



# 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.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

June 28, 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dear Families, We've had year chock full of events worthy of celebration. Here are just a few:

- ICRS earned a 6-year Accreditation.
- The school's first Annual Fund raised more than \$23K above goal.
- DCG engineers brought engineering into the classroom.
- Teachers were able to collaborate and grow professionally with Wednesday morning Professional Learning Communities.

- ICRS offered a 4-day Kindergarten readiness preschool program.
- Student family groups promoted cross-grade relationships.
- Mrs. Hollick joined our staff as a school Counselor.
- We celebrated Mrs. Reese's 31 years of service to ICRS.
- We planted kindness, and love grew.

Thank you all for being a great part of our success.

**Jun 28** Report cards mailed home

**Jul 1-31** School office is closed

**Jul 21** Order Dennis Uniform online and get free shipping

**Aug 1-30** Office is opened M-Th, 9-3PM

**Aug 15 12-2:00** Used uniform sale

**Aug 27-29** Teacher In-service

**Aug 28** 6PM PK and K New family orientation in the classrooms

7PM K-8 New family orientation

**Aug 29** 2-4PM, Welcome Back, Root Beer Floats, in SJC

**Sep 3** Labor Day, no school

**Sep 4** First day of school, noon dismissal.

10-11AM PK Open House for Students and Parents

12:30-2:30 Skate Party

**Sep 5-14** 11:30 dismissal for Kindergarten

**Sep 5** Wednesday Power Hour and 9:30 Late Start, no Preschool

3:15 Staff meeting

**Sep 6** First day for PK

**Sep 9** ICC Parish picnic

**Sep 10-12** After school world language classes begin

**Sep 12** Wednesday Power Hour and 9:30 Late Start, no Preschool

3:15 Staff meeting

7PM Back to School Night at SJC

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Your child's MAP results, SLE assessments, and report cards are enclosed in this final brown envelope for the 2017-18 school year. The combination of these assessments gives a

comprehensive picture of your child's academic performance during this final trimester. Make sure to see all the contents including an explanation of MAP results.

## FROM THE OFFICE, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

**FAITH ON FIRE.** St. Mary's in Anacortes is welcoming an incredible line-up of dynamic and inspiring speakers...some are new to Faith on Fire, some are returning favorites. All of them share the Gospel with great love. What a great opportunity to soak in the wisdom in their prepared talks as well as enjoy conversation and company with them throughout the weekend. See more information online: <http://stmaryanacortes.org/Faith-Formation/Faith-On-Fire>

**FALL COACHES NEEDED.** Coaches do more than volunteer at ICRS. They shape young lives, promote team spirit, develop skills, and build confidence. ICRS is seeking a 7th/8th girls volleyball coach and a cross country coach for next fall. Please send an email to [van-selus@icrsweb.org](mailto:van-selus@icrsweb.org) if you would like to coach, or for more information.

## LIFE LONG LEARNERS DURING THE SUMMER

**Have a fun, safe and blessed summer.**

**Following is a list fun ways to help children retain what they learned this year.**

### Math practice:

- ◆ Cook by following recipes
- ◆ Follow instructions to make something out of wood or fabric
- ◆ Shop with a predetermined budget
- ◆ Plan a road trip including stops, fill ups, travel time and distance, budget
- ◆ Play cards or board games involving numbers or keeping score
- ◆ Practice math on [Khan Academy.com/mappers](https://www.khanacademy.com/mappers)
- ◆ Run a Lemonade Stand with a friend (and donate your earnings to a worthy cause)



### Science and Engineering practice:

- ◆ Identify a simple problem and invent a gadget to solve it
- ◆ Go online and follow a slime recipe
- ◆ See “20 Super Cool Summer STEM Activities” on <https://www.pltw.org/blog/20-super-cool-summer-stem-activities>
- ◆ Build with Legos
- ◆ Invent something that would improve the environment



### Writing practice:

- ◆ Keep a journal this summer
- ◆ Write letters to your classmates

- ◆ Write stories
- ◆ Write letters to the editor of the paper or to your representatives



### Spiritual growth:

- ◆ Attend daily mass
- ◆ Pray often
- ◆ Read the Bible
- ◆ Pray with others
- ◆ Read/watch movies about the saints
- ◆ Go to the Lending Library at the Parish Center and borrow a book or movie to learn about your faith
- ◆ Feel God’s presence in nature
- ◆ Listen
- ◆ Be the change you want to see in the world
- ◆ Plant kindness and watch love grow



### Reading practice:

- ◆ Find books at your skill level on [YourReadingPath.com](https://www.yourreadingpath.com)
- ◆ Read books at or above your reading level
- ◆ Participate in the library’s Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Read books of many different genres

Visit family and friends, museums, zoos, attend parties, swim, play ball, bike, play tennis, garden, do chores, be active and move away from the screen.



