

Dear Parents,

On the eve of the start of our new year, I have a few quick reminders:

Traffic Flow: Please pay close attention to the traffic signs. We aim to make driving directions very clear this year! See the attached directions. [Driving Flow to ICS.pdf](#)

Grade 6 Students: Please go directly to the Lyceum once you arrive.

Summit Students: Wednesday is a full day for our Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, not a half day.

New Faculty:

It's been a busy summer. We hired 6 new teachers and our very own Security Monitor. I'm told by the older faculty this happens every 6 years or so and in this sixth year the pattern returned. Teachers left for a myriad of reasons: retirement, a master's degree, a new job in software, and new horizons. I am very pleased and excited to introduce the new faculty. Please join me in welcoming:

Profe Fernandez: Spanish 1 & Spanish

Hola. My name is Ana Fernandez-Cuesta and I am from Seville, Spain. I have 10 years of Spanish teaching experience in Northern Virginia, Germany, Spain, and California. I look forward to sharing my passion for my language, food and culture with your children!

Aleksandra Fraleigh: Grade 6 IS & IS 2

I am the new 6th and 8th grade International Studies teacher. I've recently moved here from Florida with my husband, two dogs, and two cats where I taught Social Studies, AVID, and acted as an AVID Coordinator for the last five years. Aside from being passionate about all things ancient history, I am also a competitive recurve archer. I'm super excited to work with each and every one of you this year!

Ms. Meggan Houlihan: Grade 6 Humanities & IS

Born and raised in Redmond I am proudly a product of the LWSD. I completed my BS in Anthropology at Central Washington University, went on to earn a MA in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Arkansas and promptly returned to the PNW. After teaching anthropology at the Community College level I decided to earn a Master in Teaching through Western Washington University in order to teach at the secondary level. Last year I taught 7th grade ELA/History at a middle school in the Everett School District; I am very excited to be back in the LWSD community.

Mr. Randall Huberman: IS 3, IS 4 & IS 5:

Hello ICS Parents! My name is Randy Huberman. My wife and I just moved to the PNW from Bloomington, IL. I have taught Social Studies and Instrumental Music for the last 15 years. This year at ICS, I will be teaching IS3, IS4, and IS5. In addition to my love for history and baseball, I am an avid musician and was very fortunate to be invited as a featured performer at the Belize International Jazz Festival this summer, and look forward to sharing this experience with my students.

Colleen Leahy: Grade 6 Math and Science 7 Grade 7 Math

I'm so pleased to join ICS! I am from West Chicago and where I specialized in middle school Math. I have taught advanced students for past two years and I am very familiar with the Grade 6 and 7 Math offered here at ICS. I'm from a cold place but it's flat so can't wait to explore the PNW and ski for the very first time.

Tim Sullivan: Campus Security Monitor

After 34 ½ years in the United States Coast Guard, I am grateful to have found ICS. As the NEW Campus Monitor I come with a background of Security and Emergency Preparedness. I have a degree in Criminal Justice and have worked in a school setting for over 10 years. I love photography, I have been married over 30 years and have 2 great kids. I have also sailed to the North Pole and Antarctica on an Icebreaker.

Mrs. Hannah Welsh: Grade 6 Art & Art 3

I am a graduate of the Carnegie Mellon University's College of Fine Arts where she studied under abstractionist Sam Gilliam. With 16 years of teaching experience and formerly of Tacoma, Mrs. Welsh has lived, worked and studied in eight different U.S. cities. While I teach art, I am also an artist and my most recent work is featured at the Space Gallery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania through September.30, 2016 as part of the John Reigert exhibition.

Onward and Upward ICS!

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