

# Principal Update 1/26/2024

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## International Community School News

### Hello ICS Families!

We are excited to host a couple of brand-new events at ICS this February. On February 1, we will be hosting the first ever grade 8 parent/student evening. We will be sharing HS curriculum, the course registration process, and have current HS students and parents share their perspectives on life during HS at ICS.

Additionally, we are also hosting 4 listening sessions on February 7 and 8 with a select group of parents. Parents that are invited to participate will receive an email from me on Friday evening, 1/26/24. I have been working closely with the class liaisons and PTSA to create parent groupings that are representative of the diverse cultures/backgrounds of our student body. From these meetings, the school has created two MS and two HS listening sessions. Our parent liaisons from each grade level have been included in these sessions. These parent liaisons have the pulse of what is going on in each grade level and facilitate grade level activities at ICS. I am grateful for their contributions and look forward to hearing from them and other invited parents with the goal of better understanding what makes ICS special and where we might make improvements to the student experience in the future. I know that more families would like to be invited to these sessions. If you did not receive an invite, your input still matters. I will include a survey (with similar questions) for all ICS parents to complete in my February 9 Principal Update Newsletter. ICS is truly a unique and special place. Our school looks forward to learning more from the parent perspective at the start of the month.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

### Course Selection

ICS counselors are gearing up for course requests for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year! The below table outlines the schedule for when counselors will be meeting with your students. Please check out our [new registration page](#) on the website that has more information about the registration process, timeline and resources.

Week	Middle School	High School
January 29th-February 2nd	Art Classes (Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.)	Humanities Classes (Tuesday only)
February 5th-9th	Art Classes (Mon./Tues./Fri.)	Humanities Classes (Monday/Tuesday)

## **FAFSA Night for Seniors**

**FAFSA** (free application for federal student aid). ICS is hosting a FAFSA Night for 12th grade students and parents on Monday, January 29th, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Lyceum. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. This is an opportunity to get an overview of what the FAFSA is, how to get started and support while you complete the application. It is recommended that both students/parents set up their FSA ID at least 5 days prior to the event, as your FSA ID is required to complete the FAFSA. Please check out our [\*\*financial aid page\*\*](#) for more information about the FAFSA. This event will be led by the ICS Counseling team. Please contact [\*\*Rebecca Zavala\*\*](#) for questions.

## **After School Pick-Up Reminder**

Please pick up your student at dismissal or immediately after a club meeting. On Wednesdays, students should be picked up by 1:15 pm. Students should only be here after school for a school sanctioned activity with an adult supervisor. There is no supervision after 3:15 pm. Thank you.

## **Yearbook pre-sales end January 31**

Guarantee your student gets an ICS yearbook in June! Yearbooks are \$60. Pay:

1. ICS main office: Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover), check (payable to International Community School) or cash.
2. LWSD [\*\*payment portal\*\*](#).

Do not remember if you purchased a Yearbook in September? Check "Order History" on the LWSD [\*\*payment portal\*\*](#).

Students in grade 12 will receive a complimentary yearbook (paid for by PTSA). At the ASB end of year event, a small number of yearbooks may be available for purchase (not guaranteed).

## **Lost and Found**

Please check for and claim any lost and found items located in the science hallway. Lost jewelry and tech items are in the main office.

## **Attendance**

Please report student absences, late arrivals and early dismissal via email or phone call to Attendance. Please include your students' name, grade, and reason in your message. Informing via teachers' emails, the main office, or responding to the newsletter email which is set to 'do not reply' is not recommended.

Email: [\*\*ICSAttendance@lwsd.org\*\*](mailto:ICSAttendance@lwsd.org)

Phone: **425 936 2381**

## **Parents Bringing Items**

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your students' name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

## **Contact Information**

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**Associate Principal: Mike O'Donnell**

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