

Principal Update 10/24/2025

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

There is a lot of important information in this week's Principal Update. Please take time to digest it at your leisure over the next week.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

ICS Lottery Changes

Starting with the 2026–27 school year, existing waitlists will no longer be used for incoming 9th grade, you must submit a new application—even if they were previously on a waitlist. **If your student is currently enrolled at ICS in any grade, there is NO need to re-apply to the lottery.** Waitlists for all other grades will continue to roll over annually. For these grades, only students who have not previously applied and who have not accepted placement at any choice school (regardless of current enrollment status) should apply this year. **More lottery information is located on the ICS website.**

Spirit Week & Halloween Costume Guidelines- Spirit Week

Our fantastic ASB is sponsoring a spirit week next week! Students have the opportunity to share their school spirit through dress.

- Monday – Monochrome Monday
- Tuesday – Duo Tuesday
- Wednesday – Culture Day
- Thursday – Dress up vs Dress down
- Friday – Costume

Please note: any costumes should follow the LWSD dress policy and students' faces should remain recognizable (no full-face makeup/masks). Also, any props should be small and not distracting to the educational process. No props or fake/look alike weapons are also allowed at school.

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.

IB at ICS - (from the IB Coordinator, Ms. Jackson)

One reason we are so excited about implementing the IB at ICS is the foundational philosophies of the IB and the ways they fit so well with what we believe and work for at ICS. At the center of the IB's philosophy are International mindedness, the Learner Profile, The DP Core, and Approaches to Teaching and Learning. Each week, I will explain a bit about these philosophies and how we will implement them at ICS.

International Mindedness

International mindedness is an attitude of openness to, and curiosity about, the world and different cultures. It implies deep understanding of the complexity, diversity and motives of human interaction. It's interdisciplinary and intercultural.

The IB Diploma Programme was designed to provide a relevant and consistent education for highly mobile families internationally. In the IB Diploma Programme, international mindedness is embedded in courses and promoted across the school community. It includes language study, a requirement for the DP, and learning to promote intercultural communication and competence. International mindedness focuses on action, moving beyond awareness and understanding to engagement.

As we write our IB course outlines, every subject includes lessons that promote international mindedness, all of the IB course textbooks are written with this international focus in mind, and cultural context is always considered a valuable focus. The IB English Language & Literature course requires teachers to teach works that span at least three areas of the globe and include at least two texts in translation. At International Community School, we are excited to continue living up to our name!

Emergency Desktop Alert System

Please read the information about the **Alert** system notifications that the district is implementing in November.

Levy Information Update

Read about [levy information](#) for the upcoming February 2026 ballot.

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
- 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.

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

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