VOL. 2 ISSUE 14 • FEBRUARY 22, 2024 **THE ICRS MINUTE** A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Dear Parents:

Thank you to Erin Kohlhaas and the auction committee who are working so hard to make our auction a success. Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser and the funds raised during the event reduce tuition for every family in the school.

Please put **March 5th**, **6:00 p.m.**, on your calendar. The technology committee is partnering with local experts and the 7th grade to put on a special night that will help EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY GRADE to use technology more wisely and safely. In my experience, technology misuse is the most serious student issue that I see in my office. Please join us as we work as a community to create a safe and life-affirming world for our children.

Please take time to schedule your annual principal meeting <u>here.</u> I would love to check in with every parent in the school. **Your meeting counts as one volunteer hour.** Catholic parents who meet with me by April 1st will be eligible for the in-parish tuition rate.

Classes are filling up fast for next school year! We anticipate several full classes with waitlists. If you haven't done so, please complete the **intent to return form** as soon as possible. If you have children that will be enrolling at ICRS for the first time, you must complete a new student application through your SchoolAdmin account <u>here</u>. Merely adding the new student's name to the intent to return form does not enroll them.

Changes for the 2024-25 school year: Our amazing teachers have agreed to lengthen our school day by 10 minutes. So get ready to change your alarm because next year the first bell will





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ring at 8:20. ICRS already exceeds state requirements for minutes taught, but our teachers want more instructional time. This will add 50 minutes per week.

The 2024-25 calendar is now available. Please see the quick links section of this newsletter. Note that in response to parent requests, we made Presidents Day a four-day weekend next year.

Do you know a middle schooler who might thrive in the challenging academic setting at ICRS? Please tell them about our merit scholarship. This is for new students only. Information can be found in the quick links.

Our Parent Booster group needs a boost! Now is the time to join. This is the group that plans our family activities, such as Trunk-or-Treat, the Santa Breakfast, and the Sock Hop. Contact Mrs. Rutherford if you are interested in being on the committee.

-Sarah Rutherford

IMPORTANT DATES

February 23: NOON DISMISSAL - end of the 2nd trimester **February 24: School Auction -** have you purchased your ticket yet? <u>TICKETS</u>

March 1: Mass @ 9:30am led by 3rd grade March 5: Family Tech Talk for all parents @ 6 p.m. March 7-8: NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences/Teacher In-Service

March 22: Tiny Forest Tree Planting; We will begin with a blessing at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH Saint Joseph, like Mary you always listened and thought about what God wanted you to do. And you answered generously and with trust. Help us to have the courage to live a life of faith, like yours. Help us to believe God loves us always, especially when we are sad or not sure what we should do. We pray in Jesus name. Amen

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Thank you, Avery Tyndall, for leading our STEM classes! We appreciate you!





Mrs. Rutherford's 3rd grade teacher - Sister Julie



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