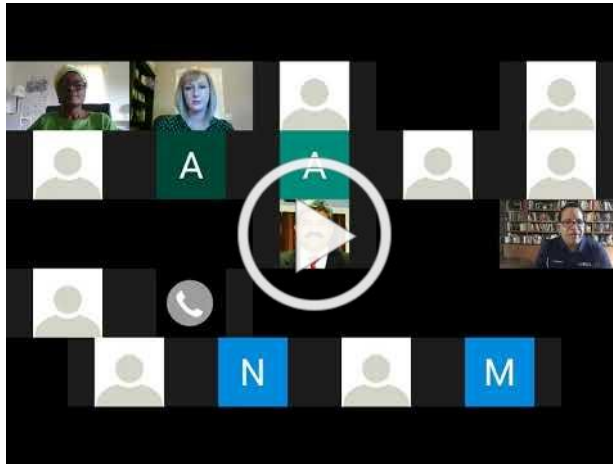


July 2020 Newsletter

7/11/2020 IMSA Student Parent Townhall



Responses to questions from the Student Parent Townhall can be found [here](#).

[2020 - 2021 Student Parent Handbook](#)

[2020 - 2021 Student Parent Handbook Distance Learning Addendum](#)

Welcome Week Information

The start of the year is right around the corner. Students and parents, please mark your calendars for Welcome Week. Welcome Week for **Sophomores** will be starting on Tuesday, August 11th, and ending on Friday, August 14th. All **Juniors and Seniors** will join Welcome Week on Friday, August 14th. There will also be night activities hosted by our Residence Counselors and student organizations. The full schedule will be released on August 1st and will be available on the [Student Life](#) page of the IMSA website. The tentative schedules are as follows (**when you click on image below, you will see the full size document**):

Welcome Week for sophomores will be starting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, and ending on Friday, August 14. There will also be night activities hosted by our Residence Counselors and student organizations. The full schedule will be released on August 1 and will be available on the Student Life page of the IMSA website.

The times to block off are as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Parents and Students | 11:00 am - 2:30 pm
Students Only | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

12:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

12:00 - 3:30 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

12:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Convocation and First Day of Class
9:00 am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Second Day of Class
9:00 am - 12:15 pm and 1:30 - 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Third Day of Class
10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 1:30 pm

Topics covered will include:

- Equity and Excellence at IMSA
- Academic Expectations in Distance Learning
- Student Affairs Expectations in Distance Learning
- Meeting with Residence Life and Residence Counselor Staff
- Service Learning Expectations
- Mental Health Resources and Meeting with Counselors
- Academic Resources and Meeting with Learning Specialist
- Meeting with College and Academic Counselors
- Extra Curricular and Co Curricular Experiences
- Computer Ethics
- Powerschool and Canvas Introduction

Welcome Week for juniors and seniors will be starting on Friday, August 14, 2020. There will also be night activities hosted by our Residence Counselors and various student organizations. The full schedule will be released on August 1 and will be available on the Student Life page of the IMSA website.

The times to block off are as follows:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Parents and Students 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30 - 1:30pm
Students Only 1:30 - 3:00 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Convocation and First Day of Class 9:00 am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Second Day of Class 9:00 am - 12:15 pm and 1:30 - 5:00 pm

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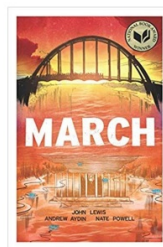
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- Introduction to Canvas

Sophomore Class of 2023 Summer Reading Assignment

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Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
Department of English
Sophomore Summer Reading, 2020



March (trilogy slipcase edition), by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

ISBN-10: 1603093958

ISBN-13: 978-1603093958

Publisher's description of March (trilogy slipcase edition), excerpted from Amazon.com:

"Discover the inside story of the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of one of its most iconic figures, Congressman John Lewis. *March* is the award-winning, #1 bestselling graphic novel trilogy recounting his life in the movement, co-written with Andrew Aydin and drawn by Nate Powell. This commemorative set contains all three volumes of *March* in a beautiful slipcase.

