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THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I'd like to share a **message from Father Tom** with you:

Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you and to our whole Immaculate Conception Regional School family! As you know spring break coincides with Holy Week and I invite you to make the upcoming celebrations of our Christian faith a priority. The procession with palms on Palm Sunday, the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, the darkness and adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday, and the music and flowers—and, of course, the parish Easter egg hunts—of Easter Sunday, all make a deep impression on our children and on us. We hope you will join us!

It is always a joy for Fr. Paul, Fr. Temo and me to celebrate school Masses and to visit classes at ICRS. I always come away impressed and encouraged from time with students, teachers, and staff. Thank you for sending your children to ICRS and for supporting the high-quality Catholic education and values so central to our mission. We are blessed to have ICRS here in the Skagit Valley and you all as part of our ICRS family.

Finally, I want to share with you that we are moving forward with the ICRS principal search process required by the Archdiocesan Schools Office to make the position permanent. You may recall that last year when ICRS principal Gwen Rodrigues retired, our 7th grade teacher, Sarah Rutherford, was appointed interim principal.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

I have appointed SVCC members Dan Fisher (chair), Kathy Cartee, Pauline Cline, Sue Christianson, and Antonio Velasco to serve on the ICRS Principal Search Committee as we follow the Archdiocesan process to transition from an interim to a permanent principal. This process includes surveys of ICRS teachers/staff and school families that will be sent soon. The position will be posted and after evaluating and interviewing applicants the ICRS Principal Search Committee will make a recommendation. We are pleased that interim principal Sarah Rutherford will be a candidate for the permanent position.

Fr. Tom McMichael

PROJECT BASED LEARNING UPDATES

We have lots of project-based learning happening at ICRS. The 6th graders had visitors from the Bread Lab as part of their year-long study of bread. They learned about the thousands of varieties of grain that the Bread Lab plants, observes, and develops.

The 7th and 8th graders learned about homelessness in preparation for their field trip next month to Martha's Place, Catholic Community Services' new permanent supportive housing project. The 7th and 8th graders will be assembling furniture at Martha's place next month as part of an ongoing service project. We strive to educate students about the complex factors that cause such issues as homelessness, and to teach children to respond from the lens of Catholic social teaching.

Mrs. Morrison took the 5th grade class on a wonderful outdoor education overnight trip to Camp Killoqua and Mrs. Santucci took the 3rd grade class on an "About Town" field trip to learn about their community. They visited the police department, the fire station, the library, and Hillcrest Park.





JOG-A-THON

The ICRS Jog-a-thon is coming up on Thursday, April 20th. Students will gather with their family groups and compete in a fun run at the Mt. Vernon High School track from 1:30-2:30PM. Jog-a-thon is part of ICRS Wellness Week which focuses on teaching students healthy habits and promotes physical fitness. Fundraising for Jog-a-thon begins on Wednesday, April 12th, and 100% of funds raised during the event go toward your fundraising goal for the year.

ENROLLMENT FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment is now underway for all families, both returning and new to ICRS. We will offer **finder's fees to current school families who refer new families to ICRS**. Please refer to the student handbook for more details. This is a great time to encourage friends and family who are considering an education at ICRS to make the move! If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Erin Kohlhaas at ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We realize that the traffic during pickup and drop-off can be frustrating. Please keep safety and politeness always in mind. Parents, please do not back up traffic onto Division. This is unsafe. Also, please remember that we are right next to a hospital, and we need to keep traffic clear for emergency vehicles. If cars begin to pile up, please form a line on 15th Street, from north to south.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 31: Stations of the Cross - 2:15PM - *All are welcome to join procession starting at school or meet at church*

April 3-7: Spring Break

April 9: EASTER

April 17-21: Wellness Week

April 20: Jog-A-Thon 1:30-2:30PM



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TEAM WHO WERE
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