



Student Affairs

October 2021 Newsletter

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COVID CASE DASHBOARD

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO STUDENTS: IMSA IDs **MUST BE WORN ON A LANYARD AT ALL TIMES**
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SCHOOL ID, SEE MINERVA RATSAMY IN STUDENT AFFAIRS



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 15 - First Quarter Ends
- October 22 - Leon Lederman & Alumni Awards Assembly (midday assembly schedule)
- October 23 - PAC Meeting
- October 24 - Preview Day
- October 24 to 30 - Fall Festival Week (see flyer below)
- November 11 - Veterans Day Assembly
- November 12 & 13 - ISA Cultural Show - Diwali
- November 13 - PAC Meeting
- November 23 - Extended Break (classes end at 1:55pm / Res Halls close at 5pm)
- November 28 - Res Halls open at 3pm
- November 29 - Classes Convene



Safety & Security

- Let's give a warm IMSA community welcome to Full time Campus Safety Officer Anthony (Tony) Bronaugh and part time Campus Safety Officers Travis Hackney.
- We conducted the first fire drill in the main building on Monday, October 18th since the 2020 school year and all went well.
- IMSA parent IDs coming soon - Campus Safety and Security Operations will be issuing IDs for parents. The parent IDs will help make the check in process a quicker experience. We are working on logistics and will share more information soon.

School Counselor [Takeisha Rheams](#) has been working with Student Council to kick off Mental Health Mondays, where one Monday every month, there will be one event to promote the mental health and wellbeing of our student body.



This week we had our first event on Monday 10/18/21. The Student Council hosted a Mental Health Fishbowl event with some of IMSA's faculty. The faculty discussed their true thoughts around the importance of sleep, finals week stress and healthy school/life balance, etc.

Mental Health Monday's next event will be **Yoga with Ms. Mary Myers on November 22nd**. Time and Location TBD.

FITNESS CENTER AT IMSA

After much anticipation the Titan Fitness opened on October 4th. In weeks leading up to this date, a soft opening was conducted. Student volunteers worked with Fitness Center personnel to ensure a safe opening. Due to the current pandemic there have been modified processes and procedures for using the Fitness Center. Following the Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control, in conjunction with the IMSA Health Office, some of these procedures include students maintaining at least a 6 feet distance, increased cleaning of stations, and a designated traffic flow of the Fitness Center. Additionally, 45 minute time slots are available with the use of limited equipment. Currently six cardio machines and three selectorized resistance muscle fitness starting stations are available. Students may sign up for one station per day. Time slots are available beginning at 3:30 p.m. and throughout the day on I-days as the Main Gym is utilized for classes during the school day.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Hi Titans! You'll get a *KICK* out of this. Senior Class Club is back again with our Heisman Trophy of fundraisers, the [IMSA FOOTBALL shirt](#)! You are the #1 Draft Pick, so to avoid any penalties, we suggest you get yours today! For those who don't know, IMSA does NOT have a football team, but that won't stop us from *HAVING a BALL*. We've selected a variety of colors and styles for you to show off at your family tailgating parties, chili cook offs and all around campus. This sale ends on **October 31** and will arrive by November 17. That's just before our next extended holiday week filled with FAMILY, FOOD and FOOTBALL! We don't want any flags on the play, so be sure not to *fumble* and miss out on this opportunity.

Fall Store Update: Orders from the Fall store will arrive at IMSA by Tuesday, October 19. Students/staff will be notified to pick up items on Wednesday, October 20. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Illinois Math & Science Academy

Fall Festival Week

**Oct.
24-30**

Sunday: Hall Scarecrow Decorations
Monday: Pumpkin Carving/Painting
Tuesday: Movie Night
Wednesday: Taffy Apple & Hot Apple Cider Sales
Thursday: Bonfire, Scary Stories and S'mores
Friday: Costume Contest & Trick or Treating
Saturday: 5k, Sweet Treats, Hypnotist and Haunted House



Presented by CAB and Class Clubs



Senior Class Club Presents

Trick or Trot 5k Color Run

OCTOBER 30
K-12 STUDENTS- \$15
ADULTS- \$25

Check-in at 1pm | Race Starts at 1:30pm

Registration fee includes a shirt, runners bib and completion medal.
Complete the [Pre-Registration form](#)
Pay (cash or check) at check-in

Senior Yard Signs are available for \$25 each (cash or check) from [Brittney Walker](#) (Student Life Office) or members of SCC.



