



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL OF BUDAPEST

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OUR STRONG FOUNDATION

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ICSB exists to serve families by providing their children with an excellent, biblically-based, college-preparatory education, in an environment that encourages them to become wholehearted followers of Christ.

In a year of uncertainty, the solid foundation on which ICSB has been built was a source of stability and comfort. This year, the ICSB School Board reaffirmed our mission statement, along with our vision statement, core values, and expected student outcomes.

To provide clarity, the statement of faith underwent some very minor revisions. To provide transparency, a missionary commitment was added to our foundational statements.

These statements can be found on our website.

[FOUNDATIONAL
STATEMENTS](#)



COMMUNITY

INTEGRITY

GROWTH



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2020-2021 IN REVIEW

The COVID pandemic affected the school year in many ways. We began somewhat normally in the fall, happy to be together again after distance learning the previous spring.

Though health and safety protocols were in place and some programs had to be modified, ICSB tried to function as normally as possible, and we enjoyed many wonderful times together. We missed our regular sports programs, but we did have some concerts, our musicals, and other fun activities. Students continued to engage in active learning experiences, even though they sometimes took new forms. Our teachers were especially concerned with student well-being along with their dedication to the students' academic success.

Because of the deteriorating public health situation, our Upper School students were required to transition to distance learning in November. The younger students were able to continue in person, but even they had to learn from home for several weeks this spring when another wave of the virus surged.

Our school experienced a tragedy when many staff members and students became ill with the virus, and Stephanie Bishop, our Elementary and Middle School Principal passed away in early April from Covid complications. Our community drew on their strong faith and love for one another to face this huge loss, and we continue to pray for the Bishop family. We all had the opportunity to grow and learn through adversity, and we found the Lord to be faithful.

We were very glad to be allowed to finish the last month of the school year all together in person.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

227

Students

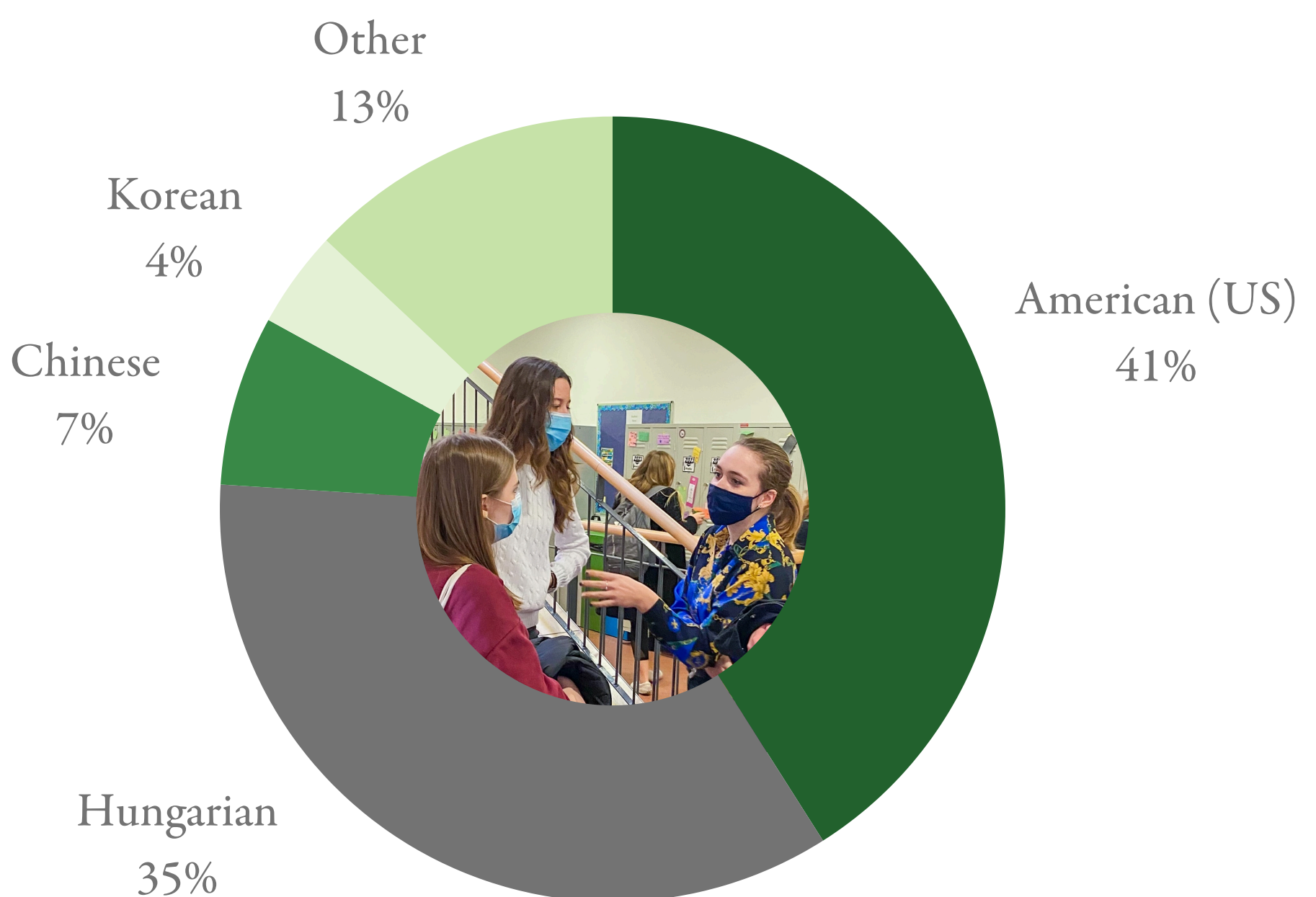
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Nationalities

