



Dear iSchoolOC Families,

I would like to welcome each of you to the start of the 2022-2023 academic school year. I am very excited and looking forward to working with all our parents/guardians, staff, students, and community.

We made it through a challenging first school year, and I am so proud of all the growth and achievement that our teachers, staff, parents, students, and Board accomplished this past year.

There has been a lot of planning, preparations, and renovations to get the school ready for this second year since our independence. Our teachers and staff are committed to continue providing the best bilingual instruction and education possible while striving to maintain the safest and most responsible learning environment for our students.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of work or changes carried out during the summer under the supervision of our Facilities Manager, Mr. Alphonse Nguyen:

- Installation of progressive security screens on all windows facing the exterior of the school.
- Replacement of our surveillance cameras with new and more efficient devices.
- New asphalt sealing and striping on the Elementary playground.
- Replacement of our lunch tables on the elementary side with new ones.

In order to ease the concern and improve the safety of our students, with the help of one of our parents Thomas Ingalls (father of Madeline in 1st grade), whom I would like to take this opportunity to thank, we are organizing a training day for our entire staff on Wednesday, August 18th. In the morning, the police will be offering Active Shooter Response Training, and in the afternoon, our staff will take classes to renew their CPR and First Aid certification. Following our meeting on school security last June, a small delegation from the Orange Police Department conducted a site review on Monday, August 8th and will send us their recommendations later this month.

As California transitions from the emergency response phase of the pandemic to learning how to exist with COVID-19, iSchoolOC will continue to rely on the expertise and guidance of the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) and the [Orange County Health Care Agency \(OCHCA\)](#) when it comes to protocols to keep our students, staff, and community safe. As of today, indoor and outdoor masking remains optional for students and employees.

To start the year in an efficient manner, please check out the **[Back to School Page](#)** on our website where you can find essential information regarding the first few weeks of school.



In addition, I encourage you all to join our Parent Association. There's no better way to know what's happening in our school and be a part of making it a better place for all students to thrive and learn. For all interested parents, please contact our PA President, [Mrs. Lovleen Grewal](#).

Finally, please join us for our first monthly Coffee Social! After dropping off your children on **Tuesday, August 30th**, we encourage you to join our community for a coffee from **8:30-8:45 am**, where you can meet and mingle with other parents. Then afterward, stay for the PA meeting at **8:45 am** to discuss how to strengthen school bonds, provide parental guidance and support, and aid the school in its development. Returning and new families are invited!

Should you have any questions, please send an email to our Business Manager & Preschool Director, [Ms. Lana Tran](#). On another good note, we are thrilled to welcome [Tiphaine Untalan](#) in our Administrative team as our new Marketing & Admissions Manager. Please feel free to come and greet her on the first day of school!

I hope that you are excited for this upcoming school year which promises to be both meaningful and fun. We will be learning together to achieve the highest accomplishments. While no one can predict what the future holds, rest assured that our school team is prepared to come together to address any challenge, and we remain committed to making our school a fantastic place for your children to learn and grow.

I hope to meet you all for the Head of School "Back-to-School" presentation in our auditorium on **Friday, August 26th at 4 pm**. This will be for you a great opportunity to get to know the new members of our team.

Thank you, and may you continue to enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pascal Stricher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pascal Stricher
Head of School