



**Immaculate Conception Regional School**

Providing an education rooted in Catholic beliefs and values

# Back to School Night

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# Opening Prayer

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Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide us in Your ways.  
At the beginning of this new school year,  
we ask you to bless the students, parents, teachers, and staff  
of Immaculate Conception Regional School,  
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love;  
expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.  
Amen





# **We are a Community All are Welcome**

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Introduce yourself and say the names and grades of your children

# Meet the Staff



Welcome new teachers:

- Mrs. Eskola - PreK
- Ms. Tindall - STEM club





# Student Learning Expectations

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Focused on developing the whole child - they are why we do what we do

- Active persons of faith
- Life-long learners
- Active citizens of the global community
- Self-aware individuals



# Communication

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**If something comes up, talk to the teacher first**

Talk to me

Ways we communicate with parents:

- Website
- Newsletter
- Email/text
- Social Media

Resources:

- Handbook
- Uniform policy

# Safety Plan



- We strive to create a welcome, yet safe environment -  
sign in, use the main door
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
  - Reunification plan
- Register for Code Red - Skagit County Public Safety





# Homework

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- **Homework will be meaningful and supportive of learning**
- Please contact the teacher if homework is an issue for your child
- Recommended length of time that students should spend on homework on week nights:
  - **Grades 1-3: 20-30 minutes**
  - **Grades 4-6: 30-60 minutes**
  - **Grades 7-8: 60-90 minutes**



# Project-Based Learning

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## Tiny Forest Project

**Before**



**After**





# Mental Health



## Care Solace

- connect your child or anyone in your family to mental health/substance use services
- Free service to you - 24/7/365
- Confidential
  - contact directly via phone: 888-515-0595
  - search for providers anonymously:  
[caresolace.com/archseattle](https://caresolace.com/archseattle)
  - Mrs. Rutherford can assist with a referral



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# School Committees

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- Commission
- Finance
- Endowment
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Technology
- Parent Booster



# Technology Update (Paul Dunn)

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- Teach critical thinking
- Digital literacy
- Digital Citizenship
- Wait Until 8th

# Booster Events (Marty Reese)



Promotes community among ICRS students, parents and supporters

Save the dates:

- Family Laser Tag - September 22
- Trunk or Treat - October 27
- Santa Breakfast with Advent Wreath making - December 3
- Sock Hop - TBD





# Auction

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## **Save the date: Saturday, February 24th**

- Largest fundraiser of the year - offsets the cost of tuition for EVERYONE
- All K-8 families required to:
  - volunteer 5 hours
  - procure good, services or cash valued at \$200
- Auction committee



# Volunteer Hours



Great way to build community and make friends

Applies to K-8 parents:

- 40 hours for 2 parent households
- 20 hours for single parents

Thank you to all parents who helped with campus work parties last week

View opportunities:

<https://www.icrsweb.org/parents/volunteering>





# Skagit Transit and Carpooling

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## Skagit Transit

- All children can ride for FREE
- Provides assistance with routes
- safe option

## Carpooling

- working with families to develop connections
- complete form on your seat if interested



