

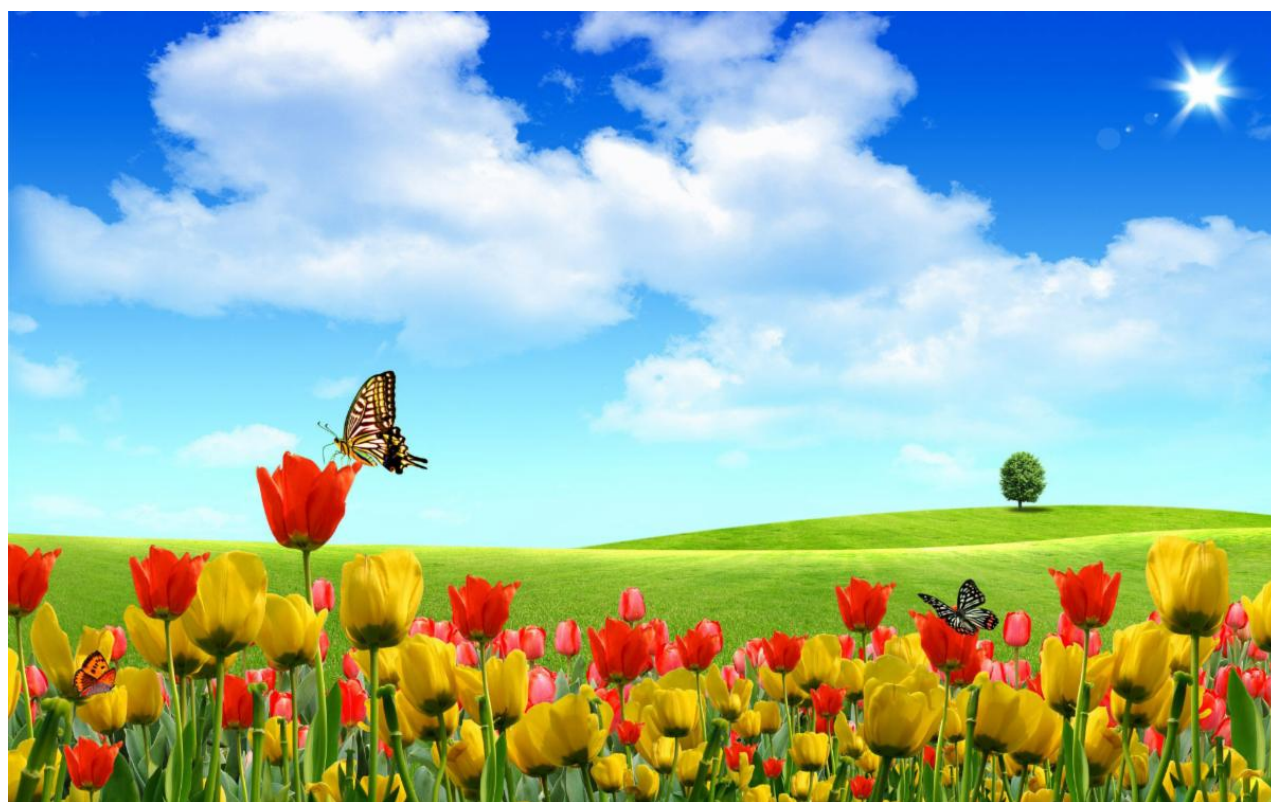
Student Affairs

# March 2023 Newsletter

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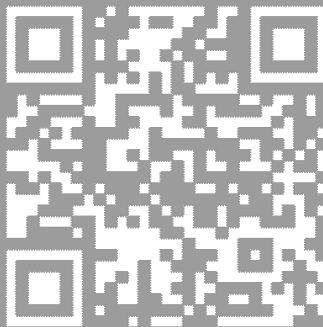


## IMSA STUDENT DINING SURVEY

Please take our short student dining survey and help us better your school dining program.

Scan code with your phone camera to start survey.

THANK YOU FROM LEXINGTON!



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 6-9** Clash of the Halls (events listed below)
- **March 10** 1:55pm Early Dismissal - Residence Halls close at 5pm for Spring Break
- **March 13-17** SPRING BREAK
- **March 19** Residence Halls Open at 3pm
- **March 20** Classes Convene
- **March 24** 3rd Quarter Ends
- **April 6** 1:55pm Early Dismissal - Residence Halls close at 5pm for extended weekend
- **April 10** Residence Halls open at 3pm
- **April 11** Classes Convene
- **April 19** IMSAloquium
- **April 26** SLX / Hollister Lecture

## 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)

## KUDOS

You may have seen students walking around campus wearing fingerless hand warmers. This project began in Spring 2022, when I made several pairs of warmers and donated them to Student Life. They were a surprise hit. By the end of the season, students had snapped up over 75 pairs of hand warmers.

