

SAVE THE DATES – 2014

The following dates are MANDATORY for Invited and Waitlisted students for the Class of 2017.
Please post these dates for easy reference, as exceptions for attendance to the following dates will not be made.
All decision letters will be mailed on May 15th.

➡ Placement/Proficiency Testing – Sunday, June 1, 2014 @ IMSA (Aurora, IL)

Placement/Proficiency testing is for ALL Invited and Waitlisted students so we are able place them into class schedules for the fall. Students will take tests in Mathematics, Science and World Language (if experienced in French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish or Russian). Native speakers will be asked to select a new language for study. Band, Orchestra and/or Choir auditions **MAY** also be conducted. *Test check-in for all sites will begin at 7:00 am. Ending time will vary depending on the number of placement/proficiency tests each student is required to take. (Approximately 3-5 hours)*

Note: Anyone planning (not required) to take additional summer courses that could effect their placement for classes in the fall must clear the course with the appropriate IMSA faculty to ensure curriculum is beneficial for the student.

➡ Summer Orientation– June 28th (Saturday) **OR** July 12th (Saturday) (All Invited and Waitlisted students for the Class of 2017 must attend one-NO EXCEPTIONS).

In an effort to help students prepare for the necessary adjustments to Academy life, IMSA conducts a Summer Orientation program that is held at the Academy. This Saturday experience is designed to ease the transition to the Academy for both invited students and their parent(s). The cost is \$50.00 per person.

June 28th Check-in on Saturday will begin at 8:15 am. Program will end around 6:00pm.

July 12th Check-in on Saturday will begin at 8:15 am. Program will end around 6:00pm.

Note: Invited and Waitlisted students must be accompanied by at least one adult. One or both Parents/Guardians may attend, but due to space restrictions, we are unable to accommodate siblings.

➡ IMSA Registration Enrollment Forms Due – Sunday, June 1, 2014 at your Placement Testing location **OR** by June 15th. (All Invited and Waitlisted students for the Class of 2017 must complete and return)

Incoming IMSA students have a significant amount of forms that are required to be completed and submitted before June 15th, 2014. Detailed information will be available online at <https://www3.imsa.edu/living/parents/2017> following admissions decisions in May. **The information below is for ALL INVITED and WAITLISTED students for the Class of 2017.**

- Forms due on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at your placement testing location are the Math Placement Form, the World Language Placement Form and the Verification of Residency (copies of documents that verify your residency).
- Due before or on June 15th are ALL remaining registration forms. Forms can be completed and submitted online.

➡ Excel Program – July 6th – July 26th Selected students only (Approximately 50 students)

IF an invited student is selected to participate in the Excel program, it is a **MANDATORY** three-week summer residential experience prior to beginning their sophomore year at the Academy. Excel is designed to improve a student's academic skills in math, science and English and to assist in making the transition from home to the IMSA community. Students are selected for the program by the Admissions Selection Committee or by the Math Team and the Coordinator of Academic Support based on placement test results. Self-nomination to Excel is **NOT** permitted. **Information for those selected to participate in Excel will be sent mid-June.**

➡ Sophomore Registration/Move-In Day – Thursday, August 14th (All Invited students for the Class of 2017 must attend and must stay on campus until at least August 30th)

➡ Convocation/Classes Begin – Monday, August 18th (All Invited students for the Class of 2017 must attend)

Please Note:

Due to the nature of IMSA's residential setting, new physicals are required for ALL incoming class of 2017 IMSA students. Physicals **MUST** be dated after May 1, 2014 and completed by June 30, 2014 to be current for the 2014-2015 academic school year. If you are unable to send your child's completed physical form to IMSA before June 10, please send your child's **complete immunization record** for review by June 10. This may be obtained from your child's health care provider or previous school, and faxed to 630-907-5938 or mailed to IMSA, Attention: Health Office.

As a reminder, **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL AND INSURANCE TO BE ENROLLED**. If your enrolling student does not have insurance, you may apply to ALL KIDS, Illinois' program to provide healthcare for all kids under the age of 18. The link is <http://allkids.com>.

Dear Applicant,

By now you will have taken the SAT Reasoning Test as part of the application process to IMSA. The following is general information related to the use of this test in our evaluation process.

Only one SAT Reasoning Test score is required for application. If you have taken the SAT Reasoning Test more than one time this application year, IMSA will use the highest *combined total* (from any one test administration date) we have received.

Please know application pools change each year, but in order to provide a general context of your scores, the range for last year's competitive IMSA applicants was between 400-800 both on the Mathematics and Critical Reading sections.

The incoming IMSA Class of 2016 average was:

SAT Mathematics	678
SAT Critical Reading	611


Please remember, these are only averages based on the *previous* year's test, and admitted students scored both above and below these scores. Until the IMSA Class of 2017 is selected in May, averages and score ranges for *this year's* test in mathematics and critical reading will not be available.

IMSA will not, per the Admissions Policy, be using the Writing scores in the selection process for this application cycle.

Please remember, the SAT Reasoning Test is only one component of your IMSA application. Your written application (including teacher evaluations) and GPA (over the past 2.5 years) are also critical components in our review of your file.

Again, all admission decisions will be mailed mid May. We thank you for your continued interest in the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

Best wishes,



Kelly Lofgren
Director of Admissions