



Student Affairs

April 2023 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR OPENS MAY 1 AND ALL FORMS ARE DUE BY MAY 31, 2023

On Monday, May 1, 2023 you will receive an email from mratsamy@imsa.edu with important information about the required annual registration forms for returning students for the 2023-2024 academic school year. ALL required annual registration forms are available in PowerSchool. Parents will have to log into their PowerSchool account to complete ALL forms including the Emergency, Insurance and Medical Information form. **The Emergency, Insurance and Medical Information form will need to be reviewed and re-submitted even if it shows submitted.**

Students do not have access to the annual registration forms. All forms are date and time stamped after you submit each form.

All registration forms must be complete and submitted by May 31, 2023 to avoid the \$50 late fee.

IMPORTANT DATES

- MAY 1-31 RETURNING STUDENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION IS OPEN
- MAY 12 PROM
- MAY 13 PAC MEETING
- MAY 25 CLASSES END AT 12:35PM - SENIOR RECOGNITION FOLLOWED BY LUAU
- MAY 26 CLASSES END AT 12:35PM - COMMUNITY COOKOUT
- MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY NO CLASSES
- MAY 30 FINAL EXAMS
- MAY 31 FINAL EXAMS
- JUNE 1 MAKE UP FINAL EXAMS
- JUNE 2 GRADUATION REHEARSAL / SENIOR BANQUET
- JUNE 3 GRADUATION

****MAY 1-12 AP EXAMS - SCHOOL COUNSELORS &/OR RCS WILL NOT APPROVE MENTAL HEALTH DAYS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING AP EXAMS ON THAT SPECIFIC DAY. IF A STUDENT TAKES A MENTAL HEALTH DAY ON THE DAY OF THEIR SCHEDULED AP EXAM, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE EXAM AND THE PARENT WILL HAVE TO PAY TO RESCHEDULE THE EXAM. ****



STEP EVENT: Alumni Panels



**REQUIRED FOR
SENIORS**

► **Wednesday, May 24**
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

May 25th is the mandatory STEP (Senior Transition Education Program) for all seniors will consist of 3 separate panels covering the following topics: financial wellness, networking and first year out of IMSA.

STEP ALUMNI PANEL: *Optional Event*

First Generation College Students

Friday, May 19
10:45 am – 12:45 pm
IN2



May 19th is an optional STEP (Senior Transition Education Program) for first generation college students. The event will consist of a Panel, Community Financial Advisor Session, Luncheon for Panelists and Students.

CLASS OF 2024 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

Students entering the 12th grade must have a dose of the Meningitis vaccine (MCV4) administered after the age of 16 years old. You may use the form in the link below to communicate with your healthcare provider and provide return documentation to the Health Office. Alternatively, the Health Office can accept an immunization record from your healthcare provider.

Please submit this documentation to the Health Office by August 1, 2023.

[Meningitis Vaccine Requirement Form](#)

On Monday, April 17, IMSA's staff Sunshine Committee hosted a bake sale. The event was organized by Ms. Rachel Force of the President's Office and Ms. Michelle Bemis of Student Affairs. The bake sale featured homemade cakes, cupcakes, cookies, cinnamon rolls, pain au chocolat, cheesecake squares, brownies, toffee almonds, and Cornish pasties. Miss Michelle also donated beaded crochet ankle bracelets. Items were priced from \$1 to \$5 and included vegan and gluten-free options. Our students were excited to try a taste of home at the end of the school day!

The sale brought in over \$500 in cash donations. All proceeds will be used to support the Senior Class Prom. We want to thank the staff who provided the fresh-baked goodies and the faculty and staff that made monetary donations so that the students who did not have cash could enjoy a treat.

A limited supply of the ankle bracelets are still available in the Student Life office. See Miss Michelle if you wish to purchase a bracelet or make a donation.



SCHOOL COUNSELORS

IMSA students attended **Snowball** with counselor Alex Pratt. Snowball is a weekend retreat for high-school teens that focuses on self-discovery and personal growth. It is a positive, affirming environment where teens are able to talk with each other about issues important to them and come away with a support system of friends who are also making positive and healthy lifestyle choices.



IMSA participated in Day of Silence on April 14th, 2023

GLSEN Day of Silence is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies all around the country—and the world—take a vow of silence to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.