In October, staff member Shawn Loomis donated several skeins of yarn, which enabled us to continue the hand warmer tradition. This season, members of the Student Life and



Resident Life teams made over one hundred pairs of warmers. In a school that promotes service learning, I am pleased to work with a group of individuals who lead by example and give back to our students. I especially want to thank Sean. His generous donation made this initiative possible.

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## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

### Things You Should Know

- If you sign your student out from their hall and they will miss school, you must call the attendance office.
- While students are on campus, parents can't call a student off for any health reason. Students must see the nurse. Only the health office can excuse students for health reasons while on campus.
- If your student is homesick, you must call them in.
- If your student is off campus for another reason (college visits or doctor's appointments), you must call them in.

### Attendance Codes and Point Values

- A = unexcused absence (3 points)
- A2 = unexcused tardy of more than 5 minutes (2 points)
- T = unexcused tardy less than 5 minutes (1 point)

**When you are tardy, you must stop in attendance to get a pass.**

***If you feel your attendance record is incorrect, please speak to your teacher. If there needs to be a correction, the teacher will contact attendance.***

### Point Thresholds and Consequences

- 6 total points in any one class = an attendance notice.
- 9 total points in any one class = 2nd notice and meeting with Dean Gaszak.
- 12 points in any one class = Final notice and meeting with Dean Gaszak.
- 11 total absences in any one class, excused or unexcused, can result in being dropped from the class.

Contact [attendance@imsa.edu](mailto:attendance@imsa.edu) or call 630.907.5029 with questions.

Kind Regards,

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**Next week is CLASH! Below are the eligibility requirements and schedule:**

**Attendance:** 9 points in any one class makes a student ineligible from any participation in clash activities. Taking a Mental Health Day or earning 3 points in any one class make the student ineligible for that day only.

**Academic:** Having one failing grade or two or more C- in any class makes a student ineligible to participate. The eligibility lists are released weekly on Thursday and take effect for the following Monday through Sunday. In order to

be cleared during this time frame the teacher must email [Chloe Katehis](#) directly with a grade update.

*Service hours:* To be eligible student must have complete the following number of service hours:

- Seniors - 150
- Juniors - 75
- Sophomores - 25

Service hour submissions must have full approval and updated in PowerSchool by March 3 at 12 noon to be considered.

*Behavioral and discipline restrictions are determined on a case by case basis.*

# CLASH OF THE HALLS

## OPENING CEREMONY



3/6, Midday (Prior to Think Tank)  
Main Gym

## THINK TANK



3/6, Midday  
Various Locations

## MOVIE



3/6, 7:00-8:00PM  
Auditorium & IN2

## PICTURE PERFECT



3/7,  
Midday  
Old Caf

## TALENT SHOW



3/7,  
7:00-8:30PM  
Auditorium & IN2

## MURAL, TSHIRT, PROPIC JUDGING



3/8, Midday  
Old Caf

## GAMESHOW



3/8, 7:00-8:30PM  
Main Gym

## FACEPAINTING



3/9, Midday  
CAC Commons

## PEP RALLY



3/9, 7:00-9:00PM  
Main Gym

# SECURITY

## Student Safety Committee

Students are invited to participate in the Student Safety Committee on Monday, March 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Ac Pit.

The intent of the Student Safety Committee is to develop, initiate, and maintain a dialog between students and the Director of Campus Safety and Security Operations about any safety concerns. The Safety Committee will meet regularly to create and nurture a culture of safety.

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## Rising Junior Class of '25 and Seniors Class of '24 IMPORTANT HOUSING INFORMATION

It's that time of year, the housing process for the 2023-2024 school year begins today!

On Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 a mandatory housing meeting was held in the Auditorium with the sophomore and junior classes. In this meeting, it was strongly encouraged that students pay attention to the housing timeline and to the information that was shared.

- Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 - Housing forms are released.
- Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 - Single Soiree. This is for all students who do not have a roommate. The location and time will be released at a later time.
- Thursday, March 30th, 2023 at 5 pm - Turn in housing forms to the hall office of your first choice hall. One form per roommate pair. Any quad requests must be stapled together.
- Forms that are complete and turned in on time have priority over those that are incomplete and/or late; this still does not guarantee the first choice.
- **Students who do not submit forms will be matched and placed at the discretion of Residence Life Staff.**
- For any medical or physical factors that should be considered when determining housing assignments, please indicate them on your housing form. **Health documentation from a doctor must be provided for hypoallergenic room requests to the Health office by March 30th.**
- May/June 2023 (Date TBD) - Housing assignments will be released.

It is crucial for you and your roommate to understand that **first choice is not guaranteed**. This housing form is a tool to communicate your housing preferences. No special preference is given to any student based on grade level or previous housing assignments.

Use the time between now and March 30th, 2023 at 5 pm to have a conversation with your potential roommate to discuss your preferences. Ask your RC the questions that you have before the housing form deadline. If you are participating in the RSL interview process, inform your potential roommate that the position will impact your housing assignment.

If you aren't sure if you are returning, you must fill out a housing form as well. Be sure to add a note along the top - "I'm not sure, I am returning". In addition to communicating your preferences, this form serves as a placeholder so that you are accounted for within the housing process. Please communicate that you are unsure if you are returning, with the peer you list as your future roommate. Take note, that summer consolidations do occur throughout the summer/whenever necessary if a roommate does not return.

**Lastly, please understand that we cannot give everyone their first choice.  
Go into this process with an open mind.**

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## LEAD AND SERVICE LEARNING @IMSA:

### Service Learning Hours:

**Seniors and Senior parents!** Please be cognizant of deadlines coming up for service learning and graduation. Please take the time to log your service hours into Helper Helper as soon as possible. The deadline for senior service learning hours is May 24th, 2023. This means service learning hours need to be logged into Helper Helper, approved by the site coordinator, AND approved by your RC for them to be transferred into PowerSchool. Service learning numbers displayed in PowerSchool are the only ones that apply toward graduation so stay on top of this process.

**Class of 24 and 25!** Please be vigilant when logging your service hours! Do not wait to document, your future self (and site coordinators) will thank you!

**All IMSA students!** The National Community Service Award opportunity from the United Nations Association has been released! Students can [create an account](#), insert service learning opportunities that have been completed, AND be rewarded for their hard work and dedication to their community and other communities around the State of IL, the United States of America, and internationally. Students can find more information on how to log these hours and more about the award [here](#)! The deadline is April 15th. Physical award packets will be mailed to IMSA in May! Also, take a look at the Zero Hunger and Zero Waste recognition awards found [here](#)!

**Weekly Service Learning Opportunity:** IMSA students volunteered at the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. Students assisted in packing 25lbs boxes of goods (fresh and shelf-stable) to be delivered to residents in Aurora and neighboring cities, as well as, organized and assisted 50+ community members in receiving support during the monthly Pet Pantry. This service provides wet and dry food, treats, toys, sweaters, and other animal essentials to those in need. IMSA students helped with decision-making, loading vehicles, and the logistics of running a community pantry. This opportunity is a part of the weekly service learning opportunities that are available to all students on Wednesday mornings and afternoons for the remainder of the 22-23 school year. Seniors this is a **GREAT** way to button up that service learning hours as the end of the year is coming fast!

### LEAD:

Leadership Education and Development ([LEAD](#)) is looking for evaluators for this year's [Student Leadership Exchange \(SLX\)](#) on April 26th, 2023. Evaluators will join us for a morning of listening to the Class of 25's projects surrounding topics of social entrepreneurship, activism, and data journalism in correspondence with the UN's Sustainability Development Goals. Evaluators can evaluate both in-person and virtually, however, we would prefer in-person. Please send [this form](#) to any and all individuals that you think would be interested in this opportunity!

# NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## MERIT AWARD



25 Hours of Service  
4 Service Activities

## HONOR AWARD



40 Hours of Service  
8 Service Activities

## AMBASSADOR AWARD



100 Hours of Service  
12 Service Activities

### Connecting local service to the UN Global Goals

Earn a National Community Service Award for your impact and distinguish yourself when applying for college, jobs and scholarships.

Share a few details and a photo from each of your volunteer, philanthropy & leadership activities this year.

