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THE ICRS MINUTE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

We are grateful to spend this Advent season with your children. As we prepare for Christmas at ICRS, we focus on the spiritual, not the material. We prepare our hearts as we hope and wait for Jesus. Thank you to Fr. Tom and Fr. Raj for leading the 3rd through 8th grades in Advent Reconciliation services last week.



Once again, I'd like to reassert that one of the best gifts that you can give your child is to tell them that you love them "for who they are", not because of anything that they have achieved or accomplished. In our culture, we inadvertently give our children the message that our love is conditional to our children's good or bad behavior, school achievement, athleticism, or other positive behaviors. Sadly, I sometimes see students who truly believe that their parents only love them when they are good or when they are successful. The holidays are a perfect time to snuggle with our kids (even if they are in 8th grade) and tell them that we love them.

This week we will be sending Intent-to-Return forms for the 24-25 school year. I know it seems early, but please complete them as soon as possible. We have several full classes and want to begin finalizing class lists so we know how many new students we can accept for the coming year. In our efforts to make your life easier, we are introducing CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT. Your child will be automatically re-enrolled unless you indicate they will not be returning on the Intent-to-Return form. The registration fee will be charged to your tuition account in February. New children of existing families still need to complete an application but are always given priority in the admission process. I am deeply grateful for Erin Kohlhaas's work on this. Please contact her if you have any questions about enrollment or admissions.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

If your family needs tuition assistance for next school year, you must complete an application by December 31st or you will not be considered. It's important to note that while many families have started the process, some applications are incomplete because supporting documents, like your 2022 tax return, have not been uploaded. Please check your account! If you need help completing the application, we have four staff members who are more than happy to walk you through the process. Please call the school office to schedule a time to complete the application.

Please join us for the ICRS Christmas Program next Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. Thanks to Mr. Fejeran's leadership, we have a spectacular celebration planned (and every act is less than three minutes long 😊) Our Advent Prayer service, PBIS awards assembly, and Student Council sing-along next Wednesday, December 20th begins at 11:15 AM in St. Joe's. We hope to see you there. Just a reminder, next Wednesday is still a late start day and we have noon dismissal with no extended care.

If you are looking for a list of recommended books by grade level to keep your child engaged and learning during Christmas break, please check out the list our librarian, Mrs. Keck, has put together here. This is also a great resource for last minute Christmas gifts for children.

All of the staff at ICRS wish your family a blessed and peaceful Christmas season.

-Sarah Rutherford

IMPORTANT DATES

December 15: Concert Band Tour; 8th grade Christmas caroling at Mountain Glen

December 19: Christmas Program - St. Joes @ 7pm

December 20: Advent prayer service and PBIS assembly @ 11:15am; NOON DISMISSAL (no extended care)

December 21 - January 2: Christmas Vacation

December 31: Fulcrum application for tuition assistance is due

January 3: School resumes

“May Advent awaken us to God’s presence in our daily lives.”

POPE FRANCIS

