

# Principal Update 8/18/2025

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## **International Community School News**

### **Hello ICS Families!**

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! I hope you are having a wonderful summer full of opportunities to connect with your family and other important people in your lives. Personally, I was able to disconnect from work and recharge with my family this summer. We embarked upon a road trip to 9 National Parks in July. Our family of four and two dogs survived a 5400-mile journey which took us through nine states in close quarters. While we were all ready for our own personal space when we returned, the sights we saw were astounding and the memories we created will last us a lifetime. The last two weeks I have been meeting with other district leaders getting ready for the arrival of teachers and students.

I can't believe I am starting my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at ICS. There is a lot of important work we are continuing in the coming school year. We continue to strengthen and expand our experiential learning opportunities for students which include fall camp and Focus Week. Additionally, our efforts to increase positive staff/student relationships remain a high priority as we capitalize on a small school environment. In the background, our faculty are preparing for a transition to the IB Diploma Program in the 2026-27 school year. Our teachers are designing their courses and developing policies that align with the IB. Our IB consultant visits us in September to give us feedback on our preparedness and formal application. In the spring we have our IB Authorization Visit that will formalize ICS as an IB World School. We are in a fantastic place and are confident of being formally recognized as an IB World School.

While your kids may not quite be ready to return, I'm sure you as parents are. We look forward to welcoming them on August 29 for prep day and the first day of school on September 2. Enjoy the last week of summer and the Labor Day Holiday!

See you soon!

Jacob

## 1<sup>st</sup> Week Schedule

The first week of school has a unique schedule designed to strengthen belonging and connectedness at ICS. Below is the schedule for the week. Please note that Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> is not an early release day, but regular school day that ends at 2:35pm

### First Week of School September 1-5

| <b>Tuesday 2</b>              | <b>Wednesday 3</b> | <b>Thursday 4</b>  | <b>Friday 5</b>    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>All Periods - Assembly</i> | <i>All Periods</i> | <i>All Periods</i> | <i>All Periods</i> |
| First 7:55 8:50               | First 7:55 8:45    | First 7:55 8:45    | First 7:55 8:45    |
| HomeRm 8:55 9:05              | HomeRm 8:50 9:20   | HomeRm 8:50 9:20   | HomeRm 8:50 9:20   |
| Second 9:10 10:05             | Second 9:25 10:15  | Second 9:25 10:15  | Second 9:25 10:15  |
| Third 10:10 11:05             | Third 10:20 11:10  | Third 10:20 11:10  | Third 10:20 11:10  |
| Fourth 11:10 12:05            | Fourth 11:15 12:05 | Fourth 11:15 12:05 | Fourth 11:15 12:05 |
| Lunch 12:05 12:35             | Lunch 12:05 12:35  | Lunch 12:05 12:35  | Lunch 12:05 12:35  |
| Fifth 12:40 1:15              | Fifth 12:40 1:35   | Fifth 12:40 1:35   | Fifth 12:40 1:35   |
| Sixth 1:20 1:55               | Sixth 1:40 2:35    | Sixth 1:40 2:35    | Sixth 1:40 2:35    |
| Assembly 2:00 2:35            |                    |                    |                    |

## New ICS Bell Schedule

The regular bell schedule (shown below) will begin on September 8. Please note the new start time of 7:55am and end time of 2:35pm. Wednesday students are released at 12:50pm

| <b>Monday</b>      | <b>Tuesday</b>     | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Thursday</b>     | <b>Friday</b>      |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>All Periods</i> | <i>All Periods</i> | <i>Odd Periods</i> | <i>Even Periods</i> | <i>All Periods</i> |
| First 7:55 8:50    | First 7:55 8:50    | First 7:55 9:20    | Second 7:55 9:20    | First 7:55 8:50    |
| HomeRm 8:55 9:05   | HomeRm 8:55 9:05   | Third 9:25 10:50   | Phoenix 9:25 10:35  | HomeRm 8:55 9:05   |
| Second 9:10 10:05  | Second 9:10 10:05  | Fifth 10:55 12:20  | Fourth 10:40 12:05  | Second 9:10 10:05  |
| Third 10:10 11:05  | Third 10:10 11:05  | Lunch 12:20 12:50  | Lunch 12:05 12:35   | Third 10:10 11:05  |
| Fourth 11:10 12:05 | Fourth 11:10 12:05 |                    | HomeRm 12:40 1:05   | Fourth 11:10 12:05 |
| Lunch 12:05 12:35  | Lunch 12:05 12:35  |                    | Sixth 1:10 2:35     | Lunch 12:05 12:35  |
| Fifth 12:40 1:35   | Fifth 12:40 1:35   |                    |                     | Fifth 12:40 1:35   |
| Sixth 1:40 2:35    | Sixth 1:40 2:35    |                    |                     | Sixth 1:40 2:35    |

## Changes to Personal Electronic Devices 2025-26

During the 2024-25 school year we enacted a no cell phone policy in all classrooms. It improved student attention and distraction, but there were areas of improvement. All the LWSD neighborhood high schools adopted more stringent policies this year with more consistent results. As a result, we are making a few adjustments for the next school year we wanted you to be aware of. Please note the definition of personal electronic devices and use of cell phone caddies articulated below.

Personal electronic devices include mobile phones, non-district-approved tablets, and smart watches.

- Personal electronic devices may not be used in classrooms or other instructional settings.
- Students are discouraged from using personal electronic devices during passing periods, lunch, and before/after school.
- Each classroom will have a phone caddy available for storing personal electronic devices while class is in session.
- Students will place their electronic devices in the caddies when they enter the classroom.
- With teacher permission, students may use headphones while in class. The headphones may only be connected to district-provided technology.

## Join PTSA

This year, the PTSA will host a **Prep Day** on **Friday, August 29, 2025**. Please join the PTSA social event and learn about membership.

- Subscribe to the weekly **ICS PTSA newsletter** to stay up to date on PTSA matters.
- We encourage all families to **Join & donate to the ICS PTSA** at the beginning of the school year.
- Complete the **Volunteer Interest Form**
- Sign up for Carpool Interest **Sign-Up & Map**.

## August Picture Day

Picture Day is on Friday August 29, 2025. More details to follow.  
Pictures can be ordered thorough **Jostens website**; use event code: FE296425.

## PTSA Prep Day

The PTSA Prep Day event is on August 29, 2025. More details to follow.

## Camp

Please mark your calendars for Camp. The dates are September 29 - October 1, 2025. More information to follow.

## Class Fees for 25-26

These are the expected fees for next year:

|              |                                    |            |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Science      | \$20                               | All grades |
| Camp Phoenix | \$250 approx. *depends on estimate | All grades |
| Art          | \$60                               | All grades |
| Music        | \$20                               | All grades |
| PE Shirts    | \$8-10                             | Grade 6    |
| ASB Sticker  | \$40                               | All grades |
| Yearbook     | \$60                               | All grades |

## **Contact Information**

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Class Fees information has been updated.