

Hello IMSA FUSION Partner Schools!

IMSA FUSION *Quarterly Program Updates* are designed to inform you of important FUSION news, information and deadlines. Please read these updates and contact our team if you have any questions!

Parent Events

We have been enjoying many tremendous parent events for FUSION candidates across the state this year. If you are a newer partner school in your first, second or third year of the program, invite us to your event to help you kickoff your program by sending the date of your event to our Program Assistant, Sandy Kehl, skehl@imsa.edu and, or your IMSA FUSION Site Support Specialist. If you are a veteran school in your fourth program year or beyond, we have resources available to help you facilitate a great parent event. Contact Project Director, Jami Breslin, jbreslin@imsa.edu, to request these resources. Get your program off and running *soon* to fulfill your 64 hours of contact time for the year!

Student Paperwork

Necessary student paperwork for all IMSA FUSION students was provided on your flash drives at our POP Symposium. To request any additional forms in Spanish, please contact Curriculum Materials Manager, Amanda Lee, amlee@imsa.edu. Paperwork to collect from students and send to us includes the following:

1. **New OR Continuing IMSA FUSION Student Application Form (send copies to IMSA)**
2. Teacher Recommendation Form (keep on file at your school)
3. **Photo Permission (send copies to IMSA)**
4. **T-Shirt Request Form (send ONLY one t-shirt SUMMARY FORM for entire group to IMSA)**
5. **IMSA FUSION Evaluation/Transcript Study Consent (send copies to IMSA)**
6. Student Essay (keep on file at your school)

After officially selecting your FUSION students and collecting student paperwork, please send copies of forms, per above in bold, either to your Site Support Specialist OR by mail to:

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy FUSION Program
1500 Sullivan Rd.
Aurora, IL 60506

Student IMSA FUSION T-Shirts

We are excited to provide you with FUSION student t-shirts for your students to proudly wear! Complete the T-Shirt Summary Form for your FUSION group provided on your POP flash drive to Sandy Kehl via email (skehl@imsa.edu) or fax (630/907-5893), as soon as possible, so we can send your student shirts!

The FUSION W.A.L.L.

Attached you will find the FUSION W.A.L.L. which brings you up-to-date grant opportunities for K-12 teachers focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This resource offers information on awards, fundraisers, professional development opportunities, field trips and even "freebies". The W.A.L.L. is also located on our website for your reference: <https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/whatsnew>. Please let us know how can support you in any of these, or other, grant opportunities to help in supporting your FUSION program!

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Career Webinars

Mark your calendars for *THREE* interactive online STEM Career Webinars through CoolHub.IMSA, a collaborative network to fast forward innovation in STEM teaching and learning. Meet real scientists and learn about exciting research and work being done today!

Thursday, October 27, 2011 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM

Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM

Thursday, April 26, 2012 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM

Surveys of Enacted Curriculum (SEC) DEADLINE October 15, 2011. Please see attached instructions. Thank you for taking time to help us with this important program evaluation!

6-8th Grade FUSION Science and Math Inquiry Workshops at IMSA...Register NOW! Attached you will find information and field trip dates for Math and Science Inquiry Workshops at IMSA. Math Inquiry Workshops, available to our newer schools, are facilitated by IMSA Math Faculty. Science Inquiry Workshops, available to schools in year 5 of the FUSION program or beyond, are facilitated by IMSA residential high school students. *To request and register for an MI or SI field trip, you must email Program Assistant, Sandy Kehl, skehl@imsa.edu with the following information:*

1. Your top 3 date choices for Math Inquiry (please remember MI field trips are offered to first, second, third and fourth year FUSION partner schools)
2. OR your top 3 date choices for Science Inquiry along with your chosen SI TOPIC (please remember SI field trips are offered to veteran FUSION schools beginning their fifth year or beyond)
3. The approximate NUMBER of students you will be bringing to IMSA

News from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy...

***The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is celebrating 25 years! Learn more about this amazing milestone at <http://www.imsa25.com/>.*

****Students in 3rd-6th grade can now register for IMSA's Fall FUNShops from 9:00 AM to Noon on October 29 (*Mad Scientist Halloween-Slimeology and the Science of Candy*) and November 19 (*Winter Wonderland-igloos, polar bears, penguins and the mystery of the unique snowflake*) at <https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/kidsinstitute/students>.**

****IMSA is accepting applications for admission (Class of 2015) online at <https://www3.imsa.edu/admissions/apply>.**

Thank you for all you do to ignite and nurture the talents of our FUSION students across Illinois! We are looking forward to an amazing 2011-12 FUSION year!

The IMSA FUSION Team