



Student Affairs

March 2022 Newsletter

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[COVID CASE DASHBOARD](#)

[UPDATED 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

RESOURCE: ILLINOIS FOOD PANTRIES, SOUP KITCHENS AND HOMELESS SHELTERS

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 7 - 11 Clash of the Halls
- March 12 PAC Meeting
- March 18 3rd Quarter ends
- March 18 **Residence Halls close at 5pm** - Classes end at 1:55pm, Downstate buses leave at 2:30pm
- March 21 - 26 Spring Break
- March 27 Residence Halls open at 3pm
- March 28 Classes convene
- April 13 AM Juniors SAT testing & PM Sophomores PSAT testing
- April 14 **Residence Halls close at 5pm** - Classes end at 1:55pm, Downstate buses leave at 2:30pm
- April 18 Residence Halls open at 3pm
- April 20 IMSAloquium
- April 23 PAC Meeting
- April 17 SLX Hollister Lecture

IMSA STUDENT SCHOOL IDs

We have been experiencing a high number of students not carrying their IMSA student ID in the main building. Specifically in the cafeteria where IDs must be scanned to account for meals. When some students are asked for their ID, they have been disrespectful to the food service employees. This will not be tolerated.

Per the [IMSA Student Parent Handbook](#)(pg.45):

IDENTIFICATION CARD

An identification card (ID) will be issued to all students at the beginning of the school year and must be worn and visible at all times while in the main academic building. This card must be presented upon request to any member of the faculty or staff during the school day or at any school function. Failure to do so subjects the student to disciplinary action. The ID card may be utilized in many ways (IRC, cafeteria, athletic events). For replacement of the ID card, the

student must report to the Student Affairs Office. A processing fee of \$5 will be charged for replacement. This card is non-transferable.

We will be doing random stops in the hallways and will periodically monitor the cafeteria to ask for IDs now and for the remainder of the school year.

Please stop by the Student Affairs Office if you need a new ID. 2021-2022 broken IDs can be replaced for free as long as you bring the broken ID with you, to replace a lost ID it will cost \$5.

Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT FEES INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES

Referencing email sent by adonohue@jmsa.edu on February 14, 2022

With regards to the student fees, information is accessible to the Parents online through MySchoolBucks.com. Attached is information, for the MySchoolBucks link in PowerSchool, for parents to pull up their fee payments for any academic year starting with 2019-2020.

There are two sets of instructions (*in original email*).

One document explains how to view all transactions and export them to an Excel spreadsheet.

The other document explains how to view all transactions for PDF or print view.

The annual Student/Class Fee is a mandatory, non-refundable fee that is a condition of enrollment.

Please check with your accountant regarding the treatment of these fees for income tax purposes.

Parents who need additional help can contact MySchoolBucks Parent Support Team.

MSB Parent Support

(855)832-5226 7am - 7pm Eastern

ParentSupport@MySchoolBucks.com

I hope this is helpful.

Ann M. Donohue

Administrative Assistant to Executive Director of Business and Financial Operations

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CLASH of the Halls

1501 1502 1503 1504 1505 1506 1507

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MIDDAY:
THINK TANK &
HALL DECS

NIGHT: 7:30PM

HALL MOVIE
(AUDITORIUM/ LECTURE HALL)

MONOCHROME
MONDAY

T

8

MIDDAY:
WII SPORTS RESORT
(OLD CAFE)

NIGHT: 7:30PM

TALENT SHOW
(LEXINGTON)

TITAN TUESDAY

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MIDDAY:
TSHIRT/MURAL/PROPIC
(OLD CAFE)

NIGHT: 7:30PM

GAME SHOW
(MAIN GYM)

WACKY WEDNESDAY

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10

MIDDAY:
FACE PAINTING
POSTER MAKING
(WEST GYM)

NIGHT: 7:30PM

PEP RALLY!!!
(MAIN GYM)

THEME THURSDAY
(HALL SHIRT/COLOR)

F

11

NIGHT: 7PM

FRIDAY FEST
(RESIDENCE HALLS-
SPONSORED BY PAC)

FORGET THE BAG FRIDAY
(BRING YOUR SCHOOL
ITEMS IN SOMETHING
OTHER THAN A
BACKPACK)

C.O.T.H. is a friendly competition between the seven residence halls at IMSA
Student compete in a series of contests & performances for points
to determine which hall will win!
Brought to you by Campus Activities Board (CAB)

CLASHPresentation

March 7-11: CLASH
Week

Senior Meeting

AUDITORIUM

3.14.22 | 4:30-5:30 PM

Prom venue, theme, afterparty, and more!





