

Student Affairs

# October 2022 Newsletter

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**2022 - 2023 Student Parent Handbook**

**2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

**Who Do I Contact if....**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- October 6 - Extended Weekend - Classes end at 1:55pm - Residence Halls close at 5pm
- October 10 - Halls open at 3pm
- October 11 - Classes Convene
- October 14 - 1st Quarter Ends
- November 22 - Holiday Break - Classes end at 1:55pm - Residence Halls close at 5pm
- November 27 - Halls open at 3pm
- November 28 - Classes Convene
- December 19 - 21 - Final Exams
- December 21 - January 7 - Winter Break - Halls close at 5pm
- January 8 - Halls open at 3pm
- January 9 - 13 - Intersession Week

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [Parent/Guardian Travel Information Form](#) (if parent/guardian is traveling out of the country and not available, who is the emergency contact?)
- [Athletics](#)
- [Student Fees](#)
- [LEAD \(Leadership Education\)](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [Food Service](#)

### Cafeteria Hours

*Dining room closes 30 minutes after each meal service ends.*

#### Monday-Friday

Breakfast 7:00am-8:30am

Grab n Go 7:00am-9:00am

Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm

Dinner 5:00pm-7:15pm

#### Saturday – Sunday

Brunch: 11:00am-1:00pm

Dinner: 5:00pm-6:30pm

- [Academic Support](#)
- [Counseling Service](#) (Student Support, Mental Health Days, Navigation)
- [School Registrar](#) (transcripts, good student insurance forms, academic records)
- [CAC](#) (College and Academic Counseling, Academic Class)
- [Campus Resources](#) (PowerSchool, CANVAS, Naviance, Student Computing Support)

## IMSA PARENT CANVAS OBSERVER

### EXTENDED WEEKEND

With our first extended coming up, we want to ensure everyone is familiar with our extended procedures. Please review the October Extended information the RCs shared with you. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your student's RCs.

- Per the Student Parent Handbook (pg. 26), during Extended, the Academy is closed, and students must leave the campus by 5:00 p.m. on the prescribed day. There is a late fee of \$25 assessed for every 5 minutes a student is not picked up after the halls close.
- At 4:45 pm, students will head over to 1501. After 4:45 pm, students will need to be signed out of 1501.
- Please email RCs at [150x@imsa.edu](mailto:150x@imsa.edu) for permissions (ATC, carpool, adult other than parent/caregiver picking up student).

#### Health Office:

Students who have medications in the Health Office must notify the nurse 24 hours before leaving campus if they need to take medications home for the weekend.

Parents must pick up medications from the health office before leaving campus with their student. Medications should always be delivered by an adult to an adult.

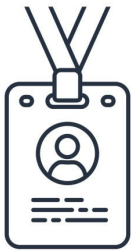
The Health Office will be closed from Friday, 10/7 to Tuesday, 10/11.

You may leave a message on the voice mail or send an email to [nurse@imsa.edu](mailto:nurse@imsa.edu). We will answer you when we return to the office.

If your student tests positive for Covid during this time, please keep them at home until:

- they are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications
- **and** it has been at least 6 days since a positive covid test.
- All positive covid tests should be reported to [covid@imsa.edu](mailto:covid@imsa.edu)

***For all other illnesses, the student must remain at home until they are fever free, without fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours, and/or at least 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.***



#### CAMPUS SECURITY

has purchased a new printer for parent IDs. Please stop by the security desk in the main building to obtain your parent ID if you have not done so. A valid drivers license or state ID is required. You may call ahead of time to assure it is printing, 630-907-5000.

**ATTENTION!** Stop arms to drive behind the residence halls via access road will be active after extended weekend as an additional safety measure for our residential campus. Beginning Tuesday, October 11th, the gate arm will be down and you will need to have your IMSA parent ID or IMSA visitor's pass issued by Security to gain access to drive behind the residence halls.

**REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR CURRENT IMSA ID AT ALL TIMES.**

### SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

**Mental Health Days (MHDs):** The purpose of mental health days (MHDs) is to allow students time away from

academic and extracurricular responsibilities to focus on their social-emotional wellbeing. Students may utilize up to five (5) mental health days during the school year. If a student wishes to take a mental health day, they should speak with their parent/guardian and/or resident counselor and work with them to complete the Mental Health Day Form the day/evening prior to the mental health day. If a student is experiencing a crisis, they should contact the school counselor directly as soon as possible.

