



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

This week our students and PTSA parents hosted a club fair this Tuesday during homeroom time. Clubs are a special part of what our school does. Our students are seriously passionate about their after-school options. You could feel the energy as students walked down the halls to the Lyceum for the club fair. There are so many ways for students to pursue their passions and to explore new interests. Jujitsu, yearbook, MUN, Dungeons and Dragons, National Art Honor Society, Green Team, Science Olympiad, Math, and Battle of the Books are just a few examples of the many opportunities our students have at ICS. This happens because our teachers take on multiple clubs and our PTSA sponsors even more. This is another example of the importance of the partnership between the PTSA and the school. Take some time over the next couple of weeks and have your students share the club list with you. Make some commitments to follow a passion and try something new.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

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**

IB at ICS (IB Diploma Coordinator, Lauren Jackson)

We welcomed the families of our first IB candidates at ICS to a special IB DP Core session before the start of Curriculum Night. This gave us a chance to explain how the Core class works with three teachers and our volunteer parent CAS advisors to combine the Theory of Knowledge course with CAS and EE support for our students. We loved seeing a full classroom of families! Thank you for joining us.

We're in the process of updating our ICS website with some revised and new FAQs as our programme evolves, and we will begin evening information nights for various different groups starting in October. Watch for announcements about IB Info Nights!

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.**

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>).

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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