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Week 1 Making our Mark

Welcome to the New ISE Blast

You may notice that the ISE Blast looks a little different this year. We are shifting the Blast into more of a weekly community update — a place where you can get a snapshot of what's happening across our school, celebrate student and staff achievements, and stay connected to the life of ISE.

As the year goes on, you'll hear not only from the Leadership Team, but also from teachers, students, and other members of our ISE community. We want the Blast to reflect the many voices, experiences, and things that make our school special.

So, let's take a look at our first two days of school!

Making Our Mark

One of the highlights of our first day was our whole-school “Paint the School” activity.

Students from across the school had the opportunity to literally make their mark on campus as a way of celebrating the beginning of a new school year. We want our students to feel that ISE is their school — a place where they belong, contribute, create, and have something to be proud of.

This is just the beginning. Throughout the year, we will be introducing more whole-school experiences that bring students together and give students opportunities to see their ideas, creativity, and contributions become part of our shared school environment.



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Building Our Foundations

Our Elementary students have spent the first few days getting to know their classmates and teachers, learning school routines, and exploring what is expected of them as members of the ISE community. These first days are about establishing the foundations for a successful year of learning, friendship, and growth.



Our Middle and High School students have been busy getting themselves ready for the year ahead. They have been:

- Discussing responsible and appropriate use of devices
- Establishing shared essential agreements for their learning communities
- Learning the “dos and don’ts” of being a successful ISE secondary student
- Exploring their language options and elective courses
- Becoming familiar with their schedules and daily routines

Students will receive their final class schedules on Monday, and we will officially begin our regular academic schedule with **A Day**.

Next week, our Secondary students will dive into their courses more fully, with a focus on course outlines, curriculum, classroom routines, and learning expectations. It will be the beginning of the academic rhythm that will carry us through the year.



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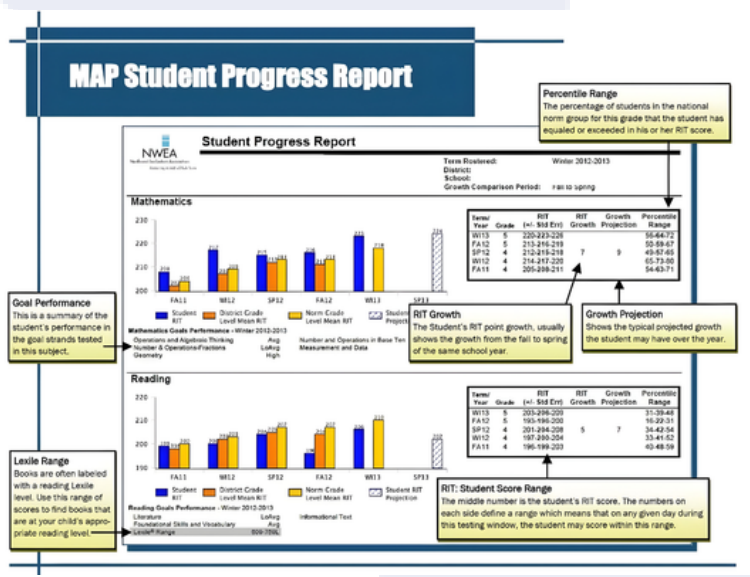
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MAP Testing Begins

Next week, we will also begin our MAP assessments for students in Grades 2 and above.



This year, we are excited to add Science MAP testing for students in Grades 6 and above alongside our existing assessments. MAP results help our teachers understand where students are in their learning and use that information to better support individual student growth throughout the year.

After-School Activities Are Here!

Our After-School Activities (ASA) brochures have gone home today! Please take some time to look through the activities being offered this semester and find something your child might enjoy exploring. Whether it's sports, creative arts, academic interests, or something completely new, we hope students will find opportunities to discover new interests, build skills, and connect with others beyond the classroom.

ASA FORMS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

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After school Activities
Elementary School

Monday

Global Art
(Pre-K 2-4)
(850/session)

Young Engineers
(KG-G2)

Active Kids
(KG-G2)

Cover/Street Dance
(KG-G5)
(800/session)

Math for Fun
(G3-G5)

Football
(G3-G5)

Tuesday

Messy Play
(Pre-K 2-4)

Young Engineers
(G3-G5)

Little Chefs
(KG-G2)

Arts and Crafts
(KG-G5)

Wednesday

Tennis
(G2-G5)
(500/session)

Ballet
(KG-G5)
(900/session)

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Thursday

Eagle Chefs
(G3-G5)

Science Club
(KG-G2)

Spanish Club
(KG-G5)

Thai Varieties Club
(G3-G5)

Friday

Messy Play
(Pre-K2 - 4)

Spelling Bee
(G3-G5)

Music
(KG-G2)

Active Kids
(KG-G5)

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After school Activities
Secondary School

Monday

SS Orchestra
(G6-G10)

Math/Science Olympiad
(G6-G10)

Sr Volleyball (Boys)
(G9-G12)

Tables Tennis
(G6-G12)

Thai Culture Lab
(limit to 10 students)
(G6-G12)

Hand for Help
(limit to 10 students)
(G6-G12)

Tuesday

Jr Basketball
(Boys & Girls)
(G6-G8)

Board Games
(G6-G12)

Operation Smile
(G6-G12)

School Beautification
(G9-G12)

Wednesday

E-Sport
(G6-G12)

Ballet
(G6-G7)
(900/session)

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Thursday

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(G6-G12)

Co-Ed Football
(G6-G12)

Student Council
(G6-G12)

Friday

Cooking
(G6-G10)

Student Tutoring
(G6-G12)

Sr. Volleyball (Girls)
(G9-G12)

Dance
(G6-G12)
(800/session)

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Coming Up Next Week

- **August 17–21**
 - MAP Testing — Grades 2+
- **Wednesday, August 19**
 - After School Activities Forms Due
- **Friday, August 21 | 9:00 AM – Please make sure to RSVP!**
 - Coffee Morning: Back to School Edition
 - We would love to welcome our families to our first Coffee Morning of the year! Come and hear more about what we have planned for the year ahead, connect with other ISE families, and meet members of our school community.



A Quick Reminder

As we move into our regular routines next week, please remember that ManageBac will continue to be used across the whole school, while our Elementary families should also make sure they are connected to Seesaw. Please also make sure you are receiving our school emails and have joined our ISE LINE for important announcements and updates.

The first week is always a little bit of everything — new faces, new routines, new classrooms, lots of questions, and plenty of excitement. Thank you for your patience and support as we get everyone settled.

We're off to a great start, and we can't wait to see what this year brings!
Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year, ISE! 🦅

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