



## International Community School News

### Hello ICS Families!

I can't believe that we just finished the first month of school. We have successfully launched IB Diploma classes in grade 11, onboarded 8 new teachers to ICS, hosted curriculum night, and launched clubs. At the same time, we are finalizing Camp Phoenix and have started planning for Focus Week in May. The start of the year at ICS is not like any other school in the district. We are special, we are built differently and our students benefit from this hard work. I am so lucky to work at a school where staff and parents make this happen.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Jacob

### A La Carte Breakfast at ICS

ICS kitchen is now providing some a la carte items for student purchase before school. Items include fruit parfaits, blueberry waffles, fruit cups, assorted yogurt, donuts, pancake balls, and assorted cereals.

### IB at ICS (IB Diploma Coordinator, Lauren Jackson)

One of the distinctive aspects of the IB Diploma Programme is that it includes foundational philosophies that permeate all aspects of the programme and the culture of the whole school. We are starting to introduce the ten **IB Learner Profile** qualities to the school with a monthly focus on each one of the qualities. These are lifelong habits and traits that we want our students to recognize, develop, and value in their lives.

Our first trait is **Inquirers**. IB defines this as **nurturing curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research, knowing how to learn independently and with others, learning with enthusiasm and sustaining a love of learning throughout life**.

I believe ICS students are well on the path of being Inquirers. It's what we've always valued in learning here. When we discussed this trait in the TOK class, the students all identified areas of interest or passion both in classes and outside of school that they have worked to learn more about. Currently, we have a group of students who are so passionate about history that they

started a club to dig into different historical events and time periods together as a group. Other students are leading inquiry into personal finance and how to invest wisely in the Finance Club, and still others in Green Team are figuring out how to be environmentally responsible and how to influence others to join them in protecting our world. (CAS is a perfect venue for inquiry!)

Inquiry is also central to our teaching at ICS. We don't simply tell students what to think and ask them to repeat it back to us on tests. We present issues and concepts and texts and show them how to ask their own questions. When students choose the direction of their inquiry, they are more invested in the process. Learning how to approach understanding independently and with peers allows students to extend their learning throughout their lives.

### **ICS Counseling Team Update**

There are many exciting changes happening at ICS! Because our high school is growing, our counseling team is shifting their caseloads to ensure equitable access to counseling services for all students. Please see the below counseling caseload split to find your ICS counselor.

**Rebecca Zavala:** Grades 10-12, 9th Grade Last Names A-R

**Ann Nguyen:** Grades 6-8, 9th Grade Last Names S-Z

We're looking forward to working with you all this year!

### **ICS Counseling Team Family Needs Perspective**

We hope that everyone's fall is going well! The counseling team has put together a brief survey to get your perspective on what types of supports your students may need, and the types of support we offer for families. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill this out for us. Your perspective is important to us, and it helps us better serve your students and you.

High School Survey: **Microsoft Forms**

Middle School Survey: **Microsoft Forms**

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out!

### **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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