During a mental health day, the school counselors will check in with the student to determine support needs. Additionally, the student will be responsible for checking in with their Day Hall Monitor (DHM) once before noon and with their RC once in the evening during the mental health day.

During a mental health day, students may be in their residence hall room, IRC, and cafeteria during meal times. Students are not able to participate in extracurricular activities, including clubs and athletics, during a mental health day. If students violate these MHD expectations, their excused absence for the day may be changed to an unexcused absence.

The school counselors may temporarily suspend mental health days at certain points during the academic year, including following large campus events such as Clash of the Halls or during AP examinations. These decisions will be communicated to students, parents, and staff via email.

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## TITAN TO GO CONTINUES

We are pleased to announce that the Titan to Go program has been renewed through FY23. Titan to Go is a free resource where students can discreetly order basic toiletries. Titan to Go is a safeguard put in place to provide basic necessities in the absence of parents, for students who are not able to replace items before a trip home, or for students in need.



Titan to Go has the following items stocked:

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Menstrual products
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand Soap
- Body lotion
- Facial tissues

How does it work?

1. Request your items using the Titan to Go Request Form or by using the QR code above.
2. Pick up your packaged items in the Smart Locker when you receive the notification that the package has been scanned in.
3. Requests received by 8:00 a.m. will be processed every morning, Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Michelle Bemis, CAP, Volunteer Coordinator for Titan to Go at [mbemis@imsa.edu](mailto:mbemis@imsa.edu).

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## IMSA SCHOOL NURSE

**Save the date**

**Friday, October 14, and Wednesday, October 19**

10 am to 3 pm  
on campus in room B101

### ***Annual Flu vaccines and Covid-19 Bivalent booster vaccines***

There is no charge for the Covid booster.

VNA will bill your medical insurance for the Flu vaccine.

They can not accept or bill any HMO insurance.

The cash price is \$40 if you have HMO and want to get the vaccine on campus.

HMO will only cover the vaccine if it is given by your primary care provider.

Consents and a link to schedule an appointment will be sent out soon.

### Save the date

#### Wednesday, November 9

3 pm to 7 pm  
Location TBD

#### **Versiti Blood Drive**

Open to all students and staff. Parents who would like to donate on behalf of IMSA should contact Nurse Angie to make arrangements at a Versiti Blood Bank near them.

#### **It is Cold and Flu season.**

We are seeing more symptoms of the common cold on campus. Please ensure your student has a supply of facial tissue, disposable masks, antibacterial wipes, cough drops, and over-the-counter medications of your choice.



## Parent Association Council (PAC) IMSAPAC.ORG

**FRIDAY FEST:** A HUGE thank you to all of the IMSA families that donated money, food, or their time to our first Friday Fest in over two years! The event was a tremendous success because of you! Our next Friday Fest will be held Friday, November 4.

**CENTRAL/DOWNSTATE BUS REGISTRATION:** The downstate PAC bus registration has closed for the 2022-2023 year. If you forgot to secure your seat with your annual payment or need to request a single ride, please contact [PACBus@IMSAPAC.org](mailto:PACBus@IMSAPAC.org) to check seat availability.

**OCTOBER PAC SESSION:** The next PAC session will be held on Saturday, October 15 in person at IMSA and via Zoom. Check the [PAC website](#) for more information.

**AFTER COLLEGE WORKSHOP:** Find out more about and register [here](#) for the After College Workshop being held virtually on Saturday, October 15 from 3 pm to 6 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to learn a method and tools to guide your children to choose the best career for them. Note: This workshop will be taught by Hector Correa of After College. He is also a parent of a former IMSA student. A portion of the workshop fees will be donated to the IMSA PAC.

**PAC WEBSITE:** Type in [www.imsapac.org](http://www.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](http://www.imsapac.org) is run and updated by parent/guardian volunteers in the PAC. Make sure to visit [www.imsa.edu](http://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. \*\*\*

Email [Info@IMSAPAC.org](mailto:Info@IMSAPAC.org) if you have any questions.



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