



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.

NOON Dismissal tomorrow, March 2. End of 2nd Trimester.

Mar 1, 2018

Priority registration Mar 1-19.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Who Set Sail on the Big Blue? The Yacht Party from Caddy Shack (right); Mrs. Howell and Ginger along with Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Renner (below); and pirates (bottom right). Aargh Matey. Thank you Alyssa Ryan and Monira Vakil and all the parent volunteers who made this evening a success.



Mar 1-19; PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR EXISTING FAMILIES

Mar 1 1-2:30 Lenten Reconciliation for 5-6-8

4:00 7/8 GBB IC @ LU

Mar 2 NOON DISMISSAL, End of 2nd Trimester

10:30 School Mass

12:30-2:30 ICRS Skate Date

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

Mar 6 8:30 Scrip orders due
6:30-7:30PM Science / Cultural Fair in SJC Foyer

Mar 7 8:30 Power Hour

9:30 Late Start

9:40-10:30 Sci/Cultural Fair open to students

3:15 Staff meeting

4:00 7th/8th GBB BV @ IC

5:15 5th/6th GBB IC @ BV

Mar 8 4PM 7/8 GBB Ed @ IC

Mar 9 2:30 Scrip orders ready for pick up

Mar 11—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Mar 13 2nd to Burke Museum

Mar 14 8:30 Power Hour

9:30 Late Start

VIP Free Dress / Extra Re-cess (Auction item) \$25

3:15 Staff meeting

5:15 5/6 GBB WV @ IC

6:00 Open House for new families PK-8

Mar 15 No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences for some students

Mar 16 No School, Regional Curriculum Day

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

FROM THE OFFICE, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

TINKER TOYS needed for 6-7-8 engineering project. If you have any old Tinker Toys lying around, our middle school students could use them for a windmill project. Please contact Mr. Bell if you can provide this resource.

HOUSING for MCT directors. Missoula Children's Theater presents *Jack and the Beanstalk* at ICRS. During the week of April 9, students will tryout and rehearse with two MCT directors. The directors need a place to stay during the week. Do you have two rooms available from Sunday 4/8 to Saturday 4/14? If so, please contact Laura Fisher. The host's ICRS students will have a guaranteed part in the play.

WELLNESS WEEK is coming up, April 23-27. Parents, would you like to brainstorm ideas, lead a fun physical fitness

activity, or share other wellness expertise? Do you know of anyone in the community who would like to share an enriching fitness, nutrition, or wellness activity with our students? If so, contact Trisha Van Selus: vanselus@icrsweb.org Thank you!!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Priority Re-registration Feb 28-Mar 19. \$50 discount on registration for families who attended Feb 27 meeting and register before Mar 19.
- End of 2nd Trimester Mar 2, Noon Dismissal

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS, 2-27-18

The Big Blue Auction raised \$29,500 for scholarships and \$35,000 for the Technology portion of STORM. Final numbers for the auction will be reported after expenses are tabulated. Thank you to Alyssa and Monira and all the parent volunteers for creating a successful event.

STORM has exceeded its goal of raising \$46,000. Here are numbers as of today.

- Science raised \$20,000. This amount will fund new curriculum for K-3 adopted for Fall 2018, and fund new curriculum for 4th-8th adoption for Fall 2019.
- Technology raised \$37,000. This money will be used to fund new laptops, monitors and docking stations for teachers and carry out the five-year technology plan.
- Outdoor Education raised \$10,000 to supplement costs for 5th—8th graders trips next year.

Quite an accomplishment for our first Annual Campaign. Thank you Alyssa and school supporters.

Dan Fisher presented initial designs for the new Library Media Center which is funded by a generous donor. The plans include removing the stage and adding three student collaboration rooms equipped with stationary tables and large computer monitors. The west side of the room will house three north/south rows of books. The east side of the room will house two more collaboration stations, and a counter with computer stations (opposite the existing kitchen serving area). The kitchen will be repurposed and the area in front of the bathrooms will be opened up. An architect is working on plans. Initial designs can be viewed in the office.

The Finance Committee and School Commission worked hard to keep tuition costs low for families

this year in light of increases in salary (avg 5%) and benefits (8-9%). They and I are ever mindful of the financial sacrifice families make to send their children to ICRS. The white insert lists the school tuition and fees for the 2018-2019 school year. Tuition increased by 3%. The registration fee is restructured to capture \$25 for field trip fees and \$10 for RenWeb fees per student. PK only families will pay \$150 for registration. Bus fees have gone up \$50 per year per family, after remaining stagnant for more than 5 years. The Fundraising fee is \$500 per family per year. Homework Help will be billed at the same rate as Ext. Care, \$5.50 per hour, unless a student is recommended by a teacher. All of these changes are reflected on the 2018-2019 fee schedule (white insert) and on RenWeb's online enrollment. If you have any questions, please feel free to make an appointment with the principal.

Another fee has also gone up. The finders fee has doubled. You can earn \$200 for every new K-8 (\$75 for new PK) student from a new family that you bring to ICRS. (See the handbook for more details.) You could offset your increases in tuition and fees with two new students. Please share our story. Tell your neighbors, friends and family about the engineering project your child is doing with DCG Engineers. Let them know we are upgrading to 21st Century Classrooms. Highlight that we are a secure campus. Boast about our excellent academics and high expectations. MVHS teachers recognize ICRS graduates by their study skills and polite nature. And most important, an ICRS education is anchored in Christ. Help me bring 15 new K-8 students to ICRS. I have yard signs and more colored marketing flyers (see insert) for you in the office. I'll be happy to give your friends a personal tour of ICRS. *Open house for new families is 3/14.*

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

PRACTICING DRILLS. ICRS is practicing intruder lock downs at various times of the day—recess, lunch time, Power Hour, after school. Next week teachers will talk to students about what to do when an emergency takes place during recess. Students will practice getting indoors as quickly as possible.

DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO GO TO THE AUCTION? You can still bid on a couple of items and give

your child a **MOVIE NIGHT** and **VIP FREE DRESS and EXTRA RECESS.** Please see today's insert to sign up your child to be part of the fun.

JUST A REMINDER. Power Hour takes place Wednesday mornings. As such, hot lunch orders must be received on Tuesday. Children who do not order hot lunch on time, must bring their own lunch on Wednesdays.