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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

This week, our school finalized the presentation that will be posted on the **LWSD Choice Schools page** for the upcoming lottery. Creating the presentation gave us another opportunity to collaborate with the PTSA, counselors, administrators, and IB Diploma leaders—and to reflect together on how best to introduce prospective families to ICS.

Like nearly every choice school, ICS has moved away from in-person information meetings. The new presentation brings key information together in one place, with photos and videos from both the school and the PTSA. It highlights what makes ICS unique: our seven-year program, deep interdisciplinary connections, experiential learning, and a close-knit community where students are truly known by their peers and teachers. Now that the IB Diploma Programme is underway, we can also share more specific information about the opportunities available to students at ICS.

I am especially proud of the video the PTSA created to help prospective families understand what it means to be part of the Phoenix Family. They truly knocked it out of the park. The video captures the strong partnership between families and the school—a partnership that makes ICS such a special place.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family,

Jacob

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.

Traffic Flow Map

Please refer to the **traffic flow map** when dropping off and picking up students.

CAS Spotlight! (CAS Coordinator, Jennifer Ann)

It's only October, and our IB students are already busy engaging in Creativity, Activity, and especially **Service**! Here's a glimpse of the many meaningful service experiences students are documenting and reflecting on in their digital CAS portfolios.

On Campus at ICS, students are making a difference by decorating bulletin boards, leading clubs, organizing school spirit events, planning and facilitating activities for Camp Phoenix, and helping create the ICS Yearbook. One student is even combining IB CAS with an Eagle Scout project to design and paint a world map mural at ICS!

In our Local Communities, students are volunteering at school events at Blackwell and Lakeview elementary schools; serving on the Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee and Kirkland Youth Council; organizing a local hackathon; tutoring students in math; coordinating volunteers for Fright Town Eastside; and partnering with YMCA Earth Service Corps and Green Kirkland to help restore Crestwood Park.

Thinking Globally, two students are connecting service with their cultural communities. One is volunteering as an emcee for The Citizens Foundation (TCF), an organization dedicated to providing quality education to underprivileged children in Pakistan. Another is participating in the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors, a volunteer program that helps students deepen their understanding of Taiwanese culture, strengthen their connection to their heritage, and share that culture with the broader community through service events.

These experiences highlight the incredible variety of ways our IB students are putting their interests, talents, and passions into action. We look forward to seeing how their service experiences continue to grow throughout the year and are grateful to the parent volunteers serving as CAS Advisors.

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