

Principal Update 01/31/2025

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families

What an amazing Phoenix Day at ICS this last Monday! I stepped into most of the classrooms led by parent volunteers to see the student experience. It was impressive to see our parents share their passions with our students. As I checked in with parents, they shared how positive the experience was for them. Students expressed a similar sentiment, but went further by explaining they loved trying something new that they might not have normally done on their own. During our journey last year identifying ways to increase the retention of HS students, experiential learning rose to the top. Phoenix Day supports this educational priority for our community. This event does not happen without substantial planning and preparation. A special thanks to Albert Li and his team that harnessed the energy of countless parent volunteers on Phoenix Day. I am so lucky to lead such an engaged community that cares so much about their school.

Have a great weekend with your families,

Jacob

IB Diploma Update

We hosted the school's first ever IB Diploma Information Night on Thursday. Our IB Diploma Coordinator, Lauren Jackson, shared an overview of the program, how it enhances and fits perfectly with our current program at ICS, how universities view the IB Diploma, and much more. You can access information about the [IB Diploma Program and information shared on Thursday evening on our school's website](#).

AP Courses for Classes of 2026 and 2027

We wanted to clarify that we will continue to offer our normal Advanced Placement course offerings through June of 2027. These offerings will ensure that our current 10th and 11th grade students have access to these opportunities before our complete shift to IB courses during the 2027-28 school year.

Course Selection Update

Due to last-minute technical issues and updates regarding the 6-period day, the course request timeline has been adjusted. Please see the table below outlining the new schedule for when counselors will be meeting with your students. Please check out our [registration page](#) on the website that has more

information about the registration process, timeline and resources.

Week	Middle School
January 28th - January 31st Course Request Preparation	Art Classes (Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.)
February 3rd - February 7th Course Request Entry	Art Classes (Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.)

Week	High School
Course Request Preparation	9th Grade: 1/30 Biology (Thurs.) 10th Grade: 2/4 Humanities (Tues.) 11th Grade: 2/5 Humanities (Wed.)
Course Request Entry	9th Grade: 1/30 Biology (Thurs.) 10th Grade: 2/11 Humanities (Tues.) 11th Grade: 2/12 Humanities (Wed.)

Yearbook and Focus Week Payments

Payment due dates are fast approaching for:

- **Focus week Experience:** Payment #2 due Feb 7, log in to your student's [account](#) to pay balance
- **Yearbook pre-sales end Feb 9 (midnight) - \$60 each** / Unsure if you purchase already? Check "Order History" in your student's [account](#). Yearbook can be purchased at: 1] ICS main office: Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover), check (payable to International Community School) or cash 2] [online payment portal](#)

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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