Each student received cards to provide to their teachers to let them know that they were participating in Day of Silence.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

the senior class of
**ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS
& SCIENCE ACADEMY**

*Prom
Night*

May 12 | 4:30 PM- 3:30 AM
Victoria in the Park
Bowlero

Dinner, Dancing,
Bowling, Laser Tag, Arcade

Prom Itinerary and Preparation Information

Forms and Payments: All forms and payments are due Friday, Apr 28, 2023. If you need an extension for payment or permission forms please contact Chloe Katehis at ckatehis@imsa.edu as soon as possible.

Itinerary for Friday, May 12th

4:30 PM - Students are required to begin the boarding process for the PROM buses

- Students must check out from their Residence Hall prior to boarding the bus
- Bus assignments will be sent out to students along with their table assignments for dinner
- All off-campus guests who are attending PROM need to check in with Security before they can proceed with their hosts to the buses

- Any families who would like to take pictures on campus prior to the students leaving campus must check in at security and keep their badges on them at all times
- In order to board the buses all students and their guests must present their IMSA (for Students) or state issued ID (off-campus guests)
- All PROM goers are required to take the provided transportation
- Upon boarding the bus, chaperones will check all items and persons

Students are limited to:

- 1 garment bag
- 1 clear bag (provided by SCC)
- 1 clutch bag (not to exceed 5"x7")
- All bags and persons are subject to search at any time

6 PM - Students will arrive at Victoria in the Park in Mount Prospect, IL

- All items other than a small clutch bag should be left on the bus
- Dinner, Dancing, and Photos will be available for the students until 10:30 PM

Students will re-board their same bus to go to Bowlero in Naperville, IL

- Students will have Bowling, Arcade, Laser Tag, and Food available to them until 3 AM
- Students can bring their garment bags and changes of clothes inside to the changing rooms in order to get more comfortable for the activities. All items will be retrieved from the changing room by the students before boarding the buses to return to IMSA
- At 3 AM everyone will board the buses again to return to campus

3:30 AM Back to IMSA

- Off campus guests will leave by their own vehicle or a pick up parent
- Students who are leaving campus will check out with a chaperone and go with their pick up person
- All students who are staying on campus will be walked to their halls and checked in

SECURITY

Student Safety Committee

Students are invited to participate in the Student Safety Committee on Monday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the IN2.

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 campus safety concerns. The Safety Committee will meet regularly on the first Monday of every month to create and nurture a culture of safety.

Committee Make up: Three students from each class level (i.e. Soph., Jr., and Sr.)

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! Many opportunities continue to be placed on Helper Helper for service learning opportunities while the school year winds down. Be on the lookout for both on and off-campus opportunities to serve your communities.

Leadership Development: On Thursday, March 30, 2023, Dr. Joshua Fredenburg joined the IMSA community for a workshop on emotionally intelligent leadership and its importance in current and future leadership positions. The opportunity was open to all students and required of any current or future student leader at IMSA. Students enjoyed identifying individuals in the crowd who inspired them to be their best, managing responses to triggers, learning to be socially aware, understanding relationship management, and leading through pain. Just under 400 students were in attendance for this amazing opportunity. Thank you to the IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education for providing this opportunity for our students.

On April 21st and 22nd, 2023, IMSA employee, Rodrigo Sanchez took Jaden Blankenship and Shridhar Mehendale to the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention (NSLDC) Diversity Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Here they attended sessions surrounding leadership in equity, inclusion, and advocacy while networking with colleges and institutions around the world. They also had an opportunity to listen to Dr. Christopher Irving speak about relational leadership. Thank you to the IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education for providing this opportunity for our students.

LEAD: The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program wrapped up its year with the 10th Annual Student Leadership Exchange on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023. The Class of 25 presented projects rooted in the [United Nations Sustainable Development Group Goals](#) and had the opportunity to receive feedback and network with many external guests. Student abstracts and presentations can be found [here](#) once uploaded. Students also had the opportunity to listen to the [Bernard C. Hollister Memorial Lecture](#), in remembrance of Dr. Bernie Hollister, a charter faculty member in 1986 who worked in the social science and history team at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. This year's speaker was IMSA retired faculty member, Dr. William J. Stepien, who worked hand in hand with Dr. Hollister to develop the IMSA social science and history department. Dr. Stepien offered information on IMSA history and problem-based learning.



