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THE ICRS MINUTE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Having been a teacher since 1989, and having raised four kids through college, I have some wisdom regarding report cards and conferences that I would like to share with you today.



How to talk about report cards with your child: FOCUS ON LEARNING. Show excitement and positive energy about what your child is LEARNING. Do not focus on grades. Personally, I do not support paying or rewarding children for good grades; this takes away the intrinsic satisfaction of learning. When you review report cards, have a conversation about what your child has learned so far this year. And your conversation may be about non-academic progress such as study skills, organization, or anxiety management. If you see an area of concern, let your child lead the conversation. Ask what they think the issue is, what they are going to change, and how you can support them.

Children need to know that your love is not connected to their achievement. You can have high standards and praise hard work, but your children need to know that you are supporting them on this journey through life, not judging them. As parents and teachers, we want to promote a life-long love of learning; our behavior teaches children what to value.

How to make the most of parent conferences:

Use the report card as a guide for your conversation. Approach the teacher with curiosity. Teachers have a bird's eye view of the class, and they can tell you where your child fits in socially and intellectually. Leave with an action plan – is there an area of concern? Work with the teacher to create a plan for what will be done at home and what will be done at school to support your child.

-Sarah Rutherford

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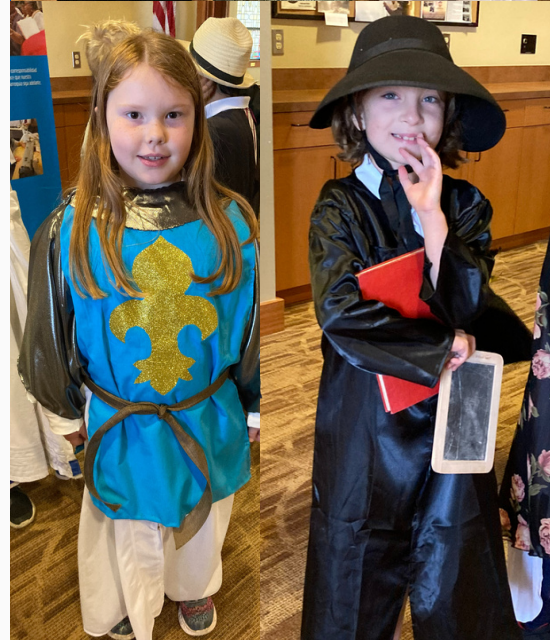
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OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The ICRS community celebrated All Saints Day with Mass on November 1st. The second-grade class dressed in saint costumes to honor their favorite saint, processing into church with Father Tom. The ICRS fourth grade class did an excellent job leading the school in prayer. A special thank you to Dr. Romano and the ICRS Choir for leading us with beautiful music!



GETTING READY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Inclement weather – As Mr. Bell always says, “There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate outerwear. Please send coats to school! Also, if your child needs a new coat, the Sedro Woolley Knights of Columbus have coats to donate. Just email me and let me know the size.

How we decide to cancel school at ICRS: Since ICRS shares buses with MV Christian, we work with their principal to make decisions about school closures. Our first consideration is what MVSD is doing. We will also look at other districts’ decisions. Please remember that ICRS families come from a huge geographic area; you might have snow or flooding at your house, but the school will be high and dry. With that in mind, if you don’t feel safe sending your child to school, please don’t. Let us know, and it will be an excused absence. If school is cancelled or delayed, we will send out a text and an email. We will also notify King 5, KOMO, and KIRO 7. If school is delayed two hours, extended care will also be delayed two hours.

We love our choir!

- ZOE ADKINS
- MERELYN ARREOLA-MAGANA
- MARLEN ALVAREZ
- XAVI BRISENO
- ASHLYNN BARBORINAS
- VICTORIA BARRIGA
- EMILY DE GUZMAN
- ASHLEY JANICKI
- LYNKYN RENTSCHLER
- HOPE STAMPFLI





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A special thank you to James Taylor, who fixed two lunch tables and saved the school \$6,000!
- Friendly reminder: Please buy shoes that blend with the uniform. The Handbook says, "shoes need to be predominantly white, black, navy or brown in color."
- Please plan ahead when ordering hot lunch. We must tell MVSD our order 24 hours in advance. If your child doesn't order lunch ahead of time, we run out! We don't want children to go hungry.
- COVID Update: We are following the DOH guidelines regarding COVID. Please see the updated guidance in the quick links section of this newsletter.

FUN HAD BY ALL AT TRUNK OR TREAT

The annual Trunk or Treat was a great success! Thank you to all the families that decorated their cars and gave out candy. A big thank you to Schuh Farms for donating pumpkins and delicious pumpkin ice cream, Katie and Joe Beringer for delivering the Schuh donations to school, Erin Kohlhaas and Kristi Leksen for scooping ice cream, Tricia and Bradley Mendenhall and Don Strand for helping with supervision and Peter, Anthony and Mary Reese for helping to clean up garbage on the playground after the event.

Please save the date for the Santa Pancake Breakfast coming up on December 4th!

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 10:** Veterans Day Ceremony 11am; NOON dismissal - end of 1st trimester
- November 11:** Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 18:** Report Cards come home
- November 21-23:** NO SCHOOL: Parent-teacher conferences - schedules sent in last brown envelope - **any scheduling changes must be done through the office**
- November 24-25:** Happy Thanksgiving: NO SCHOOL
- November 30:** Last day to waive fee for Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Program: apply [here](#)
- December 2:** Auction procurement due
- December 4:** Santa Pancake Breakfast 9am-1pm
- December 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception

