

Principal Update 9/4/2026

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

What a great first week at ICS! I think everyone is ready for an extended weekend. This is the first time in many years that we have started with 5 full days of instruction before Labor Day weekend. As Dr. O'Donnell and I walked through the halls and talked to kids about their first week there was a common theme. Students are excited about seeing their peers and reengaging with their teachers. One of the priorities of this week was building community. I saw teachers do this in the classroom, the PTSA Board connecting with one another and even our parent volunteers helping our families with the new traffic flow. "Community" is what truly sets us apart as a school and makes us so unique and special. I look forward to seeing you all in person at the first PTSA meeting on Thursday, September 10th.

Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend with your families!

Jacob

Make sure to read the PTSA Newsletter too!

Staying informed is critical for the ICS Families and students' success: Make sure your family receives each of these communications every week:

1. Principal newsletter sent by the school via ParentSquare
2. ICS community newsletter: **ICS Families Community**

IB at ICS (IB Diploma Coordinator, Lauren Jackson)

Our first cohort of IB students is off and running! We have been introducing them to the curriculum and getting started with the learning in our IB courses and Theory of Knowledge classes. We're so excited to have a fantastic group of new IB teachers, some of whom have a strong background in IB.

ICS is continuing to partner with Philip Evans at the IB Global Centre in Washington, DC. He runs the Schoolwide IB initiative that we're participating in. This program offers us extra support, like offering an IB Language & Literature workshop that some of our humanities teachers will attend in

October. This will help strengthen our overall understanding of the IB curriculum as a school and will move us forward in our journey of integrating IB concepts and skills at all grade levels.

Meet the Teacher (Curriculum) Night, September 16

Our annual Meet the Teacher (Curriculum) Night takes place on Wednesday, September 16 starting at 6:30. Expect heavy traffic and limited parking, so arrive early. This event is designed to provide families with general information about the course curriculum and assessment. It is not designed to find out information about individual students and their progress. To increase environmental sustainability, we will not be printing schedules for parents. You will need to know the teacher's name, period and room number. You can get this information from your child or find it in Skyward. Room numbers are not included in PowerSchool. We look forward to seeing you at this important event. The schedule is below.

Period 1 6:30 - 6:45

Period 2 6:48 - 6:58

Period 3 7:01 - 7:11

Period 4 7:14 - 7:24

Period 5 7:27 - 7:37

Period 6 7:40 - 7:50

Enrollment Growth at ICS

You have probably seen the billboards in front of the school from the city of Kirkland at the end of last year and start of this one. They should be coming down soon, because the ordinance to increase the population of ICS students from 440 to 560 passed unanimously this week. This year our enrollment will be around 485. Over the next few years, we will get slightly larger. There are two main reasons for this growth. The neighborhood high schools continue to grow, and ICS can now provide more seats to ease potential overcrowding. Another important reason is the IB Diploma Programme. A larger high school population enables students to better access the mix of IB courses that support their post-secondary needs. The current number of instructional spaces will allow us to increase population without need for construction. This growth allows us to better operationalize the IB Diploma Programme that our community identified as a priority to add during my first year as principal during the 2023-24 school year.

Camp Phoenix Information

Another important Parent Square post was sent on Friday, September 4. Please make sure to read and complete all tasks by September 11. **[You can see the post here.](#)**

New Staff at ICS

There are several new faculty and staff at ICS. Some of these positions are due to growth in the school size and some because of retirement and relocation. I am excited for you to meet them at Curriculum Night on September 16.

Free and Reduced Lunch Sign Up

Families who may qualify for free school meals are encouraged to apply using **this form**. **The form needs to be submitted each year**, and those who qualify for free meals also qualify for other benefits, such as access to no-cost ASB activities, SAT fee waivers, AP test fee discounts, class fee waivers, ICS Camp/ Focus Week scholarships and more! Students need rest and nutritious food to be ready to focus on learning—and we are here to help! More information and steps to complete the form can be found **here** (**<https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/families/school-meals-nutrition/free-reduced-price-meals-for-students>**).

LWSD Nutritional Services Updates

Students are best prepared to learn when their fundamental needs are met. Our District Nutrition Services team is exploring new and exciting ways to provide students with healthy, delicious food at school. Students with dietary restrictions, including food allergies, may share their needs by completing the form on this website: **<https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/families/school-meals-nutrition>**

ICS Camp Financial Assistance

Students needing help with financial assistance should contact their grade level school counselor: Ann Nguyen, **anguyen@lwsd.org**, Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 (alpha Ko-Z)
Rebecca Zavala, **rzavala@lwsd.org**, Grades 9 (alpha A-Ki), 10, 11, 12

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

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Class Fees information has been updated.