



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

November 23, 2015

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

11/25	Turkey Assembly
11/26 - 11/27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/30 - 12/8	Snowflake Food Drive
12/1	High School Choir Concert
12/3	Middle School Choir Concert
12/4	Middle School Social
12/7	PTSA Board Meeting
12/8	Band Concert
12/9	Snowflake Assembly
12/9	Middle School Orchestra Concert

PTSA

www.ISPTSA.ORG

Visit our website keep informed about what is going with ISPTSA including meetings, programs and community events and activities. We hope it will be your home for joining the ISPTSA, volunteering, signing up for the Messenger weekly newsletter and keeping current on what is happening at the school.

Please take a moment to:

- 1) Create an ISPTSA account or update your current information. We will be using this for directory information. We will also have an online directory which will be available to ISPTSA members.
- 2) Join the ISPTSA, just click on the link that says Join.
- 3) Sign up for the Monday Messenger weekly e-newsletter, this is the best way to get the most current information on what is happening at school.
- 4) Volunteer - There are lots of ways to volunteer, both from home and at school. Parent involvement in creating and staffing programs such as Reflections, Staff Appreciation, Grade level representatives, awarding grants and editing the website is what makes IS unique.
- 5) Donate - Your donations to the PTSA allows us to invest, approximately \$100,000 a year toward the school's mission of academic excellence through a broad spectrum of curriculum extension grants, programs, clubs, and community building.

School News

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School Directory and Links

ATTENDANCE	425-456-6545
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[IS School Website, Calendar & Titan Times](#)

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Supporting PTSA

You can donate at any time by simply writing your check to the International School PTSA and sending it to school: 445 128th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98005
Or even easier - just donate via PayPal!

Will your employer match your IS contributions?



International School Store



Microsoft

Microsoft Showcase School

This week, we got the great news that we have been accepted as a Showcase School. Here is the text of the letter we received:

Congratulations on being selected as a 2015-2016 Microsoft Showcase School! We are very proud of your achievements and look forward to working with you throughout the year, and beyond.

You have been selected as a Showcase School because you are a premier school with a strong vision for change and have successfully implemented Microsoft technology, and can share pointed stories about the outcomes of pursuing improvement agendas. You have created a whole-school innovative learning environment enabled by technology where students participate in their own learning and achievements to make learning more exciting.

View some of our schools across the globe here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxQL5HKkXf8>

On behalf of the worldwide Microsoft in Education team, we are excited to be a part of your journey in creating an environment that inspires 21st century teaching and learning.

Over the past few years, and intensively in the past year, we've worked with Microsoft in Education and the OneNote group to expand their thinking, and ours as well, in innovation in education. This recognition is wonderful but even better, this opportunity will connect us with exemplary and innovative educators and schools across the globe. We're excited to open our doors and learn on this international level!

Microsoft Innovative Educators

In addition to our school being recognized, Cheryl McClure and Jenn Rose have been accepted as being Microsoft Innovative Experts. Cheryl and Jenn will have the opportunity to engage with individual educators around the world and be part of a "best practices" in learning and technology professional learning community.

Show your school spirit! Shop for sweatshirts, t-shirts, duffel bags and more! Visit the [International School Fieldhouse store](#). Proceeds benefit the International School ASB.



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Houston Kraft Parent Night

Houston Kraft will be returning again for a parent night on Wed 12/16 and it would be great if you can make it! He will work with all of our students in an assembly during the day and the goal is that you and your student have a chance to talk about what's happening in school and the learning around social and emotional skills.

Pick Up & Drop Off Traffic

Thanks to all of you for helping us move traffic through as quickly and safely as possible. A few quick reminders-

Drivers Dropping Off

Please be sure to pull forward to the entrance in the middle of the school when dropping off. Do not drop students off in front of the main office, please. Pulling forward is the most effective way for us to speed up drop off. Also, busses need both lanes to safely pull through the curve by the field. Please help us keep this section clear as busses are pulling in.

Drivers Picking Up

The lane on the right (by the sidewalk) is for Metro busses. Parking there blocks our ability to get busses in the lot to pick up. Wednesdays can be very crowded, but the lot is often clear by 1:00. Please consider arriving after one to pick up your students.

Students

Please talk to your kids about being safe pedestrians. They should use the crosswalks and make sure that cars are stopping before they cross. Students should not run in front of cars and busses! As our mornings get darker, it's even more important for our students to practice safe habits arriving to school.

Viewing Semester Grades in Aspen

Currently, the default view of grades in Aspen only reflects assignments from second quarter. We're working to change the default view to the semester average. In the meantime, you can see current first semester grades by clicking on the name of each course and viewing the "Sem. 1 Current Grade" in the lower right corner.



The Bellevue City Hall is holding their annual Kids Care Coat Drive for the youth of Bellevue. Please bring new or gently used coats to the box in the commons at International School. Hats, gloves, scarves and adult sizes are all accepted. Coats will be collected until January 11.

Any questions? You can contact Patrick Alina, the Bellevue Youth Link Coordinator, at PAlina@bellevuewa.gov.

Ski or Snowboard on Wednesday

Ski or snowboard after school on Wednesdays and be back in time for dinner!

Enjoy bus transportation to and from the Summit @ Snoqualmie.

Dates: January 6th 2016 to February 10th or March 3rd depending on weather conditions.

Complete details can be found [here](#). We are still in need of more Chaperones!

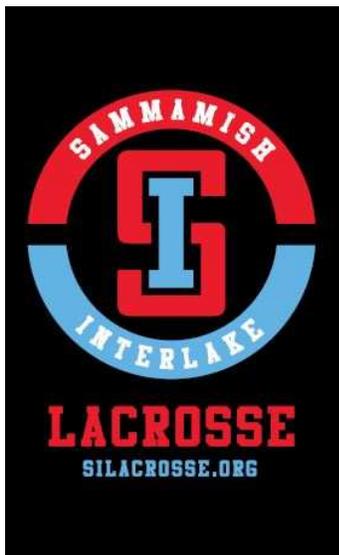
Forms are in the office and Wed. 11/25 is the last day that will be accepted.

Any questions please contact Beth Michaud at (425)894-2495 or bethcowie@hotmail.com.

Board & Ski with Bellevue Ski School in 2015-16!

Join the Saturday Bellevue Ski School Program. Give your student (2nd thru 12th grade) 6 and/or 8 Week Sessions, 8 hours on the mountain, with the best trained and dedicated staff. Transportation provided by BSD and Coach Buses. BSD reps on hill each Saturday. Sign up before Dec 15.

Affiliated with the Bellevue School District since 1958. Visit the web site for more information at www.bellevueskischool.com or email: info@BellevueSkiSchool.com.



JOIN NOW FOR SPRING 2016

BOYS LACROSSE, GRADES 3-8

Would you like your son to experience the fastest growing sport in the country and be part of a team experience? New and experienced lacrosse players welcomed!

Age Group	Timing	Commitment
Grades 3/4	February - May	2 Practices and Game per week
Grades 5/6	February - May	2 Practices and Game per week
Grades 7/8	February - May	3 Practices and Game per week

Equipment: helmet, shoulder and arm pads, gloves, stick, cleats, mouth guard and athletic cup. Scholarships available.

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Messenger Submissions

Want to submit information to publish in the Messenger? Please submit your information by **FRIDAY**. (*Submissions are subject to PTA approval*). Plain text is preferred, although you are welcome to send along an image or icon to include. Need to link to a registration form? Send us the link to include or a pdf copy. *Note: you will no longer receive an automatic confirmation response when submitting.*

Questions or submissions should go to news@isptsa.org

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