Any student interested in participating in a winter sport needs to contact the coach to inform them that they are planning on trying out by Friday October 29th.

- Boys Basketball - Coach Brad Shead (bshoops@aol.com)
- Girls Basketball - Coach JaRod Tobler (jtobler@imsa.edu)
- Dance - Coach Rafael Gonzalez (rgonzalez1@imsa.edu)

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Seasons are changing, mornings are brisk while afternoons are warmer and the temperatures drop as we get into the evening. It is time to start changing wardrobes to warmer clothing. Please start bringing sweaters, pants and coats to dress appropriately for the weather. Page 35 of the handbook states, students will dress in clothing including covering arms, legs, and feet when outside in weather 32° or below (with or without wind chill). If a student's attire does not meet the guidelines list above, the student will be sent to their room by any staff member to change clothes. The failure to return with appropriate dress will result in disciplinary action

Service Learning - New Opportunity: The Anderson Humane Shelter is looking for student volunteers. Here is some background:

For more than 50 years, Anderson Animal Shelter has been the leading animal welfare organization in our community, saving the lives of over 80,000 homeless dogs and cats through adoption. In March of 2021, Anderson Animal Shelter merged with the Fox Valley Wildlife Center, and together we became Anderson Humane. Anderson Humane's mission is to have a humane world for people and animals by creating mutually beneficial connections through programs that raise awareness and inspire kindness, empathy, and respect throughout our community.

At Anderson Humane, volunteers play so many important roles every day to help save these animals and find their forever homes. We are always looking for volunteers to help with walking dogs, socializing with cats, assisting with feeding and cleaning, preparing enrichment for the animals, helping rehabilitate wildlife, and lots more! Anderson Humane has locations in South Elgin, Bloomingdale, North Aurora, Elburn, and Algonquin. We ask that our volunteers commit to at least one 2-hour shift per week, but we are flexible on times. We have weekend hours and weekday evening hours that could potentially work for students!

Here are some important links:

[Volunteering at Anderson Humane](#) and [Volunteer Application](#)

For more information, please contact Trish Blondin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (847) 697-2880 ext. 29 or tblondin@andersonanimalshelter.org

PAC UPDATES

PAC MEETING: You are invited to attend the next PAC meeting on **Saturday, October 23 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM either in-person at IMSA or via Zoom**. The meeting will be held at IMSA in the IN2 space and simultaneously shared via Zoom for those unable to attend in-person.

We will share updates from the PAC board and committees, including upcoming events and programs. Representatives from different areas of IMSA will also give updates. There will be the opportunity to ask questions.

For those attending the meeting in-person:

- Enter through the main building entrance for visitors
- Check in at the security desk
- IN2 is down the hall to the left of the security desk
- Masks and social distancing are required

Let us know if you plan to attend the meeting in-person at IMSA so we can make sure to have enough seating available: <https://bit.ly/OctMtgRSVP>.

For those attending via Zoom, the link is <https://imsa.zoom.us/j/96142029742>.

FRIDAY FEST: A great big thank you to all of the parents who donated treats for the September Friday Fest! And an additional thank you to the amazing parents & students who volunteered their time to help make the event a huge success! Our next Friday Fest will be held on Friday, November 5th. Information will be emailed to families when it's a little closer to the event date. If you are interested in attending our planning meeting on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00pm, please send an email to fridayfest@imsapac.org & we can send you the link to join the meeting.

PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES: Kick started fortnightly Sophomore Meeting in September. Topics ranging from

Academics to Student Life experience were discussed during this. IMSA PAC President and past year's IMSA PAC Sophomore Rep also joined the session. The next meeting scheduled for October 20th will be attended by IMSA PAC Student Life Committee. Please email sophomore@imsapac.org for the meeting link.

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. Let us know where you would like to help out by [filling out this form](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Check out our [calendar of events](#) (it will be continuously updated as new events and meetings are added).

PAC RESOURCES:

- [PAC website](#)
- [PAC contact list](#)
- [PAC parents' Facebook group](#) (*note: this is the official parents group of the IMSA PAC*)
- [PAC calendar of events](#)

Email TheIMSAPAC@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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