

Principal Update 1/16/2026

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

It was fantastic seeing everyone at the PTSA Meeting this week. There are truly a lot of things to celebrate at ICS. As I mentioned at the meeting, the school's partnership with the PTSA is an essential part of what enables our school to be so special and unique. Our community appreciates the academic rigor/preparation, small environment where all students are known, multitude of clubs where kids can explore their passions and participate in experiential learning opportunities like all-school camp and Focus Week. We are also on the brink of adding the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12.

This is a lot to expect from a small choice school in the district. Teachers and parents have higher levels of commitments than they would have at neighborhood schools to keep and enhance these exceptional experiences for students at ICS. ICS is staffed and resourced by the size of the student population. We have less staff and money to deliver these experiences because of our small size. ICS receives a basic allocation of around \$50,000 for a budget for the year. This allocation does not come close to supporting the essential needs that make ICS so special. From ICS' founding, PTSA has supplemented both the budget and human resources to make our school so unique. The annual family contributions to the PTSA fund club and homeroom stipends, provide teacher and student grants, provide scholarships for class, camp and Focus Week fees for those in financial need, and much more. Additionally, the volunteer hours that we ask our parents to contribute are equally important. All-school camp in October and Focus Week in May cannot take place without hundreds of parent volunteer hours. We need parent volunteers to support clubs/activities at ICS because we have a similar number of clubs that you would find at our district HS's with 2000 students and 150 teachers. 30 clubs shared amongst 150 teachers is very different

than 30 clubs being supported by 20. As such, parental support is essential. Lastly, parents provide extra programming for our community. I see this through movie nights, International Night, Phoenix Day and much more. These events define our school and would not exist without our community’s volunteer hours.

These two previous paragraphs highlight just a few of the ways your financial and volunteer support enables us to be so unique. If you have not joined the PTSA yet, please consider this. Together we make this school an amazing place for our students.

Have a wonderful extended Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend with your families!

Jacob

Final Exams Start Next Week

Finals Week January 19-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martin Luther King Day	Review.™ Phoenix	Review and Finals	Review.™ Finals	Finals.™ All Periods
No School	P1 Review 7:55 8:55	P1 Final 7:55 9:55	P3 Final 7:55 9:55	P5 Final 7:55 9:55
	P2 Review 9:00 10:00	Homeroom 10:00 10:15	P4 Final 10:05 12:05	P6 Final 10:05 12:05
	P3 Review 10:05 11:05	P2 Final 10:20 12:20	Lunch 12:05 12:35	Lunch 12:05 12:35
	P4 Review 11:10 12:10	Lunch 12:20 12:50	P5 Review 12:40 1:35	First 12:40 12:55
	Lunch 12:10 12:40		P6 Review 1:40 2:35	Second 1:00 1:15
	Phoenix 12:45 2:35			Third 1:20 1:35
				Fourth 1:40 1:55
				Fifth 2:00 2:15
				Sixth 2:20 2:35

ICS Math Pathways

We discussed the new math pathways at ICS that feed into IB Diploma courses at the PTSA meeting this week. We shared a diagram and talked about this pathway with parents. We are in the process of creating a screencast that explains this new pathway in the coming weeks. The flow chart will be accompanied by the screencast to ensure that families have a common understanding. Rest assured, your students are getting excellent advising by their counselor and math teachers when discussing math options during the class registration process.

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.)

Yearbook on sale NOW!

Yearbook pre-sales end Feb 16 (midnight) - \$60 each. Unsure if you purchased already? Check “Order History” in your student’s [**account**](#). Yearbook can be purchased at: 1] ICS main office: Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover), check (payable to International Community School) or cash 2] [**online payment portal**](#).

February 10, 2026, Renewal Levies

February 10 levy information: Lake Washington School District will have two levies on the February 10, 2026, ballot. These measures continue funding previously approved by the community for school programs, technology, and facility updates.

Families can find more information at: <https://www.lwsd.org/2026-levies>

Save the date: LWSO levy town halls in January 2026

Want to learn more about the February 10, 2026 levies? LWSO 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 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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