  1. May return after 5 full days of isolation IF asymptomatic or symptoms improve AND no fever for 24 hours without medication
  2. Those testing positive with antigen or at-home tests towards end of full 5-day isolation, and/or on days 6-10, are required to complete the full 10 day isolation
  3. Should continue to mask for additional 5 days if return at end of 5-day period

For more detailed information about COVID in schools, please visit the DOH website at the link below.

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/821-165-K12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>



**“All shall be well, all shall be well, all matter of things shall be well.”**

JULIAN OF NORWICH







## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Please join us for Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 31st from 5:30-7pm to kick off the 2022-2023 school year! Bring your kiddos for an ice cream social, with supervised fun on the playground and activities organized by our student council. Parents are invited to a presentation by our new principal, Mrs. Rutherford, and will have a chance to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and learn more about the exciting things in store for this year.

Parking will be available at St. Joseph Center and at Immaculate Conception Church. No parking in front of the school or on the blacktop.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus!



**August 1-31:** M-Th 9am-3pm, school office hours

**August 31:** 5:30-7pm Back to School Night for all families

**September 5:** Labor Day Holiday

**September 6:** First day of school, noon dismissal, 11:30am dismissal for PreK (Join us for prayer at the grotto at 8:30am, followed by a parent coffee & donuts reception at St. Joe's)

**September 7:** 9:30am Weekly Wednesday Late Start

**September 20:** School Picture Day

“Let the wild  
rumpus  
begin.”

MAX FROM "WHERE THE  
WILD THINGS ARE"

## Welcome New Students

PreK: Mickhaella, Edmund,  
Lincoln, Bennett, Emma,  
Simon, Elliana, Mila,  
Genevieve, Elena, Henry,  
Michael

Kinder: Noah, Aurelio, Cohen,  
Madeline, Rick, Benjamin,  
Cora, Declan, Natalie

1st Grade: Kinley, Jane,  
Esperanza

2nd Grade: Evan

3rd Grade: Arianna

4th Grade: Mary, Khanh

6th Grade: Zoe, Matthew

8th Grade: Allie





## GOODBYE

Dear ICRS community,  
I absolutely loved teaching art and PE over the last 8 years! I loved to help students work on social skills and build friendships and confidence. I loved teaching them to try new things and enjoy games, teamwork, beauty, and creativity! Most of all I loved being part of a community that honored God and shared his love with the kids. It was very hard for me to give up my job at ICRS, especially when I think of all the students I have come to love! But I am excited about my new job as Director of Children's Faith Formation at Immaculate Conception Church in Mount Vernon. Now that we have four young kids, I needed a job with flexible hours.  
Thank you for eight wonderful years teaching art and PE and six great years teaching 6th grade at ICRS! I will really miss being a daily part of this community, but I am glad I will be able to stay connected as a parent.  
May God bless ICRS,  
Trisha Van Selus

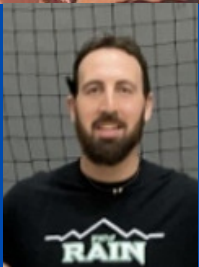
## ...AND HELLO

Please extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Malia Santucci, our new 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Tyler Amaya, our new PE teacher and athletic director and Ms. Alicia Morgan, our new art teacher, who is also an ICRS alum. Mrs. Sarah Bluhm will be returning this year in her new role as 7th grade teacher and Mrs. Marina Munoz will be returning as the new lead preschool teacher.

New and returning staff have lots of engaging activities planned for this year. Stay tuned to future newsletters to learn more and how to get involved in this fun year ahead!



MRS.  
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MR. AMAYA



MS. MORGAN



MRS. BLUHM