Safety & Security

IMSA Community please give a warm welcome to full time Campus Safety Officers, Terkerreia Williams, and part time Campus Safety Officers Andrew Carrillo.

Campus Safety and Security Operations has distributed the Faculty and Staff Emergency Response Handbook to all Classrooms and Office areas. Anyone with concerns or question please contact Campus Safety. We encourage everyone to have a plan on what their response will be depending on the incident and conduct a walk through to actionize your plan.



SERVICE LEARNING

We've had a lot of students completing Service Learning hours in the last month – keep this up as we continue throughout the semester! Seniors, the target goal is for you to have all 200 hours completed by spring break which is coming up quickly so continue to make this a priority!

As you're completing your Service Learning hours, consider building your digital service resume with InnerView. InnerView is a Service Learning management platform where you not only can create a digital service resume but also earn recognition for your work through the National Community Service Award program. So far, 5 IMSA students have already earned the National Community Service Award this year – you could be next!

The National Community Service Award is a way to show your impact and distinguish yourself when applying for college, jobs, and scholarships. All you need to do is share a few details and a photo from each of your volunteer, philanthropy, and leadership activities this year. You must have completed 20 hours across at least 4 activities to earn recognition. Application deadline is April 15, 2022.

Using InnerView is not a requirement but it's a great resource available for you if you're interested. Interested student can find more information here: <https://innerview.org/pages/student-volunteers>.

Let me know if you need anything else from me!

Thanks,
Carley VanOverberghe
Coordinator of Student Leadership and Service



Athletes and Parents,

If you or your child is playing a spring sport at IMSA, below is important information regarding cancellation of a spring sporting event.

1. All spring sports schedules are located at <https://il.8to18.com/imsa/home>

The spring season is continually changing due to the weather, **please check 8 to 18 daily for updates, announcements and changes.**

2. Weather is always a challenge for outdoor activities during the spring season, here are the steps of communication for a cancellation.

- If the weather forecast becomes an issue for any spring sports and the event is cancelled **the decision on cancelling the event will occur between 1 -2 pm on that day.**
- If the contest is cancelled we will post this and communicate first on the 8 to 18 website.
- We will then contact the coaching staff and players on the cancellation.
- We will then send an email out to the parents on the cancellation.
- Please do not call the office until after 2:00pm if you have questions regarding the cancellation. You may also feel free to email the coach if you have any questions or concerns.

Below are the coaches' emails if you need to communicate to them.

Coaches Emails:

- Track - Angela Smith dezel564@gmail.com
- Baseball - Tom Polka yman48@aol.com
- Softball - Jessica Ordiway jlordiway@gmail.com
- Soccer - Josiah Payne josiah.director@gmail.com

- Boys Tennis - Jim Bernardini jimbernardini1956@gmail.com
- Boys Volleyball - Alex Smothers smothersvb@gmail.com

If you have any questions please email the athletic director at tpalmer@imsa.edu



Parent Association Council

PAC WEBSITE: Now there's an even easier way to get to the PAC website! Just type in www.imsapac.org on your browser and you'll have lots of information available, including a comprehensive calendar of events, emails sent out by IMSA and updates from the PAC. *Note: www.imsapac.org is run and updated by parent/guardian volunteers in the PAC. Make sure to visit www.imsa.edu for official announcements and information from IMSA.*

***** Use the event links on the calendars on the [PAC website](http://www.imsapac.org) to add any of the following events to your personal calendar. *****

MARCH PAC SESSION: You are invited to attend the next PAC session on **Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM either in-person at IMSA or via Zoom**. Let us know [on this link](#) if you are attending in person so we can make sure to have enough refreshments. The Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/93040341292>.

