



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

It was great seeing you at the first PTSA meeting of the year on Thursday night. The partnership between school and parents is extremely unique and results in exceptional experiences for our students at ICS. The first of these is Camp Phoenix on October 5-7. Collaboration has already begun as we look for chaperones to make this trip a reality. There are a ton of opportunities to get involved. More importantly, these experiences provide you with a chance to see what happens at camp and connect with students and parents in meaningful ways. Some of my favorite moments are getting to know our parents on a more personal level during camp.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families and hope to see you on Curriculum Night on September 16.

Jacob

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**

Updated Handbook

Each year the student and parent handbooks are updated by the district. This year most of the adjustments involve the district wide policy to personal devices. **You can find more information on our website here.**

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. **Unless you need your student for translation, please leave them at home. There is limited space for this highly attended event.** We look forward to seeing you. 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

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.**

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

Office Manager: Mamoona Zia

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

Main Number: 425-936-2380

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Class Fees information has been updated.