Parent Association Council (PAC) IMSAPAC.ORG

CAST YOUR VOTES BY APRIL 30: Voting is now open for the next PAC Executive Board! Click [here](#) to meet the candidates and cast your ballot. The voting period ends on Sunday, April 30.

*** HELP WANTED * TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK:** Help us thank the faculty and staff at IMSA who are with our children most days by helping to plan teacher appreciation week activities or volunteering to be onsite to help execute the plans. Teacher appreciation week is Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12. Email Info@IMSAPAC.org to volunteer.

KUDOS BOARDS FOR RETIRING IMSA FACULTY AND STAFF: Please take a moment and sign the Kudos Boards [here](#) for the faculty and staff members retiring from IMSA this school year.

ADMISSIONS PARTICIPANTS WANTED: The incoming sophomores for 2023-2024 will be receiving their decisions on May 1 and IMSA's Admissions Department is hosting a Q&A session for admitted/waitpooled students and their families on Saturday, May 6 from 3 to 5 pm. They would like 5-6 parents to participate to answer any last minute questions, assuage any concerns and provide some peer-to-peer connection with incoming families. Email VP@IMSAPAC.org if you are interested and available to participate.

LUAU VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Luau 2023 will be held on Thursday, May 25 this year. The Friday Fest committee will be coordinating the dinner meal. Please save the date! This is a HUGE event & we'll need lots of help from our IMSA families. Details and links to donate and/or volunteer will be going out to all IMSA families on Monday, May 1. Details will also be posted [here](#) when they are available.

PIZZA FOR FINALS STUDY SESSION: The PAC's Academic Committee is donating pizzas again for the finals study session for students being organized by IMSA. The PAC is providing \$300 worth of pizzas. If you would like to donate funds to provide additional pizzas, please do so [here](#). Email Academic@IMSAPAC.org if you have any questions.

SENIOR PHOTOS FOR SLIDESHOW NEEDED ASAP: Parents of seniors can start sending in photos of their child as soon as possible for the slideshow to be shown at the Senior Banquet, even if you are still waiting on senior photos. Find out more information [here](#). Email Info@IMSAPAC.org if you have any questions.

HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR BANQUET: There are a limited number of hotel rooms available at the Embassy Suites for the dates around the Senior Banquet (Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2). Find out more

information on how to reserve a room [here](#).

LAST PAC SESSION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: The last PAC session of the school year will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 10 am in person at IMSA and via Zoom. More details are [here](#).

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WANTED: The summer picnic for region 7 will be held on Sunday, August 13 at Fabyan Forest Preserve. We are still looking for regional representatives to organize summer picnics for regions: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. View the map [here](#). Please reach out to Susan at Region1@IMSAPAC.org for additional information or to volunteer.

TECHNOLOGY TOOLKITS DONATION TO IMSA: Thank you to the parents/guardians who have added to the 10 sets of technology toolkits the PAC had already donated to IMSA. The toolkits consist of webcams, conference speakers/microphones, and tripods. IMSA will be able to use them in the classroom, for hybrid meetings, and more. The goal is to donate 50 sets, so if you would like to help reach the goal, either purchase through the Amazon wish list [here](#) and select "IMSA PAC's Gift Registry Address" at checkout or make a monetary donation [here](#) towards purchasing more sets. More details can be found [here](#). Please share this campaign with your friends and family! Contact Info@IMSAPAC.org if you have any questions.

PAC T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS: Thank you to everyone who submitted their designs for the PAC's T-shirt design contest. The winners are:

1st Place - \$100

David M. Terry (Parent of Sophomore Ethan B Terry)

2nd Place Tie - \$50

Madison McTaggart (Parent) & Jenni McTaggart (Junior - Class of 2024)

Nethra Shanbhag (Junior - Class of 2024)

Lidia Granger (Parent of Sophomore Michael Granger)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MEETINGS: Receive updates, ask questions, and share your feedback PLUS meet/engage with other parents/guardians of your child's grade level! The meetings are held via Zoom or Google Meets. Check the calendar on the [PAC's website](#) for the dates and times.

*** Click the event on the [PAC website](#) calendar to add or sync any scheduled event to your personal calendar. ***

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

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2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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