International Community School News Principal Update

Hello ICS Families:

Thank you for sending your wonderful children to spend their days with us! Our halls are bustling and I'm sure there are smiles behind those masks! Laptops and textbooks have been rolled-out and we are beginning to settle in. We want ICS students to have a smooth start and teachers are taking time to know their students and help them build communities in their classrooms. It's going to be a good year!

Drop-off, traffic flow, and pick-up:

In the morning, it is crucial that drivers follow the traffic flow map. The <u>traffic</u> flow map is attached for your review. The yellow arrows show the entry flow. Following this helps expedite the drop-off process and keeps the intersection of 112th and NE 65th open - allowing traffic to exit without causing a back-up. We are in a small residential area, and I know it can be frustrating to navigate. Unfortunately, we've seen aggressive behavior and unsafe situations. School drop-off will always take time, please plan accordingly and follow the attached route. If we all take a deep breath and follow the rules, it will smooth out. Students should be **drop-off ready** – keep backpacks in the car and not the trunk and say your goodbyes quickly. **In the afternoon** cars have been backed up, which is typical for the first few days. We have many new families this year. Please be patient and safe. Please remember to not block private driveways if you are stopped on residential streets.

Drop-off and pick-up times:

The school doors will unlock at 7:00 am and will lock at 7:35 am. Thank you for getting your students here on time! School dismisses at 2:25 pm. Unless your student is attending a school sanctioned activity, meeting with a teacher, we ask that you pick up at dismissal. We don't have supervision after 3:00 pm and the doors will be locked. We want everyone to be safe and we can't have students waiting outside for a long period of time.

Student driving and parking

We need to know who is driving to school and parking in our lot. Attached you will find a <u>parking form</u> to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian (even if the student is 18). Parking will be free for students.

Off Campus Permission during lunch

International Community School is a closed campus school. Students are required to remain on campus during the full school day unless the student has been signed out of the office by a parent/guardian. The <u>permission form</u> is for juniors and seniors only. Please sign and return the form to the office.

Attendance

If your student will be absent, arriving late or leaving early please contact our Attendance secretary, Ms. D. Ruiz via email at <u>druiz@lwsd.org</u>. The Attendance Hotline phone number is 425 936 2381.

Please report current day absences prior to 9:00 am. Please provide the date of absence, your student's full name, grade, and reason for the absence. For **Late Arrivals** – Students will need to sign in at the office for a late pass. For **Early Dismissals** – Parents should come into the office to sign out. For **Extended Absences** – Click <u>here</u> to complete a Pre-Arranged Excused Absence Form.

Picture Re-take Day

The school photographer will be here again on Wednesday October 6, 2021. Order photos on-line through the <u>Lifetouch</u> website using the following information: School Name: International Cmty School Picture Day Date: Wednesday October 6, 2021. Picture Day ID: EVTTHFGN8 Picture Day Flyer: for full details.

Orca Bus Pass

Effective this school year 2021-22, ORCA cards will be issued for the duration of the students' school attendance. Students are responsible for the

safekeeping of the Orca card and understand that they keep the bus pass all through their school attendance years.

LWSD Anonymous Tip Line

We would like to remind our students, parents, and staff of the district Anonymous Tip Line. There is a new App which allows you to report tips on any safety issue. Please access details <u>here</u>.

Student Accident Insurance

The Student Accident Coverage with Myers, Stevens & Toohey has been renewed for this school year. This program provides access to student accident insurance plans for voluntary purchase by parents/guardians. Enroll on-line: <u>https://www.myers-stevens.com/enrollment-page/</u>.