



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

I hope your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. There is so much to be grateful for at ICS. Our community is truly unique and remarkable. I am constantly impressed when I step into classrooms at our school. Students are engaged in practical, interesting and challenging curriculum developed by our amazing teachers. Student experiences inside and outside of the classroom are supported by office and custodial staff. Our school play, Focus Week preparation, field trips and club support are recent examples of this work. We can't do this without our parent community. PTSA clubs, Phoenix Day, and Focus Week chaperones are examples of support happening just during the months of November through January. This place is special. All of us contribute creating exceptional experiences for our students.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

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

The DP Core

Creativity, Activity, Service is the third part of the IB Core. It's a great way for students to get recognition in their academic programme for all the things they do outside of school hours, their clubs, sports, personal passion projects, and so on. CAS shows that IB values the growth of the whole student and encourages balance in life. Students participate in a range of Experiences (CASEs) and at least one Project (CASP). They choose their own experiences and design their own collaborative projects. These take place outside the academic day and involve real, purposeful activities with significant learning outcomes; personal challenge; thoughtful consideration—planning, reviewing progress, reporting; and reflection on personal learning outcomes. **Creativity** encompasses arts and other experiences that involve creative thinking. **Activity** is any physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle. **Service** is unpaid, voluntary response to an authentic need and can be local or global.

During our IB Core Class, students will learn about CAS expectations and outcomes from the CAS Coordinator, set goals and plan for CASEs and CASP, write reflections and complete a CAS portfolio, and meet with the CAS Coordinator and their CAS Advisor, a trained parent volunteer.

We will be asking for CAS Advisor volunteers later this winter and the group of advisors will have training with Ms. Ann, our CAS Coordinator, in the spring. Please consider this opportunity to learn more about IB and support our students in their process!

Focus Week payment deadline, Sunday December 7, 11:59pm

Two options for payment:

1] ICS main office: Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover), check (payable to International Community School) or cash OR

2] LWSD [payment portal](#).

Lost and Found

Please claim the lost and found items at school.

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

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