

Principal Update 11/08/2024

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families

I am looking forward to the online PTSA meeting on November 13. ICS faculty have been developing their Focus Week experiences for May of 2025. A lot of work has gone into the development of engaging and sustainable programming over the last year. PTSA volunteers are also contributing in meaningful ways. I am excited to tell you about the structure, timeline and partnerships for this coming year.

I hope your families have a wonderful extended Veteran's Day weekend together!

Jacob

Smart Watches

We have been successful in the implementation of our cell phone use policy in our classrooms.

Recently, members of the school board visited ICS. Afterwards, they asked what we were doing as they did not see any cell phones out in any classrooms. I let them know the faculty has committed to consistency across the school.

We are, however, seeing an uptick in Smart Watch use in the classroom. While we do not have a unified approach to these yet, many teachers will be requiring students to remove their Smart Watches when they enter the classroom. If your student has a Smart Watch, we ask that you talk with them about appropriate use of these devices, as we continue to limit distractions to student learning at ICS. Thank you for your support.

No School

School will be closed on Veteran's Day, Monday November 11, 2024.

Lunch

Due to safety and security reasons, students should not be placing catering orders to be delivered to school. ICS is a closed campus.

Also, for students bringing lunch to school, please do not send lunch in glass containers. There have been several incidences where the glass has shattered and is a risk to students.

Report Cards

Due to Skyward performance issues, our grading deadline has shifted from November 12th to November 14th. First quarter report cards will be available in Family/Student Access on Monday, November 18th. Please keep in mind that quarter report cards are a snapshot and what appears in Skyward may not match. Only semester grades are considered official and calculated into a student's GPA. All grading questions should be directed to your student's teachers. A **staff directory** can be found on the ICS website.

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.

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