



Dear iSchoolOC Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

It is with great excitement that I write this “Back-To-School” letter as the new founding Principal of the International School of Orange County. I hope you are enjoying the rejuvenating days of Summer and that you and your children are looking forward to beginning a wonderful school year together starting **Wednesday, August 25th** in our new and unique independent school.

Of all the challenges I have chosen to take on in recent years, the one that has just been offered to me probably has a special place in my heart, having already served 14 years in this school that my children grew up in. You can be assured that I will put all my energy, experience and passion into this new project for the success, well-being, fulfillment and happiness of our students, staff and community.

We made it through a challenging 20-21 school year, and I am so proud for all the growth and achievement that our teachers, staff, parents, students and Board accomplished this past year.

Among the most significant achievements, I will mention only two:

- The successful and smooth transition to independence of our campus, which represents a necessary and indispensable step for the future development of our new school.
- The accreditation of iSchoolOC by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE), last June for all classes from Preschool to 5th grade.

Our teachers and staff are determined to continue providing the best bilingual instruction and education possible while striving to maintain the safest and most responsible learning environment for our students.

Concerning the new COVID-19 safety measures for the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue to follow the guidance of the California Department of Public Health and get our students back into the classrooms **for safe, in-person learning**.

Safe and full in-person classes depend on the following:

- **Preschool to 6th grade students** will need to wear a mask indoors.
- Adults on campus will need to wear a mask when indoors with students.
- Masks will be optional outdoors for everyone.

We will monitor the recommendations by the California Department of Public Health on a daily basis and implement changes as necessary.

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To start the year off right, please be sure to check out the **Back to School Page** on our website where you can find essential information regarding the first few weeks of school.

Finally, I encourage you all to join our new 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 new PA President [Mrs Lovleen Grewal](#).

Should you have any questions, please send an email to our Business Manager & Preschool Director, [Colleen Conway](#).

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.

If you are nearby the school at all for the remainder of summer, please stop by and say hello!

To conclude, please remember that my door is always open to you. I sincerely welcome your conversation and input. Let us keep our students the primary focus of our work. I hope to meet you all for a "Back-to-School" afternoon in our auditorium on **Thursday, August 26th at 4pm**. with all our staff.

I cannot wait to celebrate our collective successes during the 2021-2022 school year.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,

Pascal Stricher

Head of School