

Principal Update 9/20/2024

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families

I hope you were able to attend and gain some perspective at our Meet the Teacher (Curriculum Night) at ICS. I am immensely proud of our faculty and their dedication to delivering exceptional experiences for your students inside and outside of the classroom. I hope that you felt the same as you walked the halls and met with teachers on September 19.

One of our school improvement goals is to strengthen the connections between staff and students at ICS. Research shows how these important connections benefit a student's academic and personal well-being. We have made significant changes to our homeroom program this year.

Additionally, we are making concerted efforts to strengthen relationships and support social emotional learning. For students to do well academically and personally they need to be well.

Homeroom is enhancing this work. We know you get rare opportunities to ask your children what they are learning in their academic classes at ICS. Next time ask them about their experiences in homeroom as well.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

Super Wednesday

On **Wednesday, October 23rd**, ICS will host the PSAT and SAT College Board exams. This day is called '**Super Wednesday**' and all high schools in LWSD participate. This year, both the PSAT and SAT will be in the digital format. Below is information on what to expect, sign up and deadline information.

6th through 9th Grade Students/Families: On Super Wednesday, all 6th through 9th grade students stay home and participate in asynchronous learning assigned by each of their teachers.

10th Grade Students/Families: LWSD pays for all 10th grade students to participate so 10th graders are automatically signed up and expected (though not required) to attend; no action items.

11th Grade Students/Families: LWSD does not pay for 11th grade students to take the PSAT.

However, our PTSA has generously offered a grant to cover the PSAT cost this year for all 11th graders. Thank you PTSA!

11th grade students are expected to take the PSAT/NMSQT (though not required) and will be registered. Students who choose not to, will stay home and participate in asynchronous learning.

*The SAT is **NOT** available to 11th grade students.*

12th Grade Students/Families: Seniors may elect to take the SAT or stay home and participate in asynchronous learning. The cost to test is \$60, with two payment options:

1. **LWSD Online Payments**

2. ICS Main Office: Please see Ms. Cynthia Hopwood during school lunch hours/or after school (M, T, TH, F between 2:45-3:00PM). Cash, Credit Card, Check (payable to International Community School)

Students who complete payment will be signed up. *The deadline to pay for the SAT is*

September 30th at midnight. Refunds will not be issued if your student cannot take the SAT for any reason.

Students needing help with financial assistance should contact their high school counselor, Rebecca Zavala (rzavala@lwsd.org).

If you have any questions about the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT, please contact Melissa Shen, Testing Coordinator, mshen@lwsd.org.

You may also visit our website [PSAT/SAT - International Community School \(lwsd.org\)](https://www.lwsd.org/psat-sat-international-community-school). More information will be provided in the weeks leading up to Super Wednesday.

Payments

The [online payment portal](#) is available pay your student's Camp Phoenix, Science, & Art class fee, ASB Club Membership & Yearbook (distributed in June 2025).

On campus payments are taken at the front office (cash, check (payable to ICS), credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover), 10:30am-3pm. If there is need for financial assistance, please contact your student's counselor: Rebecca Zavala (rzavala@lwsd.org) / High School or Ann Nguyen (anguyen@lwsd.org) / Middle School.

- Camp Phoenix -\$220 / Due by end of day September 25
- Class fees (Science, Art) -Due prior to Oct 18
- ASB Club Sticker: \$35 (required for ASB after school Clubs)
- Yearbook pre-sales: \$60 (distributed in June 2025)

Shuttle Bus Passes

For students using district transportation, bus passes have arrived at school. Please ask your student to pick up from the Student Services office.

Attendance

Phone: **425 936 2381**

Email: ICSAttendance@lwsd.org

Please report student absences, late arrivals and early dismissal via email or phone call to Attendance. 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.

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.

Label Personal Items

Please label all personal items with your students' name. If the item is lost, we can connect it back to them. Last year students lost headphones and cases, cell phones, backpacks, clothing, glasses, water bottles, jewelry and wallets.

Contact Information

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