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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Happy Catholic Schools Week! My message today is a quote from our superintendent, Nicholas Ford.



"What makes a Catholic school? Perhaps it is better to ask what makes a school Catholic? I think what makes a school Catholic is the daily opportunity to hear God's voice. Our students' hearts are left soft each day they step foot into our classrooms.

Each day, they are surrounded with opportunities to hear God's voice, and these opportunities are not limited to religion class or morning prayer. God's voice is not restricted to Sundays nor is it restricted to any singular discipline. God's voice can be heard throughout the day because our teachers teach through the lens of our Catholic identity. Not restricted to a class or prayer, God's voice is amplified in all that we do.

What makes a school Catholic is not uniforms or masses. No, what makes a school Catholic is the quest to find God in all things, and in all that we do – in the classroom, on the playground, and in service to others – to give glory to God."

-Sarah Rutherford

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank you to our students who spoke at masses last weekend: Noah Wright, Michael Veltri, Frankie Oropeza, Merelyn Arreola-Magana, Bryson Schaffner, Cady Natoli, Mia Velasquez, Jayden Ouellette, Giacomo DiPardo, Eileen Munoz, Alpha Raygoza, Ben Fisher, Amos Miller, Angela DeCosta, Isabela DeCosta, Matthew Schultz, Lauren Schultz, and Zoe Adkins. You are our best ambassadors of Catholic education.

PARISH TUITION SUPPORT

As mentioned in previous newsletters and the State of the School address, all families who would like to be considered for parish tuition support for the coming school year need to meet with Mrs. Rutherford during the month of February. Please choose a meeting date and time [HERE](#).

As always, base rate families are welcome to sign up for a meeting if they would like to check in with Mrs. Rutherford.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

ICRS alums Chloe and Ava Walker, Lola Vu, Ariel Raygoza, Farah Briseno, and Veronica DeCosta volunteer every week after school, helping ICRS students with their studies. We love having them back on campus!

A big thank you to Jamie Eskola, our volunteer coordinator, for taking the lead on both the staff appreciation and grandparent appreciation events.



THANK YOU TO 8TH GRADE ROOM MOM KRISTI LELKSEN AND THE 8TH GRADE CLASS FOR HOSTING THE PIZZA PICNIC LUNCH





PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Last week the mayor of Mount Vernon, Jill Boudreau, visited the ICRS middle school to speak with our students about working with local government to create an urban forest at the north end of our field.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Mr. Amaya will be leaving ICRS to focus on his basketball coaching business. We are grateful to him for his service. He has been a blessing to us all. The part-time PE job will be listed soon. Please contact Mrs. Rutherford if you are interested.

SUPER SPELLERS

Congratulations to our school spelling bee finalists Bennett Hunter, Emily de Guzman, Ashlynn Barborinas, Ryan Guanzon, Cate Ryan, Ben Fisher and Lauren Schultz. Special praise to Amelia Guanzon and Veronica Oropeza, who tied for second place, and to our winner, Angela DeCosta.

CAMPUS SECURITY

For security purposes, the St. Joe's gate will be locked from 8:30-9:15 on Wednesdays. We hope to have all students who come early on Wednesdays in their respective places by 8:30. If you want to drop your child off between 8:30 and 9:15, please use the main office.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3: Open House 5-6pm; ICRS Sock Hop 5:30-7:30pm

February 6-13: Student Council candygram sale \$.25 each

February 10: NO SCHOOL

February 15: Altar Server training and pizza lunch- new altar servers welcome

February 17: School Mass 9:30am

February 20: President's Day - NO SCHOOL

February 22: Ash Wednesday - School Mass 10:30am

February 24: NOON DISMISSAL - End of 2nd trimester

February 25: 41st Annual ICRS Auction TICKETS

March 18: Save the Date - campus hedge trimming party