MARCH SPEAKER SESSION: Dr. Akwaji-Anderson and faculty members who run the Student Inquiry and Research (SIR) program are the guest speakers on **Saturday, March 12 from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM**. The panelists include Dr. Sowmya Anjur, Dr. Dave Devol, Dr. Brian Trainor and Cathy Cunz. You are invited to attend the session either **in-person at IMSA or via Zoom**. They will share more information about the SIR program and answer questions about it. The Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/93040341292>.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: Parents/guardians of sophomores and juniors are invited to nominate yourself for one of the four (4) open PAC Executive Board positions for 2022-2023. Fill out the registration form on www.imsapac.org by **March 31 at 5 pm**. View the bylaws [here](#) for more information about the PAC Executive Board positions. Contact election@imsapac.org if you have any questions.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MEETINGS: Parents/guardians are invited to attend meetings specific to the grade-level of your child(-ren). Meet other parents and share questions/concerns you have about topics related to those grade levels.

- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SOPHOMORES – March 16 at 7:30 pm** – Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/97167950351>. Contact sophomore@imsapac.org if you have any questions.
- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS – March 17 at 7:00 pm** – Google Meet link is meet.google.com/tud-cvjg-eof. Contact info@imspac.org if you have any questions.
- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIORS – March 31 at 7:00 pm** – Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/94185365870>. Contact info@imspac.org if you have any questions.

MEAL TASTING: Some parents/guardians have requested to be able to try the meals being served to students. We have worked with IMSA to be able to provide the opportunity for parents/guardians to come to IMSA during a regular lunch or dinner to taste the same meals being served to students. If you are interested in attending a meal tasting, [fill out the form here](#). Space is limited. The dates available are:

- Tuesday, March 15
- Thursday, March 17
- Tuesday, March 29
- Thursday, March 31

IMPORTANT - PARENTS OF SENIORS: The Senior Banquet will be held on **Saturday, June 3**. Please [fill out this form](#) to register **OR even if you know you will not attend the banquet so those tickets can be released**. More information on reserving tickets, submitting photos and booking hotel rooms can be found [here](#).

Contact SeniorBanquet@IMSAPAC.org if you have any questions. Don't forget to submit photos of your seniors!

FEEDBACK/BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS WITH DR. GLAZER: President Glazer is interested in meeting with parents/guardians to discuss future priorities at IMSA. He's interested in running a feedback and brainstorming session where you can share what's working, what you hope for IMSA, and ideas for advancing the Academy's strategic priorities. Attend the meetings based on the grade level(s) of your child(-ren) at IMSA. Contact info@imsapac.org if you have any questions.

- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SOPHOMORES – March 30 at 7:30 pm** – Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/97167950351>.
- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS – April 4 at 7:30 pm** – Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/99668908093>.
- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIORS – April 11 at 7:30 pm** – Zoom link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/98364760816>.

LOOKING FOR IMSA GRADUATES FOR PANEL: We are looking for prior IMSA graduates to participate in a panel for our PAC Speaker Session on **Saturday, May 21 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm** If you have a child who graduated from IMSA or know of other graduates who may be interested in participating, please have them contact info@IMSAPAC.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The PAC has some wonderful events coming up but need parents/guardians to help make sure they go as planned. Let us know if you are available to help in any of the following capacities:

- **SENIOR BANQUET** – We are almost at full capacity for the Senior Banquet. The Senior Banquet is a celebration for families of IMSA seniors the night before graduation! Parents/guardians of sophomores and juniors are requested to help with planning and setting up before the event. We also need volunteers during the event, which is the evening of Friday, June 3. Contact SeniorBanquet@imsapac.org to volunteer.
- **TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK** – Help us show appreciation to the faculty and staff at IMSA during “Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week” from May 2 to May 6. Volunteers are needed to help plan and execute the week. Contact info@imsapac.org to volunteer.
- **LUAU** – Luau will take place on **May 25**. Details are still to come. The Friday Fest Committee would like as many parents as are available to help make it a fun and successful one! Contact FridayFest@imsapac.org to volunteer.

DONATE TO THE PAC: Find out more about how to make donations to the PAC [here](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE PAC: We need you! The PAC is only as good as its volunteers. Our committee chairs have been working hard to plan some wonderful events and activities for the school year. Contact the committee chairs if you are able to volunteer ([see the contact list here](#)).

Email info@IMSAPAC.org if you have any questions.

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