

Principal Update 10/09/2026

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

The PTSA and ICS school partnership was on full display this week at Camp Phoenix. Our parent chaperones were essential in the delivery of engaging and safe community building activities. This week was a huge success, and we truly could not have done it without you.

In addition to the human/physical support through volunteerism, the PTSA provides additional funding to the school through grants. These grants are essential due to our smaller budget (due to student population size). These grants total tens of thousands of dollars and directly support teacher/student needs. The first round of PTSA Fast Grants funded school supplies like whiteboard markers, glue sticks, composition books, and painter's tape. It also supported reusable items that will support ICS students for years. These include items like thermometers, cellos, mutes, blood pressure machines, and scanners for student work. While the district pays for the PSAT testing for grade 10 students, the PTSA pays for every grade 11 student to take it again. This additional opportunity gives our students an extra chance to practice before they take the SAT for college entrance and potentially qualifies them for National Merit Scholarships and awards.

Our partnership with the PTSA makes ICS an exceptional place. We are grateful for this support.

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)

One way we are working to develop the IB Curriculum at ICS and prepare our students well for the rigors of IB learning and assessments is to embed IB Language and Literature text types, concepts and assessment styles into all of our Humanities courses at all grade levels.

Last week, four of our humanities teachers and our learning support teacher all attended an online IB Language and Literature 2-day workshop together. We discussed course concepts, looked at sample student assessments and practiced scoring them, and we shared resources with other teachers from schools around Washington.

Our Humanities Department teachers have also formed a PLC (Professional Learning Community) which meets regularly on early-dismissal Wednesdays to work on introducing non-literary text types found in the IB course—such as advertisements or propaganda posters or podcasts—into their Humanities courses. We are excited to be working together to infuse IB into all of our students' learning!

Picture Re-Take Day

The School Photographer will be here on Wednesday October 14, 2026.

After this day, use event code FE324226 on the **Josten's** website to order pictures. A school ID will be available a few weeks after picture day.

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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