Principal Update 10/30/2026

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

The first quarter officially ends on November 3. This is a meaningful opportunity to check in with your student—not only about assignments and grades, but also about their experience of learning so far this year. Start by reviewing Qmlativ/Skyward and Canvas together for any missing assignments. Although it is late in the quarter, there may still be opportunities to submit work. Please review each teacher's syllabus for late-work policies, and encourage your student to ask their teacher if they are unsure about what can still be completed.

Even more important than checking for missing work is taking time to reflect together. What is your student proud of from the first quarter? Where have they grown, and what has been challenging? You might ask which study habits have helped, how they have managed their time, and whether they feel comfortable asking for help. Begin with celebrations and listen with curiosity. These conversations are most valuable when students have a chance to share their perspective and recognize their own progress.

Looking ahead to the second quarter, encourage your student to choose one or two specific, manageable goals. That might mean setting aside a regular time to review assignments, breaking larger projects into smaller steps, or reaching out to a teacher sooner when something is unclear. Ask what support would be helpful from you while keeping your student involved in making the plan. The next two weekends offer a chance to pause, celebrate growth, and look ahead together. Our goal is not simply to finish a quarter, but to help students build the confidence and habits they can carry into the next one.

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 PTSA community newsletter: **ICS Families Community**

IB at ICS (IB Diploma Coordinator, Lauren Jackson)

I feel so fortunate to be working with the amazing educators at ICS! This morning, IB teachers gathered for our monthly meeting. When I asked them to share “moments of joy” from their classes or ways they are appreciating teaching IB, they all had specific experiences to share, and they were all impressed with the ways the ICS students are engaging with the course material.
Our **Visual Arts** class recently invited Zac Aquino our security specialist to talk about his development as an artist through his work with different mediums. They practiced writing a “line of inquiry” one of the IB assessments about his art in preparation for beginning to write their own lines of inquiry.
Our **History** students have been studying authoritarianism and have synthesized new ideas and information adeptly in their class discussions.
In **Biology**, students are learning data analysis, picking up the skill quickly and applying it in various contexts.
The **Language & Literature** students have been analyzing the work of an advertising designer and are creating their own designs based on his theories and style.
And because our **Spanish** teacher is so amazing at learning what’s happening in other classes and helping students develop those same skills in Spanish class, his students are analyzing Spanish language advertisements, stereotyping in Burger King ads for example.

I’m impressed both with the teachers and the students, and I’m excited to see the positive energy in these IB courses.

Grade Reports

Report cards will be available to view on Skyward, on November 12, 2026.

Payments

The cash register is open every lunch time for payments. Please pay by card, cash or check for all school related fees such as ASB (Associated Student Body) club fees, camp, class fees. Check your skyward student account to pay on-line (preferred).

Veterans Day Closure

School is closed Wednesday November 11, 2026, for Veterans Day.

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.

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