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THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Since I have been getting positive feedback for parenting tips from my newsletters, I am being bold in offering more. Please disregard my input if it doesn't fit your needs!

Today I am writing a note to the parent I was when my children were young. I would have loved this advice 15 years ago.

Dear Sarah,

Our society tells us that good parents help their children succeed. They set their children up for success by teaching them, providing opportunities, encouraging them, and helping them set goals. These are all good things! However, parenting can become one long list of things to do, and your family is on a hamster wheel of trying to accomplish tasks. Have you noticed that when your children achieve one thing, you just raise the bar and find something new to accomplish?

Just for today, take a break from your worries about your child; take a break from the list. Look at your child with the awe and gratitude you had when you first held the newborn baby in your arms. Love your child for who she/he is right now, and don't think about the future or the past. Just for a moment. Or an hour. The list will recede into the background, and what is most important will rise to the surface.

-Sarah Rutherford



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MAP TESTING

Students are busy taking the MAP test this month. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress and is a three-part test that measures student knowledge in reading, language usage and mathematics (5th-8th grades also take a science test.) MAP is the standardized test used by the Archdiocese. We can compare our scores to Archdiocese schools and to national norms. Students in 1st-8th grade take the test twice a year. Scores are focused on student growth.

Please expect your child's scores to come home by the end of the month. If your child's teacher has specific concerns, you will be contacted. As always, feel free to contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns about the test.

JOB OPENINGS

ICRS has two positions open this fall, a lead preschool teacher and a part-time teaching aide. For more information: <https://www.icrsweb.org/employment/>
Please contact Mrs. Rutherford if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER/FUNRAISING STATEMENTS

End-of-year volunteer and fundraising statements are coming home this week in the brown envelope. Please review and contact Dayna Frederick at frederick@icrsweb.org with any questions. Accounts will be charged on May 30th for any balances due.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 19: School Mass at 9:30am (2nd grade leads) & Concert Band field trip

May 24: Middle School Band Concert & Art Show, 7 pm

May 25: Superintendent visits; 2nd & 3rd grade field trip - Utopia Land Trust

May 29: NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

May 30-June 2: 7th grade road trip

May 31: 4th grade field trip to SPARK Museum/Whatcom Falls

June 1-2: 8th grade Kayak Trip

June 2: School Mass & 1st grade field trip to Lopez Island Creamery/Guemes Island

June 8: Talent Show 1pm

June 9: Field Day

**"It's not how much
we give but how
much love we put
into giving."**

-MOTHER TERESA



Kindergarten Muffins with Mom



5th and 6th Grade Earth Camp