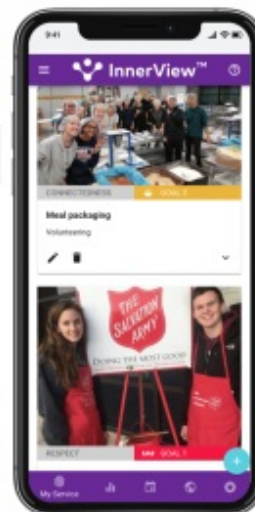
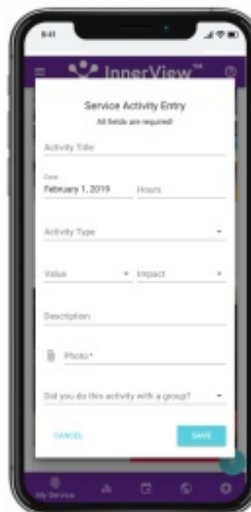
Open to all College & High School students in the United States. There is no cost to participate.

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- 1 Create a service profile  
Name, school interests, etc...
- 2 Add your service activities  
Use your phone to add details about your community service
- 3 Earn recognition  
Awards, Certificates & a digital Service Resume



2022-23 Awards Program : June 1, 2022 – April 15, 2023  
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ZERO  
HERO  
Awards

Be a ZERO HERO and make our communities brighter by helping end hunger and waste.



### Zero Hunger Award

Sample activities include:

Volunteer at soup kitchen or community garden, pack meals at food bank, help with or organize a food drive, start a school pantry



### Zero Waste Award

Sample activities include:

Collect recyclables, compost food waste, create placemats from plastic bags, organize clothing swap, volunteer with food rescue program, donate clothing and household items

### HERO Status at different levels

#### Zero Hero Blue

Volunteer to make an impact

8 hours of service for Zero Hunger or  
8 hours of service for Zero Waste

#### Zero Hero Green

Take action at school and home

20 hours of service for Zero Hunger or  
20 hours of service for Zero Waste

#### Zero Hero Gold

Lead & inspire others

40 hours of service for Zero Hunger or  
40 hours of service for Zero Waste  
and 1 leadership activity



APRIL 15, 2023 DEADLINE TO QUALIFY

Create your profile at [my.InnerView.org](http://my.InnerView.org)

Add your service activities since June 1, 2022



## RESIDENCE LIFE

With Spring Break around the corner, be on the lookout for information from the Residence Hall Staff. The Spring Break follows similar procedures to our previous extended weekends and winter break. The residence halls will close on Friday, March 10th, at 5:00 pm, and everyone will need to be signed out by that time. Please be sure to

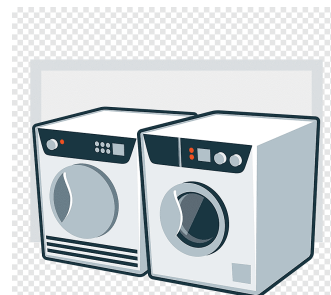


reach out to the RCs with parent sign out permissions and to review the procedures and expectations.

Although we are excited about Clash, students must complete their room and wing cleans as part of the check-out process. We highly recommend that students be mindful of how many groceries they buy, as fridges must be unplugged over break. Additionally, if there are any winter clothes or items students will not use for the rest of the semester, we recommend taking those things home.

### ENJOY YOUR MUCH NEEDED TIME OFF!

**Washers and dryers have been replaced with brand-new machines!** We are now digital, so no more loading up the previous laundry cards with cash; yay! Students will download the app (CSCGO), create an account, and add a form of payment. Parents and guardians can also access student accounts and load money onto the app from anywhere when needed. The app will allow you to check the availability of washers and dryers in your laundry room, get notifications when your washer or dryer cycle has finished, add funds, check the status of your laundry loads and add time to dryer cycles, and request refunds if things don't go right.



## Parent Association Council (PAC) IMSAPAC.ORG

**MARCH PAC SESSION AND GUEST SPEAKER:** The next PAC session will be held on Saturday, March 4 at 10 am simultaneously in person at IMSA and via Zoom. More information is [here](#). We will be sharing updates from our PAC board members and committees. The following representatives from IMSA will be there to give updates and answer questions:

- Dr. Comfort Akwaji-Anderson, Principal's Office
- Katie Berger, Student Life Office
- Manny Donelson, College and Academic Counseling (CAC) Office
- Student Council
- Our guest speaker will be Sue Fricano, Innovation and Inquiry Program & Center Manager, who will be sharing information and answering questions about [IMSA's Internship Program](#)

\* Submit any questions you have for any of the representatives [here](#). You will still be able to ask questions during the session if time permits.

\* Let us know [here](#) if you plan to attend in person so we make sure to have enough refreshments available. Email [Info@IMSAPAC.org](mailto:Info@IMSAPAC.org) if you have any questions.

\*\*\* 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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