

Principal Update 05/02/2025

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families

ICS faculty has been doing a lot of work over the course of the year in preparation for implementation of the IB Diploma Program. Over the next few weeks, I will share some bite-sized pieces of information in my Principal's Update. This week's focus involves staff training.

More than half of our ICS faculty will be attending IB Diploma training during the month of June. I am excited that most of our faculty will be attending training at the same site at the same time. They will have the opportunity to attend their subject-specific training and connect with each other about their learning during downtime. This in-person professional learning is positioned ideally during our IB candidacy which concludes in May of 2026. The remainder of the teachers will be trained later in the summer and by the end of October. Teachers will then take next year to develop their individual courses for our first cohort of students. This is one of the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Organization. The IBO will be reviewing our course overviews and providing feedback to ensure smooth and seamless transition, so we are ready to deliver the IB Diploma Program in September of 2026 to our first cohort of students (Class of 2028).

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

2025 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams Start Next Week

- May 5-9 and May 12-16. **2025 AP Exam Dates – AP Students | College Board**
- Exam information (dates, times, and locations) has been sent to the email linked to the student's College Board account.
- Parking will be extremely limited, carpooling or arranging to be dropped off/picked up is strongly recommended. NOTE: Students driving and parking at test site – should place a small sign on front dashboard by driver's side that says "AP Testing"

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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