

## October 2020 Newsletter

### THE 20-20-20 RULE

*to reduce the effects of digital eye strain*



Take a break  
for 20 seconds...



...and look at something  
20 feet away...



...every 20 minutes.

Follow the 20-20-20 rule and give your eyes a break! 

### Important Dates

- October 16 End of 1st quarter
- October 17 PSAT/NMSQT testing
- October 23 Leon Lederman Assembly (Virtual)
- October 30 at 730pm Quarantunes 2: A Halloween Spooktacular Presented by Instrumental Music and Visual Arts
- October 31 at 730pm Quarantunes 2: A Halloween Spooktacular Presented by Instrumental Music and Visual Arts
- November 5 **JUNIORS MANDATORY**: Virtual Diversity Programming
- November 6 Virtual Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 12 **SENIORS MANDATORY**: Virtual Diversity Programming

### Important Phone Numbers/Emails:

- Attendance (630)907-5029 / [attendance@imsa.edu](mailto:attendance@imsa.edu)
- Security (630)907-5002 / [security@imsa.edu](mailto:security@imsa.edu)
- ITS Helpdesk (630)907-5995 / [helpdesk@imsa.edu](mailto:helpdesk@imsa.edu)

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## ATTENDANCE

As we all proceed with the fall semester, we want to reiterate some *important attendance information*:

\*Attendance Office Phone (630)907-5029 (24 hour voicemail). Parents/guardians may call and leave a message anytime to report absences.

\*Please call in advance of pre-arranged absences. Students will receive an unexcused absence without notification.

\*Students are not allowed to report themselves absent from required classes.

\*The Attendance Office must be notified of any technological / ZOOM issues **on the day that they have occurred**.

\*Please follow PowerSchool for updated student attendance information.

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We are seeking your support for a drive, **Devices4U2020**, to make a change in the lives of many students across the country during these unprecedented times.

As our current situation continues to evolve, unfortunately, more than 11 million students (ages 3 - 17) do not have access to a computer to attend online classes or complete the assignment homework. Hence, this puts them at a major disadvantage and at a risk of not getting a proper education to secure their future.

If you have any unused computers or other electronic devices (desktops, printers, laptops, Chromebooks, iPads), we would request you to please consider donating them towards the future of students in the Chicagoland area who need them for distance learning during these unprecedented and challenging times. We currently have a collection box set up at Arlington Heights Memorial Library, but I can coordinate pick up/drop off, if necessary.

For additional details, please visit our website - <https://sites.google.com/view/devices4u2020/home>

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## CANVAS

Math faculty, Patrick Davis, created a video with steps to upload work to Canvas from your iPhone or Android.



We encourage students to check out the NEW\* Academic Hub on Canvas for resources and how to's of Canvas operations and features:

- Canvas Guides specifically for students:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/tkb-p/student>

- Getting Started with Canvas as a Student:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Contingency-Planning/Getting-Started-with-Canvas-as-a-Student/ba-p/258333>

- Canvas Video Guides for Students:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/tkb-p/videos#Student>

- YouTube's Canvas Videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=canvas+students](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=canvas+students)

## Parent Observers in Canvas PDF:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/0d84ad7d001/7514d959-8a57-42b6-a5aa-7c7dc760e558.pdf>

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Welcome to **TEDxYouth@IMSA** 2020! For those unfamiliar with what a TEDx event is, "it is a local gathering where live TED-like talks and performances are shared with the community." What makes these events so unique, is that they are full day experiences filled with brilliant speakers, thought provoking video, and mind blowing conversations; and this is exactly the kind of experience we're curating with TEDxYouth@IMSA. We are crafting experiences that unleash new ideas, inspire, and inform. With our first event premiering last year (recapture the experience on [Digital Commons](#) or on [YouTube!](#)), we are gearing up and getting ready for round two with our 2020 event theme: Forté. Our student led Organizational Team has a plethora of fun activities planned for everyone to have fun and engage with us in the weeks leading up to the big day on November 14th, so make sure to follow us on our social media pages to stay updated on what's coming up next:

Instagram: tedxyouimsa  
Facebook: TEDxYouth.IMSA

IMSA Website (for more info, Zoom backgrounds, and more!): <https://www.imsa.edu/centers/center-for-innovation-and-inquiry/tedxyouthimsa/>

If you have any questions please contact TEDxYouth@IMSA Lead Organizer, [LaDonna Hawthorne](#).

