



Student Affairs

February 2021 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: Use your IMSA email address for any and all IMSA purposes. Using another email address will delay your communication and may cause confusion.

Important Announcement from the President



REMINDER OPT-IN/OPT-OUT FORMS DUE 2/26/2021

Parents received an email on Friday, February 19, 2021 with an Opt-In/Opt-Out Survey Form - be sure to check your inbox and spam folder. **Every family must complete this mandatory form by February 26.** Families who have not completed the form by the deadline will be considered distance learners for the remainder of the semester and will not be eligible for the in-person cohort. **There will be no exceptions to the deadline to complete the form.** It is critically important to our teams for planning purposes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 22 - **Sophomores & Juniors** Housing Selection/Student Leadership Hiring Processes Meeting
- February 26 - IMSA County-wide Professional Development Day (1 day)
- February 26 - Opt-in/Opt-out forms due
- March 2 - CWRA+ exam in the morning
- March 2 - **Seniors!** There will be a required zoom meeting for all seniors. Look out for details from Brittney Walker coming next week.

RESOURCES:

- ComEd - <https://www.comed.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/BillPaymentAssistance.aspx>
- Nicor - <https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/billingandpaymentoptions/energy-assistance-programs.html>
- **All K-12 schools will provide meals to IMSA students through their local school distribution plans.**
- If you are in need of services during this taxing time, call 2-1-1. Live specialists are on hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to discuss your needs and concerns and connect you to a wide range of local and state-wide resources. This includes food, shelter, help with aging parents, legal assistance, domestic abuse and much more. This also includes the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus from our most reliable and trusted local and national experts. Calls are confidential and help is available in over 150 languages. Learn more about 2-1-1 here. Alternate toll-free number: 888-865-990.
- **Free Internet Services** If you are in need of free internet for distance learning, Comcast has free wi-fi for 60 days (must apply before June 30, 2021). Review the link to see if you qualify <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>
- Applications to the **IMSA 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.
- **Links to Food Banks, Soup Kitchens, Homeless Shelters in Illinois**- When you first click on the link, you will see a screen that allows you to click on the “Alphabetic list of all sites” to see all the food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters in Illinois. Alternatively, by filling out at least one text box and checking at least one corresponding filter, a list of sites that match that criteria will appear.
- **Safety Concerns**

Linden Oaks Behavioral Health: 630-305-5027

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741

RESIDENCE LIFE

HOUSING AND LEADERSHIP: The Housing Selection and Student Leadership Hiring processes will begin next week. We will have a mandatory meeting with all sophomores and juniors on Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 2:30 pm to discuss how both of these processes will work. Be sure to check your email for updates and directions.



Virtual Coffeehouse: eLearning and Accessibility in...

Eventbrite - Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center presents Virtual Coffeehouse:

eLearning and Accessibility in Quarantine - Thursday, February 25, 2021 - Find event and ticket information.

[Read more](#)
www.eventbrite.com

SERVICE LEARNING

Service learning hours get updated in PowerSchool by Friday of each week. Please be sure that Helper Helper hours and PowerSchool hours match and that all service learning hours have been uploaded into Helper Helper as soon as possible. If there is a discrepancy, or if you have questions, please email your RC or commserv@imsa.edu.

NEW: The Forest Preserve of Kane County has volunteer virtual orientation sessions on several upcoming dates. Interested? Please check it out [here](#).

As always, virtual opportunities are available. Please check the [service learning](#) page of our website. Need further help? Please don't hesitate to contact commserv@imsa.edu for assistance.



ATHLETICS: As we head into spring, we want to remind each member of the IMSA community that team sports will not be resuming until next school year. However, current junior and senior students who had signed up to participate in boys/girls track or boys' tennis last spring, may opt to participate in the IHSA state series this coming spring. Although the IHSA has not yet set dates for these events, if you were on last year's rosters, you will be notified by my office as soon as the dates are known. At that time, if you are interested, you will be able to sign up to participate.

If you have any questions regarding the athletic programs at IMSA please do not hesitate to contact me at rpalmer@imsa.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



CLASH Color Reveal

Replay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7xHpEVA4Ao&feature=youtu.be>

CLASH Agenda:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1onTC0ec sG5jL7QFBzzZAJUyqaIWGoBDSjK_rhXuW9w/edit?usp=sharing

MARCH 5TH - SUBMISSIONS
DUE FEBRUARY 27TH

IMSA'S SPRING FESTIVAL!

Create a video float representing a culture
of your choice to participate in our virtual
parade for prizes and class credit!

ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support SoCC. Come in to the Chipotle at **2902 Kirk Rd Ste 100** in Aurora on **Monday, February 22nd** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to SoCC.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code **QGL3FCE** before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



Panera
FUNDRAISING

HELP SUPPORT

IMSA SOPHOMORE CLASS CLUB

WHERE 2515 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61615

WHEN Wed, Feb 24th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PROFUND** at checkout. You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.



*Gift card purchases, catering, local, and third-party delivery orders are excluded and will not count towards the event.

Learn more at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

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Be on the lookout for IMSA Yard Sale Signs just in time for Spring! Share your Titan Pride or Celebrate the Class of 2021 with this FUNdraiser brought to you by all Class Clubs. Details will be emailed to all students and parents.



IMSA PAC's *Cravings & Comfort Food* are Coming Your Way!



The Friday Fest and Student Life Committees of IMSA's Parent Association Council is pleased to present to you, *Cravings & Comfort Food*, IMSA PAC's cookbook filled with delicious recipes from the 2020-2021 school year. We hope that you and your family will feel the IMSA love as you make the absolutely fabulous appetizers, sides, salads, soups, main dishes, breakfasts, and desserts contained in this book. We would like to thank all of the parents, students, alumni, faculty, and staff who submitted their recipes. A HUGE thank you is extended to the IMSA Student Productions (ISP) Graphics Team of Esther Im, Umi Arora, Shreya Chakraborty, Samantha Gong, Sridevi Krothapalli, Damien Santiago, Rachel Selvaraj, Gabriella Velazquez, and Alex Zhang led by staff advisor, Kevin Broy. Their design of the cover and other graphics throughout the cookbook has made this a wonderful, collaborative labor of love.

We are delighted to announce that *Cravings & Comfort Food* will be reaching you in a virtual format via email before the end of February. It will also be available on the IMSA PAC portion of the IMSA website. We hope that your hearts and homes are warmed by this project and that you share many of these meals around your tables for years to come.

Bon Appétit!



