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THE ICRS MINUTE

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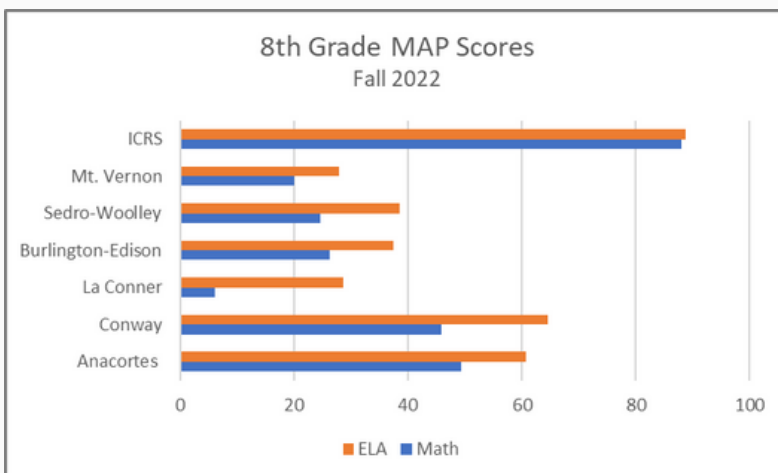
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This newsletter focuses on the value of an ICRS education. I acknowledge and honor the sacrifices that you make to send your child to ICRS. Today, I wish to share some facts with you that you may not know about ICRS.



- We strive to have Catholic values of love, service, and dignity infuse everything we do at ICRS. Every day, we teach children to love God and one another.
- We teach the whole child, focusing on spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual development.
- ICRS consistently scores well above all the local public schools on standardized tests. This difference in scores grows as the children move through the grades. But it's not just about test scores. ICRS teachers meet students where they are and challenge each individual to excel.



- ICRS alumni consistently rank in the top 10 of local high schools and are regularly named valedictorians. Our reputation for excellence is well known as our 8th graders move into high school.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

- Our alumni go to the top colleges in the country. They report that their education at ICRS set them up for success by giving them a strong academic foundation, good study habits, and critical thinking skills.
- Children who attend ICRS are part of a community that values respect, responsibility, and kindness. We strive to create a strong partnership among parents, families, and staff so that children are surrounded by a supportive network of adults. Children who attend Immaculate excel in life because they have been surrounded by teachers and classmates who exemplify these values. Over time, ICRS students grow to become servant leaders to their community.
- I am proud of what the parents, students, staff, and benefactors of ICRS have created. This type of education requires commitment and resources. My hope is to clearly communicate this so every parent is aware of the value and challenges of providing an education at ICRS.

Please stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter about the resources needed to educate each child at ICRS.

-Sarah Rutherford

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank you to Ms. Hudson, mom to Liam in 7th grade, for her creativity in keeping our school birthday board looking festive each month.

Please be on the lookout for your family's volunteer and fundraising report that is being sent home this week in the Brown Envelope. This is a progress report for the 1st trimester. There's still time to reach your goal. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jamie Eskola, at eskolajamie@yahoo.com.



“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI





CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The ICRS Christmas program is Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Center. We are very excited to once again to celebrate this event in person! All are welcome; please invite family and friends to attend and celebrate this magical time of year.

CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT

Please join us to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception starting with school mass on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am. Students will eat lunch and have recess with their family groups, receive special treats, and enjoy a visit from Father Tom to mark this very important celebration for our school. If you are interested in volunteering on this feast day, please contact Jamie Eskola at eskolajamie@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2: Auction procurement due; Advent Prayer Service at 9:30am at St. Joe's led by 3rd grade

December 4: Santa Pancake Breakfast 9 am-1 pm at St. Joe's; Book fair opens early for Christmas shopping

December 5-9: Book Fair [SHOP NOW](#)

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception - school mass 9:30am

December 15: ICRS Christmas program 6:30 at St. Joe's

December 16: Advent Prayer Service at 11:15am led by 4th grade and Student Council; NOON dismissal

December 19 - January 1: Christmas vacation - NO SCHOOL