See you on the big day! Until then, remember to bring the forte in your own way.

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## Student Activities

**Student Council** has held a successful virtual election for our Sophomore at Large position. Two sophomores, Michelle Li and Yina Wang, were elected by their peers on Wednesday, October 7th.

*Michelle:* Michelle is 15 years old and from Peoria. She loves spending time with friends and family. She is a baker, a volleyball player, and is on the speech team. She values connecting with others and hopes to create a strong bond between members of her class.

*Yina:* Yina uses she/her/hers pronouns. She is 15 years old from the Chicago suburbs area and has two younger siblings. Outside of school, she plays soccer for Kickers SC, is co-president for a medicine-related organization, and has recently learned how to crochet. She loves math and is a huge health/sustainability advocate.

For updates on what Student Council is doing, check out their website for current projects: <https://sites.imsa.edu/studco/clubs/>.



Are you ready for a MIDDAY scare? We're gathering all Ghouls, Ghosts and Goblins; Witches and Vampires too! Halloween may look different this year, but it is NOT CANCELLED! Keep an EYE OUT for more details on how you can participate in our fun Costume contest, **Friday, October 30th**.



Ready to solve the MYSTERY? In a true IMSA Halloween way, we have a fun forensic event planned for you. **Monday, October 26 @ 6pm** CAB kicks off Spooky Season with a brain teasing, suspect filled crime mystery to be solved by YOU! Details will be emailed on how to register for this event!



### Girls Golf:

Congratulations to Senior Brooke Bolsinger who shot a 96 in regionals and advanced to the Morris Sectionals. Brooke Placed 7th out of 71 golfers.

### Boys Golf:

Congratulations to Junior Eddie Zhang who shot 83 and placed 13th out of 49 golfers.



### Girls Tennis:

Good luck to the following girls who will be participating in the IHSA sectionals at St. Francis Wheaton this Friday.

Sabrina Zhang, Rachel Tin, Hiteshi Patel, Manasvi Thumu, Ahana Narayanan, Bridget Bunt, Emilia Daniels

**Girls Swimming and Boys/Girls Cross Country:** Good luck to the swimmers and runners who will participate in the IHSA regionals/sectionals on October 24th

(participants have not been determined)

### Debate:

Congratulations to everyone who competed at today's LD/PF tournament hosted by Schaumburg! Special congratulations to:

- 1st place - Novice Public Forum Debate - Atharva Gawde and Manaal Shamsi
- 1st place - Novice Public Forum Debate Speaker Award - Irene Liu
- 2nd place - Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate Speaker Award - Valeria Castellanos
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- 2nd place - JV Lincoln-Douglas Debate Speaker Award - Nandana Varma
- 3rd place - Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate Speaker Award - Resh Mukherjee
- 4th place - Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Aarya Khapre
- 5th place - Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Valeria Castellanos

### Math Team Meet Results:

Results from the first North Suburban Mathematics League (NSML). The IMSA Math Team had a strong showing by finishing in 3rd place overall. The following students earned perfect scores.

Freshman: Dhruv Patel

Sophomore: Shiqi Cheng, Daniel Ma, Amogh Shetty

Junior: Patrick Borse, Michael Hunding, Oliver Ni, Apurva Reddy, Andy Tang

Senior: Patrick Borse, Oliver Ni

Extra congratulations to Patrick Borse for earning two perfect scores and to Oliver Ni for two perfect written scores and finishing 5th overall in the Oralist Competition on the topic of taxicab geometry.

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## Service Learning

New opportunities are available! Please check out the [service learning](#) page of IMSA's website for new virtual and in-person opportunities. There is a special section entitled, "Spotlight: New Service Learning Opportunities." Don't forget, 200 hours of service learning are required for all IMSA students to graduate.

**Please don't procrastinate!**



**[IMSA Student Emergency Relief Fund](#)** Not only has IMSA's alumni, Sam Yagan '95 and Jessica Droste Yagan '95, committed to supporting the IMSA Student Emergency Relief Fund in a major way to bring the \$100,000 goal in reach, the successful power 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](mailto:tarmstrong@imsa.edu).

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