



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026. I hope you and your families had a wonderful winter break. As we kick off 2026, I wanted to update you with our School's Improvement Plan for 2025-26 school year. You can find the **SIP on our school website here.**

Our school's SIP is divided into three sections, English Language Arts, Math and Social Emotional Learning goals. The focus area, desired outcomes and actions are listed for you to review. Our ELA and math goals align to meaningful work connected to evidence, reasoning and precision. These goals are relevant and build important skills that will prepare our students for success in AP and IB Diploma coursework and later in college. As faculty and staff, we continue to prioritize strengthening relationships between students and adults on our campus. We have reviewed our Panorama data and have utilize small group listening sessions with students to gain insights and possible next steps for improvement. Our listening sessions have clarified what the Panorama questions mean from a student perspective. Moreover, we plan to more frequently survey our students to determine if the steps we are taking as adults are making traction with them. As adults, we know the positive academic and social-emotional impact these relationships have in our students' lives. As such it remains a high priority for our faculty.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

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

IB Verification Visit: February 23-24

I'm thrilled to share that we have reached another milestone in our IB authorization journey. The IB has approved our application for authorization and scheduled a visiting team to complete the final assessment of our readiness to implement the Diploma Programme next year. They will join us on February 23-24 for two full days of meetings, observations, and discussions with a wide range of folks in our community: building and district administrators, counselors, parents, students, teachers, and IB coordinators. They will give us specific guidelines for the community members they want to talk with, and we will contact students and family members as soon as possible to join a few of these conversations. ICS will receive a final report on authorization a few weeks after the visit.

Upcoming PTSA Meeting on January 15

The next PTSA meeting takes place on Thursday, January 15 at 7pm. This meeting is online, and information will be shared by the PTSA. This is an important meeting as we will be updating our community with the vision and direction of the school as we strive to create exceptional experiences for your students. Hope to see you there.

Course Selection 2026-27

ICS counselors are gearing up for course requests for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! The below table outlines the schedule for when counselors will be meeting with your students. Please check out our [registration page](#) on the website that has more information about the registration process, timeline and resources.

Week	Middle School	High School
December 8th	N/A	10th Chemistry (Tues.)
January 27th - 30th Course Request Preparation	6th Science (Fri.) 7th Science (Tues.) 8th Science (Wed./Thurs.)	9th Biology (Tues.) 11th Humanities Classes (Fri.)
February 2nd - 6th Course Request Entry	6th Science (Fri.) 7th Science (Mon.) 8th Science (Mon./Tues.)	9th Biology (Tues.) 10th Chemistry (Weds./Thurs.) 11th Humanities Classes (Fri.)

Excused Absences

If your student is absent or you plan to take them home early from school, it is important to inform the school in advance by emailing icsattendance@lwsd.org in advance. In regard to early pickup, advanced notice results in your child being ready at the requested time. When parents show up and ask for early dismissal without prior notification, it causes long lines and wait times for parents.

February 2026 Levy Renewals

Save the date: LWSD levy town halls in January 2026

Want to learn more about the February 10, 2026 levies? LWSD Superintendent Dr. Jon Holmen and Associate Superintendent of Business and Support Services Barbara Posthumus will offer a series of online town hall events about the 2026 Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy and 2026 Replacement School Technology & Capital Projects Levy.

Each town hall meeting will offer an opportunity for question/answer sessions.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 6-7 p.m. ([Meeting link](#)).
- Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 7-8 p.m. ([Meeting link](#)).
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 12-1 p.m. ([Meeting link](#)).
- Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 6-7 p.m. ([Meeting link](#)).

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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Associate Principal: Mike O'Donnell

Office Manager: Mamoona Zia

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

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