

Student Affairs

January 2021 Newsletter

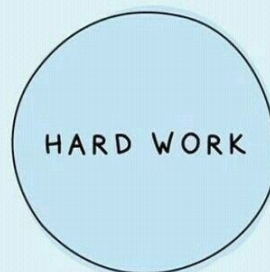
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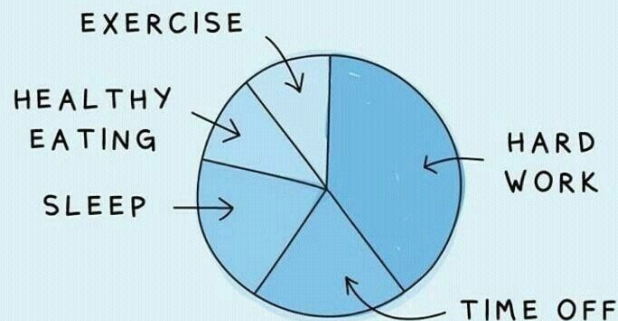
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IMPORTANT REMINDER: Use your IMSA email address for any and all IMSA purposes. Using another email address will delay your communication and may cause confusion.

WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD
MAKE ME PRODUCTIVE



WHAT ACTUALLY DOES



IMPORTANT DATES

- January 15 - Student Affairs Mandatory Program for ALL Students
- January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Day (academy closed)
- January 19 - Second semester begins; Martin Luther King Assembly
- January 28 - CWRA+ testing (special class schedule)
- January 28 - Sophomore Course Selection

- February 3 - Academic Elective Fairs
- February 6 - Virtual Parent Day
- February 10 - Interims begin; Virtual AMC testing in AM
- February 12 - No Classes
- February 15 - President's Day, Academy closed
- February 16 - Classes Convene

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



MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR INTERN

Suzi Leigh is in her third and final year in the Masters of Counseling program at Northern Illinois University. Prior to entering the counseling program, Suzi worked with new moms, assisting them with the life adjustments of having a new baby and at a counseling agency as an administrative assistant. In her spare time, Suzi enjoys reading, watching television, and playing games with her family. Suzi is excited to join the IMSA team as a counseling intern and learn from students and faculty about how to better assist the students this semester! Suzi's start date is Thursday, January 21st and can be emailed directly at sleigh@imsa.edu.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Welcome back, students! As we prepare ourselves for another semester of learning and fun at IMSA we must take a moment to acknowledge what is happening around us. The riot at the Capitol was shocking, to say the least, and may foster negative feelings during what has already been a tough time for our country with COVID-19, protests about police brutality, and the bombing that occurred in Nashville. Though these events may inspire feelings of anger, sadness, or hopelessness we in Residence Life want you to know that you do not have to process these events and feelings alone. We remain committed to supporting our IMSA students and encourage anyone wanting or needing to talk to seek out their Resident Counselor or one of the school counselors. On Thursday, January 21, 2021, students will participate in a discussion about the Capitol riot facilitated by their RC. This a mandatory program that all students are expected to attend.

Additionally, the spring semester also marks the beginning of the housing and student leadership selection process. We will have a mandatory meeting with all sophomores and juniors on Monday, February 22nd, 2021 to discuss how both of these processes will work. More details will come so be sure to check your email for updates.

PEER TUTORS: A huge thank you to all those individuals who supported the tutoring program during the Fall Semester - Erin Ryan, Amy Keck , Dr. Linda Hefferin, Luis Villafuerte, Robyn Norton, Freddy-May AbiSamra, Ethan Castro, Ben Lepak, Pooja Haney, Dane Christianson, Ms. G, and the 104 peer tutors (upperclassmen) who provided support to their peers!

Spring Semester tutor applications have concluded with the hiring of new and returning student tutors. Peer Tutor Spring 2021 training will take place the week of January 19.

Peer tutoring will resume on February 1, 2021.

Additional information and program updates will be sent out to students soon.

LEAD: The LEAD spring semester for Sophomores will begin on Wednesday, January 20th at 2:30 pm. Information regarding the elective and classroom assignment will be emailed out by the Program Coordinator, Andrea Stuiber.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: On February 22nd, Sophomores and Juniors have a mandatory meeting at 2:30pm that will cover Housing, Club Chartering Process, Student Leader Hiring, Student Council, and Class Club Elections. More information will be coming out soon.

SERVICE LEARNING

As the start of the second semester begins, this is an important reminder, particularly for our second semester seniors, that 200 service learning hours is required for graduation. Be sure to log your hours into Helper Helper as soon as possible and please check PowerSchool for the most up-to-date number of hours that have been completed, verified and validated.

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.



Submit your Recipes for the PAC Cookbook!

Are you missing your favorite Friday Fest meal? Thinking about a wonderful Wing Dinner of the past? Are you eager to share a favorite family meal that you had during the past Winter Break? The PAC Student Life and Friday Fest committees are excited to collaborate together to bring you a PAC cookbook filled with the delectable and delicious recipes from Friday Fest, Wing Dinners, and more! We are looking for *your recipes* to fill our book with love. ALL IMSA families are invited to send us their recipes! We have a few delicious recipes already such as Sam Hall's Hatikvah Hanukkah Party Noodle Kugel!, Roman Pizza, Costco Copycat Chocolate Cake, Flourless Chocolate Cake. YUM!

Please [click here](#) to submit your recipes today. The deadline to submit your recipes is Monday, January 25, 2021. The cookbook will be released in February 2021. Questions? Email Maria at pacstulife@gmail.com or Robyn at fridayfest002@gmail.com.

Shortened Link: <https://forms.gle/m4TvS7qXC6EabmpVA>



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CAB PRESENTS

For the Love of



IMSA

February 8-14, 2021

A WEEK OF EVENTS FILLED WITH ALL THE REASONS WE LOVE IMSA!

ASIA X ISA presents to you...



LUWALI

February 11, 2021

IMSA's first ever combined culture show

CLASH
COLOR REVEAL
February 14, 2021

JCC PRESENTS



**VALENTINE'S
DAY SALE**

Junior Class Club is offering 3 awesome packages for a limited time only! Be sure to look out for details on how to purchase some of these great items through *MySchoolBucks*.

January 25- February 15