# Logistics



## Drop Off



## Drop off

Starts at 8:15am

Students line up at 8:30am

Tardies greatly affect your child's day

## Pick up

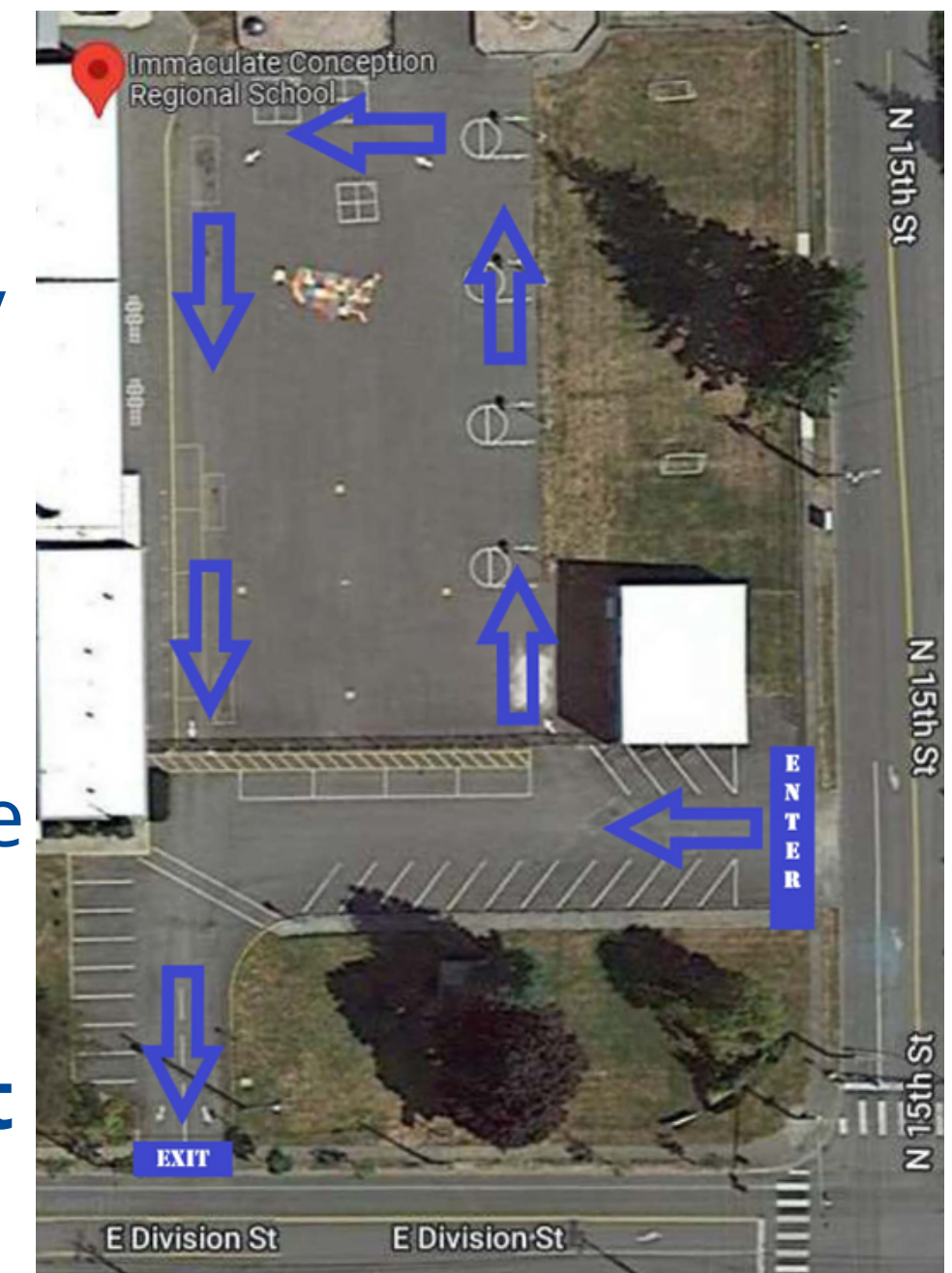
Gates open at 2:30pm

Students released at 3pm

Students not picked up by 3:15pm are sent to extended care

**Please use our safe system - do not drop off or pick up at St. Joe's unless you have a preschooler**

## Pick Up





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# Late Start Wednesdays

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School begins at 9:30am instead of 8:30am

During that hour:

- K-2 - Extended Care
- 3-5 - Gym
- 6-8 - Library

Register for chess or STEM club or liturgical choir (STEM club will change by trimester)





# Things to Ponder

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- Time in school matters
- Ask for clarification and assume good intentions - wait to send the angry email
- Take the 30,000 foot view



# Visit the classrooms

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- Two 25-minute sessions
- Make an appointment with teachers if you have additional questions or concerns