



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

I am so excited for you to meet our teachers this coming week at Curriculum Night. They have been spending so much time planning their instruction, getting ready for camp, preparing for clubs and even started planning for Focus Week. While all of this is happening, they are devoting time in their classes to get to your students on a personal level. This week I have been asking our new students what their favorite subjects and teachers are so far at ICS. The most common answer I hear is "All of them". This is a testament to the dedication our faculty have in providing your students with exceptional experiences at ICS. I look forward to you meeting them in person this Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

Early Release Wednesdays Dismissal Change

This Wednesday was the first early release day at ICS for the year. For your information, ICS lunch comes at the end of the day on Wednesday, as we share the Lyceum/cafeteria with Community Elementary School. We encountered several challenges that impacted the school and students on our first early release day. I reached out to my supervisor at the district to discuss options for students. He reminded me that ICS had a similar schedule (where lunch was the last part of the day on Wednesdays) in past years where all students/families had the option of leaving campus when class ended. Starting on September 17, when period 5 ends at 12:20 students have the option of staying for lunch or leaving campus early. This means that parents have the option of picking up their students at 12:20 without coming into the office to request an early dismissal. It also means that students that walk/bike, take public transportation or drive can leave at 12:20 as well. Lunch will continue to be served for any student that remains on campus until 12:50. Lastly, the shuttle buses still arrive after the end of lunch at 12:50. Students riding the bus can eat lunch and hang out on campus while waiting for the bus.

Early Pickup of Students

We have had an increase in last-minute requests from parents to excuse their children early from school. This happens every day of the week and is negatively impacting the school and parents. If you plan to take your student home early, please send an email to icsattendance@lwsd.org in advance. When parents communicate in advance their child will be ready for them to pick up at the time needed. When parents show up and ask for early dismissal without prior notification, it causes long lines and wait times for parents.

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 Medication

Camp Medication Reminder: Medication authorizations have been processed, and the deadline for dropping off medications is **9/17/2025 at 1:00 PM**; no medications will be accepted after this time. Please provide only the number of doses needed for Camp, plus 1–2 extra doses in case of loss or accident.

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**

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.

Contact Information

Principal: Jacob Hendrickson

Associate Principal: Mike O'Donnell

Office Manager: Mamoona Zia

Attendance/Safe Arrival: 425-936-2381 or Email

Main Number: 425-936-2380

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