

MSA Student Affairs

July 2022 Newsletter

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UPDATED 2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

RESOURCE: ILLINOIS FOOD PANTRIES, SOUP KITCHENS AND HOMELESS SHELTERS



IMPORTANT DATES

NOTE: You will receive an email with details about move-in the week of August 1st.

- August 1 Student fees, sophomore physicals and proof of junior meningitis vaccine are due
- August 17 Student Leader move-in day 9-10am (ONLY STUDENT LEADERS WHO ARE CONTACTED)
- August 18 Sophomore Class of 2025 move-in day 1pm-3pm
- August 20 Junior & Senior move-in day 9am to 11:30am
- August 22 AM Convocation (MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS) / PM Community Cookout
- August 23 First day of Classes
- August 24 Sophomore Class of 2025 DAY OF SERVICE
- August 27 Carnival
- September 5 Labor Day Academy closed (not a mandatory weekend for students to go home but can go home if they would like)
- September 6 Classes Convene
- September 17 Parent Day

Suggested Packing List

SECURITY: ILLINOIS SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL ACT

Please review the Illinois School Safety Drill Act and have a discussion with your student.



IMSA SCHOOL NURSE IMPORTANT INFORMATION: CURRENT JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2023) DUE August 1, 2022

Parents of CLASS OF 2023,

The Illinois Department of Public Health requirement for Meningococcal Vaccine is as follows: any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required. If your child is NOT 16 before the start of school, you will have one month after their birthday to submit this documentation.

Please arrange for the administration of this vaccine with your primary health care provider, or any Walgreens or walk-in vaccine clinic. Once your student has received this vaccine, please submit the documentation to the health office as soon as possible via email <u>nurse@imsa.edu</u> or fax (630/907-5938). You may use the form in link below to submit documentation.

FORM: Meningitis Vaccine Requirement for Students Entering 12th Grade

SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2025 IMPORTANT INFORMATION: HEALTH PHYSICALS ARE DUE AUGUST 1, 2022

Please send your complete health exam form to <u>nurse@imsa</u>.edu on or before August 1, 2022. You can find the health exam form <u>here</u>.

Note: The top section of page two of the exam form requires the parent to complete and sign.

SERVICE LEARNING

Make sure that you are stay on top of tracking your Service Learning hours and entering them into Helper Helper. Completing 200 Service Learning hours is a graduation requirement. Hours are not considered complete until they have been both verified and validated in Helper Helper so don't procrastinate inputting your hours into Helper Helper. If you are in search of hours, be sure to check Helper Helper and the Service Learning website for ideas.

Service hours performed by sophomores in class of 2025 count after June 1, 2022.

You can find our website here:https://www.imsa.edu/student-life/student-engagement/service-learning/



STUDENT FEES INFORMATION

Every academic year IMSA families need to set up how they want to pay their child's Student/Class Fee. On July 4th, all families should have received emailed invoices from MySchoolBucks, for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year.

I. Student Fee Payments

- **Due date:** All initial-payments, or full-payments, must be made online through the MySchoolBucks link in your PowerSchool parent/guardian account, between the date of invoice and August 1, 2022.
- Parent PowerSchool login: Please contact Minerva Ratsamy, <u>mratsamy@imsa.edu</u>, in Student Affairs, if you have forgotten your parent PowerSchool login information.
- Amount Due: The entire yearly fee amount is due in full, on or before August 1, 2022.

IMSA also offers an installment payment plan option. If you choose the payment plan option the one time non-refundable \$50.00 Payment Plan fee will need to be paid on your Student's account once the first partial payment is received.

- Accepted forms of online payment: Electronic-check, electronic-savings withdrawal, or credit card.
- Online payment access Available starting July 4, 2022.

All initial-payments, or full-payments, must be made online through the MySchoolBucks link in the PowerSchool parent/guardian account, between July 4, and August 1, 2022. If you do not pay the \$50.00 Payment Plan Fee, the entire yearly fee amount is due on or before August 1, 2022.

A link with each class's Student Fee information, and the Student Fee Reduction application is included below.

https://www.imsa.edu/student-life/residence-life/student-fee-and-fee-reduction-documents/

* If you are paying in installments, you must complete and submit, **2022-2023 Financial Responsibility Agreement**, to the Office of Business and Financial Services.

* If the annual Student/Class fee is paid in full by August 1, 2022, you do not need to submit the 2022-2023 Financial Responsibility Agreement.

