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THE ICRS MINUTE

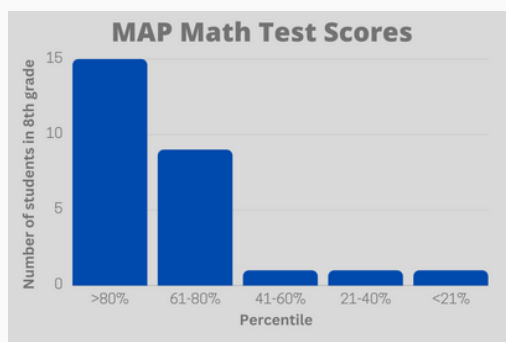
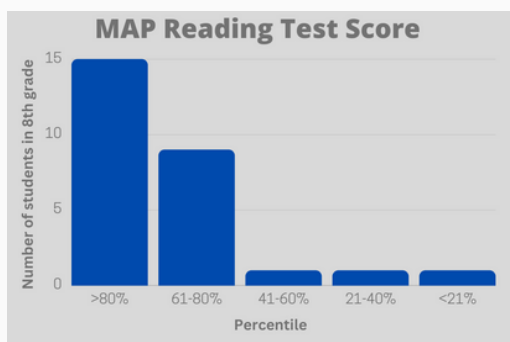
A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

All 2nd-8th grade ICRS students participate in MAP testing each fall and spring. This is a standardized test that measures student growth in the areas of math, language arts, and reading, as well as science starting in 6th grade. Teachers use the data gathered from this testing to inform their teaching. I'd like to share the school-wide MAP results from testing this fall, which attest to the positive impact Catholic education makes on students, helping them develop critical thinking skills and a strong academic foundation.

One thing that I have noticed over the years is how well ICRS does with growth. Our students start a little above the national average, but by the end of 8th grade, they are significantly above average. Not only that, but a majority of our students also move from the 61-80% percentile to the over 80% percentile, meaning that even children in the middle are challenged and grow in achievement at a rate much faster than their peers in other schools. I am very proud of how ICRS challenges and supports each student. Please see the attached graphs showing our 8th grade achievement in math and reading from this fall's MAP test.



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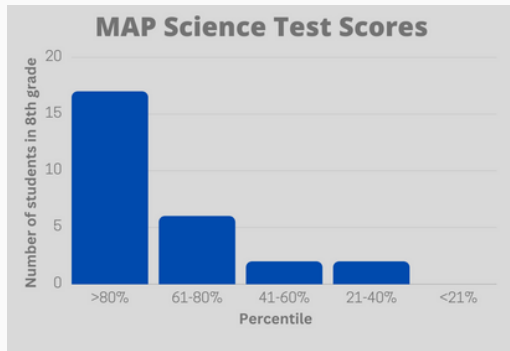
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I am also comparing 6th grade science to 8th grade science.



Our focus is on growth – and we are achieving impressive growth. Some people may say that I am comparing two separate groups of students, which is true, but this is a pattern that happens year after year at ICRS.

MAP test results for most classes will be sent home today in the Brown Envelope. Some teachers have already conferenced with students and sent the reports home. Teachers have already met to analyze these scores. If your child scored below the 20th percentile in any subject, teachers are making specific plans regarding how to support your child. We are also looking at students who scored above the 95th percentile and creating ways to challenge those students to keep growing. Ten 8th graders scored above the 95th percentile in at least one subject, and NO 8th graders scored below the 18th percentile in any subject. Way to go, 8th grade!

-Sarah Rutherford

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

ICRS altar server training is October 19th during lunch and is open to all 3rd through 8th grade students. Students who complete the training are welcome to serve at ICRS masses and at their home parishes. Students may need additional training to learn specifics of their home parishes, but Janette Strand, our pastoral assistant for music and liturgy, will help families coordinate additional training.

The ICRS Choir has begun practicing weekly on late start Wednesdays and is open to all 4th-8th grade students. The choir will perform at school masses and special assemblies during the year.

Last Friday, the 5th grade class did an excellent job leading school mass.





MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE NIGHT

ICRS is hosting two mental health resource sessions for ICRS parents in October. The first session will be held Tuesday, October 18th for the parents of elementary aged children in grades PreK through 4th grade and the second session will be held Thursday, October 20th for the parents of middle school aged children in 5th through 8th grade. The sessions will be led by ICRS parent Kristel Hollick, who is a school counselor in the Snohomish County School District. She has extensive experience working with students who experience anxiety, trauma and behavioral issues and helps them learn skills to cope with their feelings. She will be giving us practical information about mental health of children. We hope you will join us for these important informational sessions. Childcare will be offered during the elementary session. One volunteer hour will be offered per family for attending each class.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

On November 11, ICRS will host an assembly to honor veterans. Invitations will be sent home in the brown envelope and students are asked to invite any friends and family who are veterans to be recognized and thanked for their service to our country. Following the program, all guests are welcome to stay for a reception.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 15: Protecting God's Children class 9am-12pm in the ICRS Library

October 18: Mental Health Resource Night (parents of PreK-4th grade) 5:30-6:30pm in the ICRS Library

October 19: Altar server training during lunch recess (3rd-8th grade)

October 20: Mental Health Resource Night (parents of 5th-8th grade) 5:30-6:30pm in the ICRS Library

October 21: School Mass and Rosary 9:30am

October 25: ICRS Wreath Fundraiser orders due

October 28: Trunk or Treat 6-7pm on the ICRS playground

“Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine.”

ROY T. BENNETT





FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The ICRS Family Fun Night on Friday, October 7th, was a huge success! Students and parents alike had a great time coming together to build community. The ICRS Booster group would like to thank Caitlin and Sven Svendsen, Tanya and Tony Sanger, Sarah Bluhm, Kate Biringer, Ethel Reese, Jonathan Ploudre, Will Reese and the 7th and 8th grade box builders for their help setting up the obstacle course and assisting with laser tag. We hope to see you at the Trunk or Treat on October 28th!

-Marty Reese and Liz Crenna (ICRS Boosters)

MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

At ICRS, we are committed to developing the whole child. Last week our 7th graders went on an overnight hike at Baker Lake where they challenged themselves by hiking four miles each way wearing backpacks. They learned about ecosystems, played in the woods, built community, and experienced the beauty of God's creation. This week the middle school had a day-long retreat at St. Charles Church in Burlington. They prayed together, took time to reflect, built friendships, and served the community by working in the Tri Parish foodbank. Thank you to Mrs. Bluhm, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Reichlin, and all of the parent chaperones who provided these opportunities for our students.



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

Please stay off all screens and pay attention when you are moving in the ferry line. Also, remember that the ICRS playground is a no-idle zone. Please turn off your engine while waiting in line. We want to stay focused on the safety and health of our students.

