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THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

There is so much going on at ICRS. Please make yourself a cup of tea and take a few minutes to read this newsletter.

Accreditation: This is a process where ICRS staff, students, and parents work together to assess the strengths and needs of the school, and then set long-term goals for improvement. This happens every six years. The staff is currently in the process of assessing ICRS based on four domains – Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Parents and students were surveyed regarding these topics in the fall. This spring, we will be enlisting your input as we create a school improvement plan for the next six years. If you have questions about accreditation, please get in touch with me.

State of the School: Please join me in St. Joe's for the annual State of the School address at 6 p.m. on January 25th. Childcare is available, and families earn one volunteer hour for attending. As a Catholic school, ICRS has unique academic and financial information that I would like to share with you.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up, January 27-Feb. 3. More information will be sent home soon, but here are some important things to start thinking about now: 1. ***We need volunteers to host the Senior/Grandparent Brunch on Thursday, Feb. 1.*** This is a wonderful tradition at ICRS, but we cannot host it unless we have volunteers. Please see the quick links section to sign up or call the office if you can help. 2. ***Monday, January 29th is Parent Appreciation Day and we have a pizza picnic lunch in St. Joe's.*** Please check your Brown Envelope for an order form.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

As part of our ongoing safety initiative, we have monthly drills to ensure students are prepared in the event of an emergency. This month we will have a **lockdown drill on January 18th at 10:45 a.m.** Teachers tell students specifics about what to do in case of an emergency, and frequent drills help us practice our response in a variety of scenarios. Despite our best efforts, some children become anxious regarding drills; I am communicating now so that you will have an opportunity to talk with your child.

We are grateful to Janette Strand for working with our Altar Servers Club. We now have about 30 ICRS students who have been trained to serve at Masses. If your child has been trained at ICRS, I encourage you to contact your home parish to get your child on the altar server schedule. Children may need to do additional training at their home parishes so that they can be ready for the specifics in that church. We are excited and grateful to share our Catholic faith in this way.

-Sarah Rutherford

IMPORTANT DATES

January 12: Spelling Bee in Library @ 8:50 a.m., NOON Dismissal

January 15: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18: Lockdown drill @ 10:45 a.m., Priests visit classrooms, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

January 19: Mass @ 9:30 a.m. led by 3rd grade

January 25: State of the School - 6 p.m. @ St. Joe's

January 28 - February 3: Catholic Schools Week

January 27/28: Wear your uniform to Mass

January 29: Parent Appreciation Day - pizza lunch @ St. Joe's

January 30: Community Appreciation Day

January 31: Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

February 1: Grandparent/Senior Appreciation Day - Mass @ 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch

February 2: Student Appreciation Day - PBIS Assembly and Mariachi Band @ 9:30 a.m., OPEN HOUSE @ 5 p.m., Sock Hop @ 5:30 p.m., Middle School Dance @ 7:15 p.m.

"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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