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THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made this year's auction a roaring success! More information about the auction on page 2.

Digital Literacy

At least weekly, news gets to me about children using apps or communicating with each other digitally in inappropriate ways. Technology saturates everything we do, and it can be challenging for parents to stay abreast of what their children are exposed to or what they are doing online.

In April, ICRS is starting a school-wide program through our technology classes to teach children how to use technology wisely and safely. We will use lessons from Common Sense.

media balance
online privacy
digital footprint
communication cyberbullying
news & media literacy

Community

One of the best things about ICRS is our strong community. A strong school community is not a group of perfect children and adults. It is a place where adults work together and support one another in forming moral, kind, and loving children. A strong school community is built on adults who RESPOND respectfully and foster solutions to the challenges we face. We must model the way and teach our children how to handle difficult situations.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

As the school leader, I strive to be transparent in my communication with the school community. I work to solve problems in a way that holds each person with dignity and respect – the goal is to learn from mistakes, not to punish or shame a child. As a parent, I know the tendency to react emotionally when something negatively impacts my child. I am asking all of us to start from a place of compassion and remember, we are all children of God and we are all capable of making mistakes. Please remember to try to withhold judgement and seek the facts when something happens.

As we reflect on our ICRS community, let us allow the Holy Spirit to work with us to create God's kingdom. As Pope Francis says, "No one is saved alone, as an isolated individual, but God attracts us looking at the complex web of relationships that take place in the human community. God enters into this dynamic, this participation in the web of human relationships."

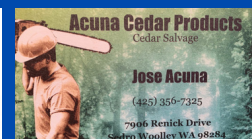
-Sarah Rutherford

41ST ANNUAL ICRS AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's auction. Whether you sponsored the event, donated items to the auction catalog, volunteered your time, raised your paddle or bid from home, you played an integral part in making this year's event one of the most successful in our history. We raised over \$230,000 in support of our mission to provide a quality education rooted in Catholic beliefs and values to students in Skagit Valley. You are amazing - thank you for your generosity!

All supporters who attended Saturday's event were delighted to come together in-person once again, not only in support of a worthy cause, but to continue building this wonderful community we all love. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Thank you 2023 Auction Sponsors





IMPORTANT DATES

March 9: NO SCHOOL - optional parent-teacher conferences

March 10: NO SCHOOL - teacher retreat

March 13: Enrollment for 23-24 school year begins for current ICRS families & Cultural, Science and Engineering Fair 6-7PM

March 17: School Mass 9:30AM, Happy St Patrick's Day - free dress in green

March 18: Hedge trimming 9AM

March 31: Stations of the Cross 2:15PM

April 3-8: Spring Break

April 9: EASTER

April 17-21: Wellness Week

April 20: Jog-A-Thon

April 21: Parent Night Out - information in brown envelope and quick links

