



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

We are excited about completing the final step implementing the IB Diploma Programme at ICS with our Verification Visit at the end of February. ICS continues to remain a special place with a smaller community that promotes academic rigor, inclusiveness and strong relationships between students and between teachers and students.

We know that this time of year some families consider leaving ICS for their neighborhood school during the high school years. During the month of February, all schools across the district collect course requests for the 2026-27 school year from students. ICS starts to officially collect these requests from our students next week. Schools take these requests and build schedules for their enrolled students during the months of March and April. It is worth noting that when students change schools later in the registration process, they may be disadvantaged in getting the courses they want. Many classes will already be filled because your students' course requests were not taken into account when building the schedule.

Please make an informed decision. Checking in with your counselor would be a great step if you are considering a transition to another school. Please note that as soon as your student enrolls at another school and chooses courses, they are no longer able to return to ICS and forfeit their seat. Each year we have multiple students and families that contact us at the start of the school year, after attending their new school for a few days, and want to return to ICS. It is difficult to hear the heartbreaking emotion from families when they realize they are not able to return.

We hope each of our wonderful families returns to ICS next year. We also understand that student/parent interests change over time. If your family is still deciding to return to ICS next school year, we ask that you finalize this decision and inform ICS as soon as you are able, so you do not miss the class registration window at another school.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

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>**

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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