47%

Children of
expatriate
missionaries

OUR NATIONALITIES





NWEA MAP TESTS

Our Lower School (Pre-First through Eight Grade) students took the NWEA MAP tests for Reading and Math in May. Although the uncertainty of the past year and weeks spent in distance learning affected standardized test scores around the world, we are happy to report that our class groups scored at or above the US national average, and in most cases **WELL EXCEEDED THE 75TH PERCENTILE.**

AP CLASSES

Advanced Placement classes are offered for juniors and seniors



AP Classes



Students



Exams

ACT/SAT EXAMS*

Our Upper School Students also studied for and took important standardized tests, and as a group, scored **WELL ABOVE THE US NATIONAL MEAN.***

ACT



SAT



Number of tests
taken by students

Average ICSB
Composite Score

US National
Average Score

*Accumulated data for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.



CLASS OF 2020-2021

We are so proud of our seniors! They are smart and diligent scholars, strong athletes, talented musicians, caring and faithful friends, and responsible young adults. They finished well, and it was a great day when they all successfully graduated on June 13th.

BRIGHT FUTURES AHEAD

60+

acceptance letters received
from colleges and universities

22

of 25 graduates plan to attend
colleges or universities in the fall



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021-2022

ENROLLMENT

We will be welcoming approximately 235 students in August (an increase over last year’s enrollment) and about 10 new staff members.

FINANCES

The school is in a stable financial position with a healthy contingency fund and no outstanding debt. Tuition for 2021-22 will increase by 3%, reflecting basic cost-of-living increases.

IMPROVEMENTS

- Extensive renovation of the East Building bathrooms
- New flooring in the weight room
- New furniture and flooring in the student lounge and waiting areas
- New stage curtain
- New laptop sets for use in the Lower School
- Coming this fall - ICSB website redesign