#1 *New York Times* and *Washington Post* Bestseller
First graphic novel to receive a Robert F. Kennedy Book Award
Winner of the Eisner Award
A Coretta Scott King Honor Book
One of YALSA's Outstanding Books for the College Bound
One of Reader's Digest's Graphic Novels Every Grown-Up Should Read"

MEET OUR NEW COORDINATOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Brittney Walker joins us as the new Coordinator of Student Activities! She comes to us with experience working within both a high school and college setting over the past 10 years. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast journalism, minor in Marketing, from Columbia College Chicago. She has experience planning Proms, Homecoming Week activities, assemblies, conferences, dances and now... "Virtual" student engagement. Hobbies include: Themed Event Planning, Amateur Cellphone Photography & Karaoke! Fun Fact: In her previous role as a College and Career Readiness Coordinator, she was able to organize



Transition Task Force:

The Transition Task Force is hard at work ensuring a successful start to the 2020-2021 academic year. A needs assessment survey went out to all families to ensure that our students have the necessary tools and equipment to start the academic year. We ask that all families complete this survey. Your input is very important.

In addition, an email went out to all students to participate in a student focus group to discuss distance learning. A very productive meeting occurred on Monday, July 13, 2020 in which 16 students participated in the focus group explaining some of the challenges experienced during last year's quick transition to remote learning due to the pandemic. Feedback was given on what went well and what could be improved. We are grateful for our students' participation and suggestions.

Service Learning:

We want all students to be able to reach their service learning goals during distance learning. While some students may still opt to complete service learning hours in-person, we want all to do so safely. We encourage students and parents to research any in-person opportunities completely to ensure health and safety. Many service learning opportunities are available virtually.

Here are some suggestions:

- [Smithsonian Institute](#)- document transcription
- [Vocal ID](#)- lending your voice to those who do not have one
- [LibriVox](#)- record chapters for audiobooks
- [Translators without Borders](#)- translate text or journals
- [Chicago Cares](#)- various opportunities with the goal of a more unified Chicago
- [Red Cross](#)- volunteer remotely supporting crisis relief
- Fundraising for a non-profit, such as the [American Heart Association](#) (fundraising requires prior approval; email commserv@imsa.edu)
- [United Nations](#) volunteerism- variety of opportunities available
- Make phone calls for political campaigns
- External or online virtual tutoring

Places to call to inquire on available virtual volunteer opportunities:

- Local hospitals
- Senior living facilities
- Your alderman or other local officials

Please check the service learning page of IMSA's website for updates. Staff will be approving service learning hours in August. ***For the 2021 graduating class, all approved and validated service learning hours during the 2020-2021 academic year will count towards the two hundred required for graduation. The requirement that a certain number of hours be internal or external has been suspended.***

Residence Life:

- Sophomore housing will be released in the first week of August!
- RC training will begin on August 3rd and conclude on August 7th.
- RCs will begin contacting students in early August so be sure to pick up your phone!



couple want to send their support to all IMSA students, especially seniors, during these challenging times.

Jessica, managing partner and CEO of Impact Engine, LLC, an investment firm with a mission to bring more capital to a market where financial returns are linked to positive social and environmental impacts, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from Haverford College, an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, and a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. Prior to Impact Engine, Jessica led the creation of McDonald's Corporation's global and U.S. sustainable sourcing strategies.

Sam, who hails from rural Bourbonnais, IL is the son of Syrian immigrants and best known as the co-founder of SparkNotes and Ok Cupid. He is currently the CEO of Chicago-based ShopRunner, an e-commerce network that provides free two-day shipping and returns across multiple merchants. Sam holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics from Harvard University and an MBA from **Stanford University**.

Applications to the [Student Emergency Relief Fund](#) are ongoing and provide assistance for basic essentials, including food, rent, utilities and access to remote learning technology. Preference is given to Tier 1 and Tier 2 families, but all families are eligible to apply. If you have any questions about the Student Emergency Relief Fund, please reach out to Mrs. Tami Armstrong at tarmstrong@imsa.edu.

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