



Principal Update/State Testing, Focus Week, and Art Day Information

Good Afternoon ICS Families:

I'm excited to announce the return of two important traditions at ICS! Art Day and Focus Week are returning for our students. Both traditions are supported by our PTSA partners! Thank you!

Art Day typically occurs in January on the first day of second semester. Earlier this year, PTSA postponed this beloved event due to safety guidelines. In May, Art Day will kick off our Focus Week! This parent organized event could include classes in the arts, cooking, yoga, dance, and other creative activities. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you PTSA!

Focus Week is designed to encourage students to explore concepts and learn skills outside the classroom with multi-grade peers. Students select an activity based on their interests and are placed in a group based on availability and various criteria. Groups will meet with their Focus Week adviser twice during homeroom prior to Focus Week. Whatever the activity, the students work together and take learning beyond the classroom walls. ICS has a rich history of students traveling internationally, nationally, and learning in our local community. We are very excited to offer a local experience as Focus Week returns in 2022 and begin the week by celebrating Art Day!

FW timeline sign-up timeline:

- March 23, 2022, students will watch a Focus Week presentation in homeroom classes.
- March 23, 2022, students will receive a survey including descriptions of each session.

- March 23-March 27, 2022, students review sessions and submit their survey. Survey must be submitted by Monday, March 28, 2022.
- April 1, 2022, students will receive their Focus Week assignments.

Art Day and Focus Week

May 23 Monday	May 24 Tuesday	May 25 Wednesday	May 26 Thursday	May 27 Friday
PTSA Art Day	Focus Week Day 1	Focus Week Day 2	Focus Week Day 3	LEAP Day No Students

SBA Schedule

Each spring, all Washington public school students in grades 3-8 and 10 are assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and math using Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 are also assessed in science using the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Results from these assessments provide meaningful feedback and data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed. The results provide data to help evaluate school-level and district-wide instructional strategies, initiatives, and other programs.

School Starts at 7:30 for testers. School starts late for all non-testing students. Please review carefully, times are not the same each day. The green highlighted time is when school starts for non-testers.

ICS Spring Testing Calendar April 18-22, 2022

Monday

All Periods

Testing	7:30	9:00
First	9:05	9:40
Second	9:45	10:20
Third	10:25	11:00
Fourth	11:05	11:40
Lunch	11:40	12:10
Fifth	12:15	12:55
Sixth	1:00	1:40
Seventh	1:45	2:25

SBA ELA CAT (1.5 hrs)
Gr 6, 7, 8, 10

Tuesday

Odd Periods

Testing	7:30	10:00
First	10:05	11:00
Third	11:05	12:00
Lunch	12:00	12:30
Fifth	12:35	1:30
Seventh	1:35	2:25

SBA ELA PT 1&2 (2.5 hrs)
Gr 6, 7, 8, 10

Wednesday

Even Periods

Testing	7:30	10:00
Second	10:05	10:50
Fourth	10:55	11:40
Sixth	11:45	12:25
Lunch	12:25	12:50

WCAS (2.5 hrs)
Gr 8, 11

Thursday

All Periods

Testing	7:30	9:00
First	9:05	9:40
Second	9:45	10:20
Third	10:25	11:00
Fourth	11:05	11:40
Lunch	11:40	12:10
Fifth	12:15	12:55
Sixth	1:00	1:40
Seventh	1:45	2:25

SBA Math CAT (1.5 hrs)
GR 6, 7, 8, 10

Friday

All Periods

Testing	7:30	9:00
First	9:05	9:40
Second	9:45	10:20
Third	10:25	11:00
Fourth	11:05	11:40
Lunch	11:40	12:10
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SBA Math PT (1.5 hrs)
Gr 6, 7, 8, 10