II. Student Fee Reduction Applications

Families that have already submitted an application as of July 1, for a reduction in their 2022-2023 Student Fee, have been invoiced for the tier-level that they qualified for. If you have not submitted a Student Fee Reduction application yet, please do so soon.

To apply for a reduction in your student fee for the 2022-2023 school year please return a fully completed application and all supporting documentation to the Office of Business and Financial Services on as soon as possible. Approved fee reductions on applications received on or before July 15 will be applied to the

entire school year.

If you have questions about the Student Fee Reduction process please send me an e-mail to adonohue@imsa.edu.

Parents who need additional help can contact MySchoolBucks Parent Support Team. MSB Parent Support (855)832-5226 7am - 7pm Eastern ParentSupport@MySchoolBucks.com

Sincerely, Ann Donohue



Parent Association Council



<u>PAC WEBSITE</u>: Now there's an even easier way to get to the PAC website! Just type inwww.imsapac.org on your browser and use the navigation menu or search tool to surf our site. We offer a comprehensive calendar of events, an IMSA email repository and PAC updates. *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.

*** Click the event on the **PAC website** calendar to add or sync any scheduled event to your personal calendar. ***

<u>1ST PAC SESSION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR</u>: You are invited to attend the first PAC session of the academic year on Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM via Zoom. The Zoom link is https://imsa.zoom.us/j/93738251155. Find out more about upcoming PAC events, get updates from IMSA representatives and have some of your questions answered, especially those last-minute questions before move-in day.

<u>SUMMER REGIONAL PICNICS</u>: You are invited to attend one or more of the regional picnics this summer. It's a great way to meet or reconnect with fellow IMSA families. Visit the **Regional Representatives page on the PAC** website for more details on the picnics:

- 7/24: Region 4
- 7/31: Region 1
- 7/31: Region 5
- 8/6: Region 6
- 8/7: Region 2
- 8/7: Region 3
- 8/13: Region 5
- 8/14: Region 7
- Dates to be confirmed: Regions 8, 9 & 10

2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD: Please join us in welcoming the PAC Executive Board members for the 2022-2023 academic year:

• President: Maria Tiongco Ramos

- Vice President: Shelly Lemons
- Treasurer: Jen Mauk
- Secretary: Anna Salinas
- Senior Parent Representative: Piyush Swain
- Junior Parent Representative: Maitreyee Ghosh
- Sophomore Parent Representative: TBD

2022-2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Thank you to the following people who will be leading the committees for the 2022-2023 academic year:

- Academic: DoKyoung "DK" Lee, Piyush Swain, Sanjay Choudhary & Amy Dawes
- Friday Fest: Kerry Morgan & Melissa Slinn
- Hospitality: Neesha Shanbhag
- Regional Representatives: Susan Jones & Quincy Johnson
- Student Life: Susan Jones & Ellen Hu
- Technology: Jim Ramos, Jose V. Rodriguez & Charly Jeganathan
- Transportation: Abhijit Patkar, Jill Cigliana & Kate Fakhoury

SOPHOMORE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE OPENING: Parents of incoming sophomores are encouraged to apply for the Sophomore Parent Representative position. More information can be found **here**. Applications are due by Monday, July 18. Contact **Info@IMSAPAC.org** if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE PAC: We need you! The PAC is only as good as its volunteers. Whether you have one hour to give a month or whether you have a lot of time to give, we appreciate all the help we can get. Let us know how you would like to help out by **filling out this interest form**.

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PAC:

- <u>AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM</u>: Use this link when you purchase from Amazon and Amazon will donate a portion to the PAC (at no additional cost to you). It's an easy way to support the programs organized by the PAC.
- <u>OCM PROGRAM</u>: Shop for your student's bedding, bath and other supplies throughOCM and a portion of your purchases will be donated to the PAC. Order by August 4th for the 1st shipment of the year.
- <u>CHIPOTLE :</u> Visit Chipotle at 1480 N Orchard Rd, Ste 114, Aurora, IL 60506 on Saturday, September 17 (Parent Day) between 4 pm and 8 pm and show the **flyer on the PAC website**, tell cashier your are supporting IMSA, or place an order online using the code MYXZVVP and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the PAC.

CENTRAL AND DOWNSTATE FAMILIES: The PAC organizes bus transportation to central and downstate locations for the six extended weekends where students are required to leave campus. The cost is divided among the students who utilize the service. Please **fill out this pre-registration form** if you think your student may be interested in utilizing the service so the committee chairs have a better idea of the routes PAC can offer. We will need this information to negotiate the transportation contract for the upcoming academic year.

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



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