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THE ICRS MINUTE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

We are off and running! Thank you for sending your children to school with smiles on their faces and with backpacks overflowing with school supplies. Together, we will make it a year filled with learning and fun.



School masses are a beautiful way for us to gather as a community. Students sit with their "buddy" classes as we celebrate God's love and learn to live as Jesus taught. We invite our entire school family, including parents, grandparents, and family friends, to our school masses. Please see the year-long liturgy schedule in the quick links section of this newsletter for your planning purposes. Each class, 2nd-8th grade, will lead at least one mass during the school year. The class plans the mass, writes the Universal Prayers, chooses music, and practices proclaiming the readings. These experiences give students an inside look at the mass and confidence in public speaking. We hope you will join us!

-Sarah Rutherford

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 9:** School Mass 9:30am
- September 12 - October 7:** MAP Fall testing
- September 19:** Protecting God's Children training 5pm
- September 20:** School Picture Day [info here](#)
- September 23:** School Mass 9:30am
- September 29-30:** 7th grade Baker Lake trip

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COVID UPDATES

If your child tests positive for COVID at home, please email the office and your child's teacher. The Department of Health encourages you to call this number to report the case: 360-416-1500.

DOH's recommendation on isolation:

- Symptomatic people **MUST** stay home for at least 5 days **UNLESS** they have both a negative test **and** symptoms resolve with no fever for at least 24 hours.
- People who choose not to test or people who test positive **MUST** stay home the full 5 days from either symptom onset or positive test date, whichever comes first. Day 0 is the day of symptom onset or test date.
- When 5 days have passed, people can return as long as fever has been resolved for at least 24 hours and symptoms are significantly improved.
- We strongly recommend that people returning on day six wear a well fitting mask through day 10 **OR** that people have a negative test result if they choose not to mask on Day 6 through 10. Neither of these actions is **REQUIRED**. Both are practices that will reduce risk of further transmission in the event that people are still shedding intact virus at day 6 or later.
- **IF** a person tests at day 5 or 6 of isolation **AND** tests positive they are **REQUIRED** to isolate for the full 10 days and not return until day 11. Again, a negative test **OR** masking on return are strong recommendations but not required in this updated guidance. Additional testing after a positive test on day 5 or 6 is not recommended and cases can return on day 11.

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>

“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.”

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thank you to Fr. Temo for leading our school prayer service. It was a lovely way to begin the school year and welcome our students and families back to campus.



READY, SET, VOLUNTEER

All volunteers must complete the Protecting God's Children training through the Archdiocese. The next class is Monday, September 19th at 5pm via Zoom and has been increased to 100 participants. If you haven't taken the class yet, please register [here](#).

In next week's Brown Envelope, we will be sending home a School Volunteer Agreement from the Archdiocese. Please be on the lookout, complete the form and send it back to the office.

Student poll: What are you most excited about for this school year?

- Kolly (3rd), Tristan (1st),
Ryan G. (5th) - PE
- Amreet (3rd) – writing in
cursive
- Ellen (1st) – seeing my
sister every recess
- Linkyn (4th) – science
- Frankie (2nd) – having
three recesses a day
- Threasa and Allie (8th) –
field trips
- Diego (8th) – US history
- Merelyn (6th) – band
- Ava (6th) and Jacob (7th)
– electives
- Zoe (6th) – web design
- Angel (7th) – sports
- Gracie (7th) - history



FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church is offering faith formation for children PreK – 12th grade. Registration forms can be found in the quick links section of this newsletter. Please register soon so we have enough supplies. Contact trisha@skagitcatholic.org or 360-848-5064.

- PreK – 12th grade Faith Formation (including 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation) will be at ICC on Sundays from 10:30 – 11:30 starting September 25th.
- Confirmation is for students in 7th grade and up.
- Middle and High School Youth Group is on Wednesday night from 7 – 8:30 at the ICRS parish center starting September 28th. This will be a lively group from 5 churches with lots of food, fun, and games.
- Coffee Hour will be after the 9am Sunday Mass from 10:15 – 10:30.
- Volunteering: help with coffee hour, safety patrol/crossing guards, teaching a class on Sunday, helping on Wednesday nights, providing snacks, or being a substitute teacher are all needed. 10 hours volunteering at the church can count toward your ICRS volunteer hours!



LATE START CLUBS

A huge thank you to Dr. Romano, our new choir director. All students in grades 4-8 are welcome to join the ICRS choir. Practices are Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:20 in the music room. Practice dates through January: September 14, October 5 and 19 , November 16 and 30 , December 7 and January 11, 18, and 25.

ICRS will also be offering Chess club for grades 1st - 6th and Spanish club for K-4th. Flyers for both clubs can be found in the quick links section on page 1 of the newsletter.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you Lopez Island Creamery and the Thieman family for donating delicious ice cream to our back to school night event. The students enjoyed the special treat and we appreciate your support of this fun, community building event!

If you noticed the ICRS grounds looking especially clean and tidy recently, it's all thanks to the Biringer, Janicki and DiPardo families who put in some hard work to make our campus and the grotto sparkle for the first day of school. Thank you for making our school shine!

