

ICRS Parent Newsletter

Immaculate Conception Regional School provides an education rooted in Catholic beliefs and values for the students in Skagit and surrounding counties. ICRS emphasizes the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical development of its students, while fostering community among students, parents and staff.

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Kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much (Pascal)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ICRS seeks outside funding to pay for technology upgrades. In November Mr. Van Selus and Mr. Tom O'Callahan from the Archdiocese submitted a proposal for **E-Rate and Fulcrum Foundation** funding to upgrade wifi access points, the filter, and switches. E-Rate will cover about 40%, and the Fulcrum Foundation will help us cover the remainder. This project is worth \$34,735. This project is funded.

Honda Grant to support 21st Century Classrooms. A team of staff worked together to submit a grant request to the American Honda Foundation to support ICRS's technology plan; specifically, the school requested funds to upgrade technology in each classroom, and train teachers to integrate the new technology to support student learning. *21st Century Classrooms* will upgrade equipment in each classroom with new flat screens, document cameras, and audio equipment all having blue tooth connectivity to teacher lap tops. The gym will be equipped with a new mounted projector. And the new library/

media center will be equipped with six flat screens and speakers to which the students can connect their laptops.

Each of the 13 teachers and principal will receive an upgraded laptop and desktop monitor compatible with the new equipment. Faculty will participate in training and be given time to coach one another on how to best integrate the new technology, e.g., bringing the outside world and other rich resources into the classroom, and teaching students how to best use this technology. The total requested for this project is \$52,500. *Funding for this project has yet to be determined.*

STORM is on hold until after the auction. STORM supports Science, Technology, and Outdoor Education. Our goal is to raise \$20K for science (accomplished), \$16K for technology, and \$10K for outdoor education. So far, STORM has raised about \$29,000. Funds from STORM will be expended next fiscal year. You'll hear more about STORM in the spring.

Feb 15 1:20 6th to Planetarium

4:00 7/8 GBB LU @ IC

6:00 5th/6th Parent Outdoor Ed Meetings

Feb 19, Presidents Day Holiday, no school

Feb 20 8:30 Scrip orders due

4:00 7/8 GBB @ Ed

Feb 21 Power Hour, 9:30 Late Start

9:30 Auction Set up

3:15 Staff meeting

5:30 5/6 GBB @ WV

Feb 22 8:30 Auction set up

4:00 7/8 GBB @ BV

Feb 23 8:30 Auction Set up
9AM Lenten Prayer service (4th/5th)

2:30 Scrip orders ready

Feb 24 4-10PM Big Blue Auction

Feb 16 8:30 AM Mom's Group in Parish Library

Feb 27 4:00 7/8 GBB Allen @ IC

6:00 State of the School Address in SJC Foyer

Feb 28 Re-registration begin

8:30 Power Hour

9:15 Late Start

3:15 Staff Meeting

6:45 6th GBB IC @ Ed

7:45 5th GBB IC @ Ed

Mar 1 8:40 Facilities/Maintenance Meeting

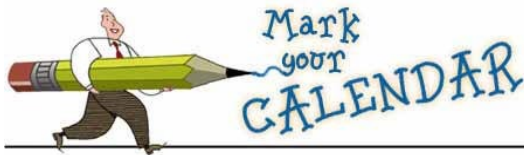
4:00 7/8 GBB IC @ LU

Mar 2 NOON DISMISSAL, End of 2nd Trimester

12:30-2:30 ICRS Skate Date

Mar 5 4:00 7/8 GBB IC @ Allen

FROM THE OFFICE, STAFF AND COMMUNITY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Big Blue Auction Feb. 24, 4-10 PM
- State of the School Address Feb 27, 6PM. Earn \$50 off registration by attending.

- Re-registration begins Feb 28
- End of 2nd Trimester Mar 2, Noon Dismissal

JOB POSTINGS See icrsweb.org for job posting for a counselor, PT aide, PT secretary, and subs.

DISHES GALORE. Free dishes on stage in the old cafeteria until Friday, Feb. 16.