

Principal Update 9/5/2025

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

Wow, week #1 is in the books. It was so great having students back on campus. The energy at ICS changed for the positive as soon as students walked in the door on Tuesday morning. Kids were reconnecting with each other. I witnessed smiles, high fives and hugs all over. Teachers made intentional efforts to get to know their students in class and start to build community. Our day ended with an ASB assembly where games were played and the faculty were introduced. Students cheered loudly for our teachers and support staff. We are so lucky to have parents and students that support and respect educators. I am excited to meet you in the next couple of weeks at the PTSA meeting and Meet the Teacher (Curriculum) Night.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

Canvas and ICS Agreements

We hope you are enjoying better access as a parent supporting your child's education through Canvas. Your ability as a parent to follow what your child is learning, when things are due and when exams/assessments take place has drastically expanded. This way you can be much more proactive as a parent supporting your child. Each school in the LWSD has created common agreements from all teachers in relation to the use of Canvas. ICS teachers have committed to put all major assessments and projects into Canvas, as these have the largest impact on student overall performance. Some teachers will input more than these, but as a school you can expect to see all major assessments and projects entered in Canvas. You can find out more about **Canvas on the district website here**.

Early Release Lunch on Wednesday

We have our first early release Wednesday on September 10. The school day ends at 12:50. Due to the shortened Wednesday schedule and sharing of the cafeteria with Community ES, lunch is at the end of the school day. School buses come when the day ends at 12:50. Students are NOT allowed to leave before 12:50. The only exception is for students with prearranged early release for things like doctor's appointments. Grade 11 and 12 students who have completed the "Off Campus Lunch Permission" form will also be permitted to leave campus at 12:20 when 5th period ends. We do not have the staffing to support parents that just want their kids to leave school early.

Meet the Teacher (Curriculum) Night, September 17

Our annual Meet the Teacher (Curriculum) Night takes place on Wednesday, September 17 starting at 6:30. Expect heavy traffic and limited parking, so arrive early. This event is designed to provide families with general information about the course curriculum and assessment. It is not designed to find out information about individual students and their progress. To increase environmental sustainability, we will not be printing schedules for parents. You will need to know the teacher's name, period and room number. You can get this information from your child or find it in Skyward. Room numbers are not included in PowerSchool. We look forward to seeing you at this important event. The schedule is below.

Period 1	6:30 - 6:40
Period 2	6:43 - 6:53
Period 3	6:56 - 7:06
Period 4	7:09 - 7:19
Period 5	7:22 - 7:32
Period 6	7:35 - 7:45

Camp Info Coming

Information about Camp Phoenix will be sent soon.

School Traffic Flow Map

This year, there is a new map displaying which roads to drive on when entering and exiting the school campus. Please view the **traffic map** for student drop off and pick up.

Picture Re-take Day

The school photographer will be here again on Tuesday October 6, 2025. Students will be called during class to get their picture taken.

State Fair Tickets

Tickets to the Washington State Fair will be distributed during Phoenix Time on Thursday next week.

Payments

Need to pay class fees or purchase ASB Sticker? Fee collection begins on dates below:

- Class fees (Science, Art, Music) - begins September 24 and due by October 24
- Camp Phoenix - due by end of day September 20
- PE Shirts (6th Grade Only) - available now
- ASB Sticker & Yearbook - available now
- Payment Options: In Person: Front Office, 10:30 AM–3:00 PM / Cash, Check (payable to ICS), Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) or **online payment portal**.

Need Financial Assistance?

Contact your student's counselor: High School: **Rebecca Zavala**, Middle School: **Ann Nguyen**

Reminder of Phone Policy

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.

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.

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.

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