

Principal Update 11/07/2025

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## International Community School News

### Hello ICS Families!

Did you know that ICS middle school was designated as the #2 middle school in Washington State. They used several state test scores to determine this ranking. These included #3 in reading proficiency and #2 in math proficiency in the state of Washington. Additionally, these scores were 15% higher than LWSD middle school average. When compared with the state averages, we were 51% and 40% higher than the state averages in math and reading respectively. This is an amazing achievement that acknowledges the work our teachers and students do daily. There are so many other reasons that make our middle school program strong too.

You may be asking yourself, what about high school? The number of students needed for eligibility by US News and World Report has been too small. HS scores are through the roof as well, but we cannot be in the ranking yet. As HS numbers have increased this year and moving forward, I am hopeful that ICS will be included in this ranking in the coming years.

While this is just one metric, there are so many other things that make our student experiences special at ICS.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Jacob

### IB at ICS (by Lauren Jackson, IB Diploma Coordinator)

This week, we reached a significant milestone in our IB authorization process! We submitted our official Application for Authorization. It included uploading 32 documents such as 13 course outlines, student handbooks, sample student schedules, 6 policies and a balanced calendar of IB assessments for the class of 2028. Each document represents dozens of hours of learning, collaborating, planning, and writing on the part of many of us at ICS. We also filled in over 5000 words explaining how we will meet all of the IB requirements in areas such as curriculum, teaching and learning approaches, assessment, school resources, student support and implementing the IB philosophies. We are committed! And we feel ready for the next step of the process.

In the next few weeks, the IBO and their subject area specialists will review our application and give us initial feedback, then they will work with us to schedule the Verification Visit. This visit occurs over several school days and involves observations, discussions and interviews with all IB teachers, administrators and coordinators as well as students and parents.

Last week, the link I provided didn't work within the newsletter. Another place to read the Learner Profile is on the **IB page of our ICS website!** Scroll down to where it says, "As IB Learners, we will strive to be:" These are the Learner Profile attributes.

Thank you for all of your support, questions and engagement. We are looking forward to continuing this journey with you.

## **Term 1 Report Cards Available Soon**

Term 1 report cards will be accessible in Skyward starting Wednesday, November 13th. Please note that these are progress reports and do not impact GPA. For any questions regarding grades, please contact your student's teachers directly. You can find contact information in the **ICS staff directory** on the school website.

## **Focus Week**

Please look at a separate message sent on October 31 about Focus Week options for students. The deadline for submitting preferences is November 10.

## **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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