



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

We are one step closer to IB Diploma authorization at International Community School. At the beginning of November, we submitted our IB application. Hundreds of hours of work are reflected in this application. This includes policy development, budget information and course outlines to name a few. Our application was reviewed, they provided us with feedback, and the school made necessary adjustments. This Wednesday, the school was notified that we have successfully completed the IB Diploma application milestone. The next step is an IB Authorization visit to ICS. This will likely take place in February or early March. Much like the visit with our IB consultant in September, many stakeholders across the school will be involved in the final step towards official IB authorization at ICS. Later in the spring, after the IB authorization visit, we will know the results. All the feedback our school has received from the IBO has been very positive and complimentary of our work and readiness to implement the IB at ICS. This is fantastic news to share as we head into winter break.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob and Lauren Jackson (IB Diploma Coordinator)

Counseling Office

As we head into winter break, we want to remind our students and families that this time of year can feel different for everyone. While many look forward to rest and celebration, others may experience stress, loneliness, or extra challenges. Our school counseling team is here to support you, and there are community and crisis resources available throughout the break if you or someone you know needs help. Please take care of yourselves and remember—it's always okay to ask for help. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!

Resources If You Need Support:

Housing, Legal Assistance, Transportation, Childcare, and more:
visit the **LWSD Community Resources page**

- 24-Hour Crisis Line: 866-4CRISIS (1-866-427-4747) or 206-461-3222
- Crisis Text Line: **<https://www.crisistextline.org/texting-in>** or text HOME to 741741
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 or 988

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

- Teen Link Help Line: 1-866-TEENLINK (833-6546)
- Teen Link Chat: **www.866teenlink.org**
- The Trevor Project (LGBTQ+ Youth): 1-866-488-7386
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- Transgender Suicide Hotline: 877-565-8860 **<https://www.translifeline.org/about>**

If you are a teen in crisis, please contact Safe Place at 1-800-422-TEEN (8336) or Text "SAFE" and your current location to 69866 for the nearest Safe Place site. Safe Place is an outreach program designed to provide access to immediate help and safety for youth ages 11-17 in crisis. They will come to you if you cannot make it to a safe site.

If you have an urgent concern about a student in a physical or mental health crisis that needs immediate attention, please contact the King County Crisis Connections 24-hour hotline at: 866.4CRISIS (866.427.4747) or 206.461.3610 TTY for the Deaf. Crisis Connections is a service funded by the Department of Social and Health Services. They can dispatch providers in the Children's Crisis Outreach Response System (CCORS) and Intensive Stabilization Services (ISS) programs which offer free, short-term, community-based and family centered services with the goal of crisis stabilization.

Lost and Found Notice

Found items will be available for pick up on DECEMBER 15th and 16th during lunch in the Front Hallway.

IMPORTANT: Any belongings not claimed by the end of lunch on December 16th, will be donated.

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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