

Principal Update 3/6/2026

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

A lot of fantastic events are taking place with our students outside of the classroom at ICS. HS students returned from a PTSA-led Science Olympiad competition at the end of February where many students from ICS have qualified for the state competition. HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) just returned from Spokane with their advisor, Mr. McFaul, and other parent chaperones. Many of our students have qualified for further competition at the National level. On April 7th, Ms. Houlihan is taking the 8th graders to the State Capital for a field trip. Later in April, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) will compete at the state level with their advisor, Ms. Sullivan. Four different music groups will participate in festivals in the coming weeks.

These events highlight the important partnership between the school and parents. Some of these groups are sponsored by staff at ICS and supported by parents and other groups supported completely by our PTSA. These amazing experiences only take place when our parents support our programs through volunteer hours. Our school, teachers and students appreciate our PTSA so much. ICS is a great place where we all pitch in together.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

[Link to PTSA newsletter](#)

Updated State Testing Information

We need to adjust our WA State testing due to our upcoming 8th grade field trip and FBLA competition. Dates are listed below and special bell schedules will be shared in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your flexibility.

- SBA Testing for grades 6, 7, 8, & 10 takes place on April 6, 8, 9 and 10
- WCAS (Science) for grades 8 & 11 take place on April 20
- Makeup Testing for SBA and WCAS on April 28 & 29

IB at ICS (by Jennifer Ann, CAS Coordinator)

Parent volunteers are needed for Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) in the IB Diploma Program at ICS. Are you interested in working directly with a small group of high school students **as a CAS Advisor** to help them develop a portfolio for the IB Diploma? CAS is at the heart of the Diploma Program and involves students in a range of activities alongside their academic studies to help them learn through real life experiences; reflect on athletic, creative, and service activities they may already be involved; take on new challenges; and connect with the local or global community through acts of service.

Parent volunteers as CAS Advisors would be required to attend an in-person training at ICS on Friday, August 28 and meet with students in person during nine Friday morning classes throughout the next school year. The different roles for CAS at ICS are briefly explained [here](#). Ideally, parent volunteers for CAS can make a two-year commitment to see the initial cohort of juniors through their senior year and successful completion of the CAS requirements. Parents may not advise their own children. Both middle school and high school parents are encouraged to consider becoming a CAS Advisor.

There will be a virtual meeting via Teams for interested parents on **Wednesday, April 8 from 6pm -7pm** to learn more about the CAS program requirements, CAS Advisor responsibilities, review specific dates and times, and go over any questions. **Follow this link** to join Jennifer Ann, the IB CAS Coordinator, to learn more about this meaningful parent volunteer opportunity.

Timeline:

Friday, March 6 – Parent Volunteer announcement in Parent Square and PTSA Newsletter

Friday, April 3 – Reminder announcement in Parent Square and PTSA Newsletter

Wednesday, April 8 – Virtual Information meeting 6-7pm

April 8 – June 3: Link open for parents to sign up

Wednesday, June 3 – Initial advisor meeting, provide CAS Advisor Handbook

Friday, August 28 – CAS Advisor training at ICS 9am-11am

Friday, September 25 – first Friday CAS Core class with advisors

Apply Now! Student Representatives to the School Board

The Lake Washington School District Board of Directors is looking to add student representatives to the Board. Specifically, the Board is looking for two current 10th grade students:

- A current 10th grade student from **Emerson High School, Emerson K-12, International Community School, Juanita High School** or **Lake Washington High School** to serve a two-year term.
- A current 10th grade student from **Eastlake High School, Redmond High School, or Tesla STEM High School** to serve a two-year term.

Student board representatives must be in good academic standing and willing and able to commit to attend all regular school board meetings (approximately every other Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.).

Students may submit their answers in writing or in audio or video formats.

View the **full job description and application process here**. View the webpage for more details: **<https://www.lwsd.org/about/school-board/student-representative-to-the-school-board>**.

Submit an application online.

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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