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RE-ACCREDITATION

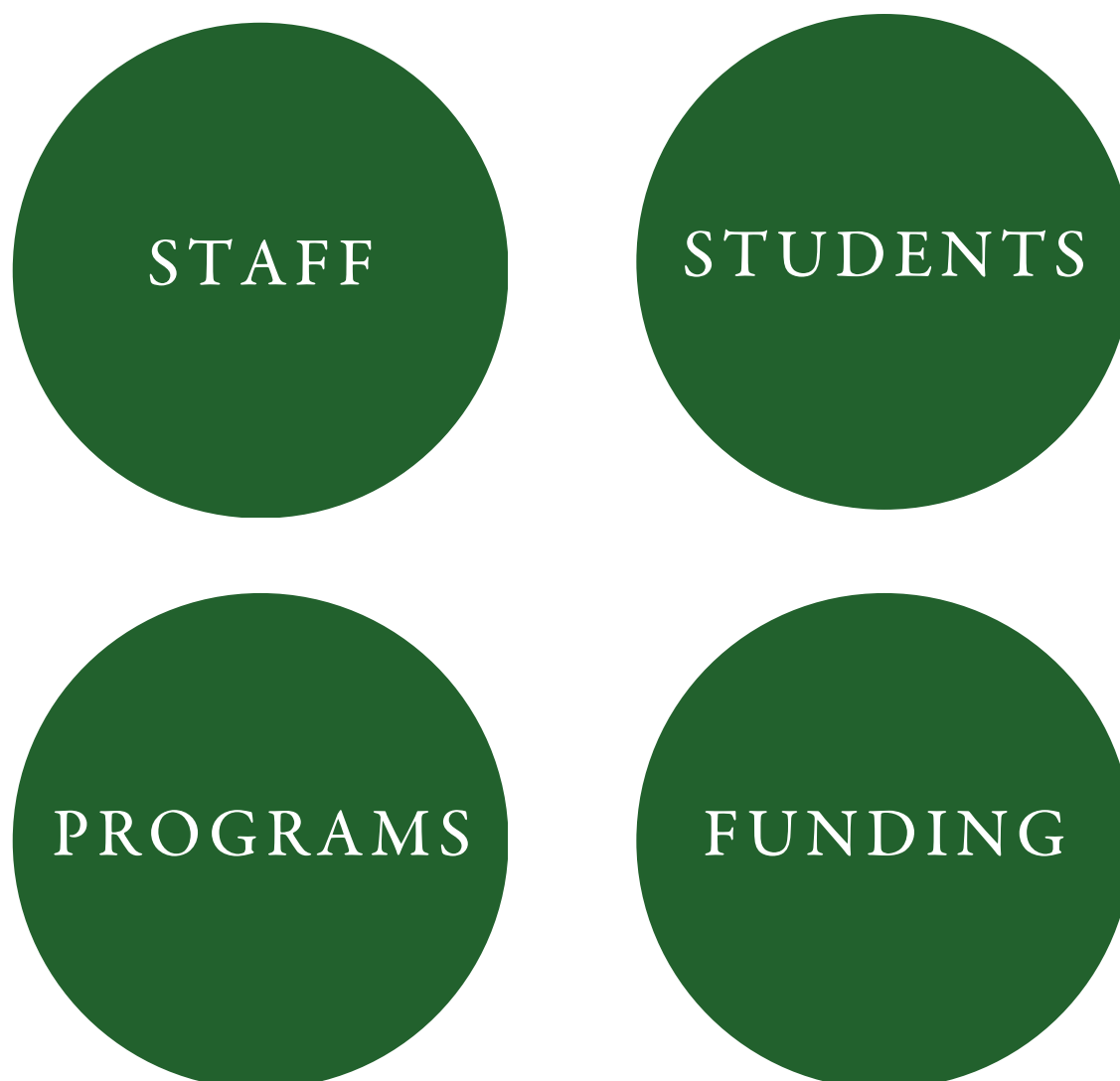
Our teachers will be working on curriculum and assessment development, endeavoring to deliver the strongest possible learning experiences to our students. In the winter, our whole staff will begin a year-long preparation for our upcoming re-accreditation process with ACSI and MSA-CESS.

ICSB SCHOOL BOARD

Planning Strategically for a Strong Future

The ICSB School Board has been working through a strategic planning process for a few years now, with some delay due to the pandemic. They gathered input from students, parents, staff, and outside consultants.

The School Board identified 12 strategic initiatives in these four key areas:



We have once again engaged the services of Global School Consulting Group to assist us in aspects of this plan. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the fall as work begins on these initiatives to strengthen ICSB.