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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Please join me today, Thursday, at 6:00 p.m., for the annual **State of the School** address. Communication is the key to great relationships, and by attending the State of the School, you will get an essential overview of what is happening at ICRS. All parents who attend will earn one service hour. Childcare will be provided in the extended care room.



Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools. Here is an article from Forbes magazine about the "Catholic School Effect". "Catholic schools have stood for educational excellence, economic mobility, faith formation, and moral witness for more than two centuries.

Research has continually shown that Catholic schools have a positive impact on the students who attend them and the communities that they serve. In their 1995 book Catholic Schools and the Common Good, Anthony Bryk, Valerie Lee, and Peter Holland argued that "Catholic schools have an independent effect on achievement, especially in reducing disparities between disadvantaged and privileged students."

Next week is loaded with fun activities to help us celebrate:

Saturday and Sunday: ICRS students speak at Masses. Students who wear their uniforms to church get free dress on Monday. (If your child is not Catholic, they can wear their uniform to your place of worship.)

Monday: Parent Appreciation Day – Join us for a picnic lunch in St. Joe's. We will start excusing by grade, starting with Kindergarten at 11:30. Students will meet you in St. Joe's. The only lunch served is pizza lunch – students need to order today or bring their own sack lunch. Please see quick links if you lost your order form.

Tuesday: Community Appreciation Day

Wednesday: Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day – please show ICRS faculty and staff your appreciation. Thank you to Lilia Ortiz and family for providing lunch for our faculty and staff.

Thursday: Grandparent and Parent Appreciation Day – please invite grandparents or special seniors in your life to celebrate Mass with us at

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9:30 in the church. There will be a reception afterward in St. Joe's with the ICRS band providing entertainment.

Friday: Student Appreciation Day – PBIS assembly at 9:00 a.m. This is a “Wear Your Favorite Color” free dress day.

5:00-6:00 Join us for our ICRS Open House. All are welcome to join the scavenger hunt, visit classrooms, meet teachers, and see student work.

5:30-7:00 Sock Hop in St. Joe's

7:15 – Middle School Dance

Did you get the Snow Day texts last week? If you did not and wish you did, please text “yes” to 79041 and that will add your number to our automated system.

ICRS is working hard on our accreditation self-study. We have analyzed our school based on four Domains, 13 Standards, and 70 Benchmarks. Now we need your input. Please complete this [survey](#).

-Sarah Rutherford

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

The Missoula Children's Theater is inviting you to SAVE THE DATE for a royal ball. ICRS and The Missoula Children's Theatre will be putting on a production of CINDERELLA on May 3. Rehearsals will be after school April 29-May 3. There will also be an optional theater workshop for interested kids on Wednesday morning, May 1.

We are looking for sponsors for the program and parent volunteers to help after school and on performance day. We will send another invite in March for participants to sign up. We hope to see you at the ball! - Tracy Ouellette and Nora Kammer, parent volunteers

IMPORTANT DATES

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 @ 9:00 a.m., OPEN HOUSE @ 5 p.m., Sock Hop @ 5:30 p.m., Middle School Dance @ 7:15 p.m.

March 1: Mass @ 9:30am led by 3rd grade

March 5: Technology Information Night for all parents @ 6 p.m.

March 13: Engineering, Science and Cultural Fair @ 6 p.m.



“Catholic education is also evangelization: bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and its power to renew our communities and provide hope and strength in facing wisely the challenges of the present time”

POPE FRANCIS

Spelling Bee Participants