Dear Parents,

Your child's MAP scores are going home today. Second through 8th grade students took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test in the fall and in the spring. They were assessed in math, reading and language. The MAP test was taken online and adapted to each student's instructional level. When a student got an answer correct the next question was a little more challenging. When a student got an answer wrong, the next question was a little easier. At the end of the test each child was given a RIT score. A student's RIT score indicates the level at which he/she was answering questions correctly 50% of the time.

MAP uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years.

Here's how to read the 2nd grade MAP results for the example below: In math, this child performed better than 72% of all the 2nd graders nationwide who took the

MAP test in spring 2018. The student grew 12 RIT points in math, almost reaching his/her goal of 15 RIT points. Based on the bar graph, this student outperformed his/her peers at the Archdiocesan level and nationwide.

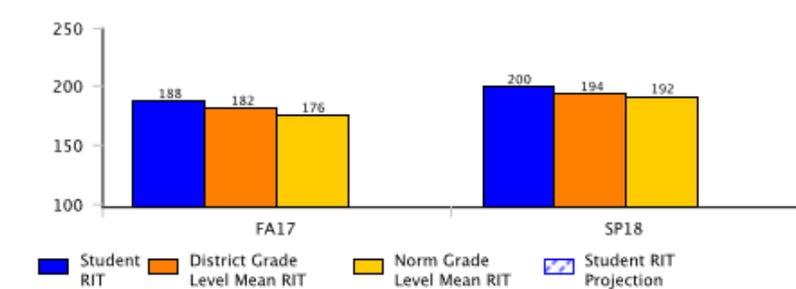
Students can practice math skills at their ability level on [khanacademy.com/mappers](http://khanacademy.com/mappers) where students enter their 4 RIT scores under math (see check marks below). They will then be directed to practice sessions appropriate for their skill level.

On [YourReadingPath.com](http://YourReadingPath.com) a student can enter their spring RIT reading score (circled below), their age and topics they are interested in. The software will provide a list of recommended books for the student.

If you have any questions as to how to read your child's results, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher. More information can be found here: <https://www.nwea.org/content/uploads/2017/08/Parent-Guide.pdf>.

Sincerely,  
Gwen Rodrigues

### Mathematics

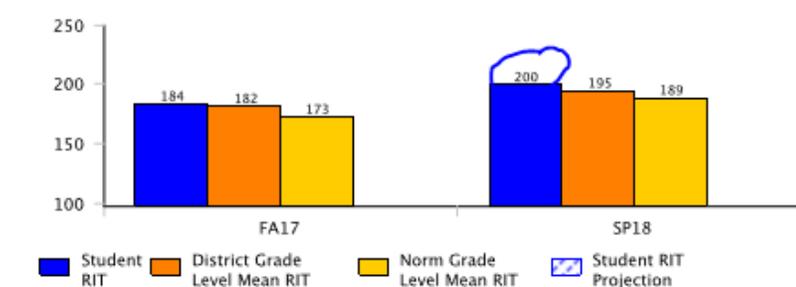


Term/Year	Grade	RIT (+/- Std Err)	RIT Growth	Growth Projection	Percentile Range
SP18	2	197-200-203	12	15	64-72-79
FA17	2	185-188-191			76-83-88

#### Mathematics Goals Performance - Spring 2017-2018

Operations and Algebraic Thinking 199-211 ✓  
 Measurement and Data 188-200 ✓  
 Number and Operations 191-203 ✓  
 Geometry 196-208 ✓

### Reading



Term/Year	Grade	RIT (+/- Std Err)	RIT Growth	Growth Projection	Percentile Range
SP18	2	197-200-204	18	14	70-77-83
FA17	2	181-184-187			68-75-82

#### Reading Goals Performance - Spring 2017-2018

Literary Text: Key Ideas and Details 201-219  
 Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details 203-221  
 Vocabulary: Acquisition and Use 189-207  
 Lexile® Range 501-651L  
 Literary Text: Language, Craft, Structure 182-200  
 Informational Text: Language, Craft, Structure 181-198