

# *IMSA Parents Association Newsletter*

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## Note from the President

Greetings to all!

It has been one of the most beautiful autumns of my life! The sunshine and warmth have been amazing. Every day indeed has been a gift. Somehow the first quarter of the school year has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Our IMSA students have been incredibly busy with all sorts of wonderful academics and activities.

The PAC too has been busy. As an organization we are busy enhancing many aspects of life at IMSA. The first Friday Fests have been great fun and very successful. We are providing financial support for the fitness center personnel, the purchase of a new elliptical machine and supplies for the new poster printer that IMSA was able to purchase. All are great contributions to our students.

In addition, PAC has many volunteers preparing to assist Enrollment Services with the statewide informational meetings scheduled the next few months. (See IMSA website for the exact locations) We provide valuable support for prospective students and their families. Two dates we need volunteers (cookies are also welcomed) are Sunday, November 14, 2004 and Saturday, January 29, 2005. If you would kindly email me that you are able to help, I will have a name tag for you. Sophomore parents, you can help. You now have completed the first quarter and now are experts as well. The gift of your time can have a profound effect in the life of a child.

The PAC discipline committee completed its work on the survey from last spring. A presentation was given at the October meeting. If you did not receive a copy at the last PAC meeting and wish to see these results, please contact me. I will see that you receive one.

I am hearing about all sorts of wonderful works that parents are doing for the students of IMSA. It is so heartening that others think so highly of our children to be so dedicated to their well being.

I leave you with this quote that is posted over my kitchen sink as a reminder to myself.

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” Mother Theresa

The very best to all,  
Lorna Ruddy

### November PAC Meeting in Springfield

The November 6th PAC meeting is the required down state meeting. It's going to be held at the IEA Professional Development Center, Springfield, IL.

The Executive Council and Committee Meetings are at 9:00 AM and the regular PAC Meeting is at 10:00 AM.

Among topics listed as business to be discussed are the issue of the down state buses and progress of the Discipline Task Force. After old and new business discussions, there will be an open discussion with Eric McLaren and Bob Hernandez, with the focus on ways down state families and IMSA admin. can work to nurture increased enrollment and support down state students at IMSA. The meeting should conclude around 11:00 AM.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

IMSA PAC Meeting  
Springfield, Illinois  
Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Where: IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive  
Springfield, IL

Time: 9:00 AM Executive Council Meetings  
10:00 AM General Meeting

PAC Bylaws provide that one meeting each school year will be held in a down state region. This provides parents, who are unable to attend monthly PAC meetings at IMSA, an opportunity to participate in a regular PAC meeting. This year the down state meeting will be held in Springfield, IL at the IEA Professional Development Center.

There will be a regular PAC business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM followed by an open discussion between parents and IMSA administrators, Eric McLaren and Bob Hernandez, with a focus on ways that down state families can partnership with IMSA to nurture increased enrollment and to support the down state students during their years at IMSA.

The PAC meeting should conclude around 11:00 AM.

Maps to Springfield and the IEA Professional Development Center are provided below. Springfield can be accessed on I-72 and I-55. For more detailed directions or further information about this meeting you can contact Jan Siemens at 618-972-9630 or email at [jan@siemensmfg.com](mailto:jan@siemensmfg.com) or Mitch Roth at 217-793-8743 or email at [IEAMitch@aol.com](mailto:IEAMitch@aol.com).



### Kids Institute News

IMSA Kids Institute Middle School "Mathlete" Workshop is coming up on Saturday, November 13th. Email [tmiller@imsa.edu](mailto:tmiller@imsa.edu) to be placed on the IMSA Kids Institute mailing list or check out [www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute](http://www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute) for updated information. The 7th and 8th grade workshop is closed, but there may still be space in the 6th grade workshop. Call (630)907-5987 for registration information.

The IMSA Kids Institute is hosting a Middle School Science Summit on Saturday, February 26, 2005 and is looking for parent involvement (as well as faculty, staff, alumni, community, etc.) in three areas:

1. Parents currently working in a science field that would like to present at the summit. Presenter application will be online at [www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute](http://www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute); deadline for submission is November 15th. Presenters should plan on a one hour engaging, hands-on (if appropriate) presentation or program geared for middle school students, parents or teachers (400 people are expected);
  2. Parents that own or work for a company in the science industry that would like to participate in our science expo over the lunch hour of the summit;
  3. Parents able to be general event volunteers (registration, summit logistics and as parent panelists on an IMSA presentation);
- Forms to present or participate in the expo will be located at [www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute](http://www.imsa.edu/kidsinstitute) or you can call (630) 907-5987 or email Britta McKenna at [britta@imsa.edu](mailto:britta@imsa.edu) to volunteer.

Seniors, Jessica Parr (Bradley, IL) and Susan Pinto (Chicago, IL) will be co-presenting "IMSA on Wheels" with Britta McKenna, IMSA Kids Institute Coordinator at the NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Regional Conference in Indianapolis, IN on November 4, 2004.

The "IMSA on Wheels DVD" was mailed to over 1,100 Illinois schools and libraries at no charge in September. This project by IMSA 2004 graduate Kevin Bock was funded by a grant from BP.

### [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

- 1) a person (preferably with financial background) to inspect the PAC Checking account in FY '04-'05. Ideally, this inspection is done quarterly. Contact PAC treasurer Janet Lumsden, [jlumsden@att.net](mailto:jlumsden@att.net) for details.
- 2) people to help update the PAC bylaws; see website for copies of the current bylaws and procedural guidelines. Contact Lorna Ruddy for details.
- 3) Friday/Finals Fest volunteers; see web site and contact Kemi Beausoleil ([kybeau@comcast.net](mailto:kybeau@comcast.net)) or Patrice Onyiego ([kwamboka@aol.com](mailto:kwamboka@aol.com)) for details.

### [Math Department News](#)

The following is a list of math department teachers who recently presented talks at the annual Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Springfield, IL on Oct 14-16:

Steve Condie “Some Calculus Concepts that can be Covered in Precalculus Courses” <>

Ruth Dover “Animations in Pre-calculus and Calculus” <>

Micah Fogel “ICTM State Contest—Oral Topic A and AA” <>

Chuck Hamberg (retired) “3 Friends—Together Again!” <>

Michael Keyton “Semi-parallelograms” <>

Janice Krouse “Rate, Rate, Approximate!” <>

George Milauskas “Mathematics in Three Dimension” & “3 Friends—Together Again!” <>

Don Porzio “Don Does (In)Discrete”

Ruth Dover will also present this talk at the upcoming ICTM regional conference in Minneapolis.

Janice Krouse and Sue Eddins (retired) are continuing their work with St. Charles math teachers, helping them to implement a new curriculum at the high school level that supports a student-centered environment much like IMSA's.

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC SEASON HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS FROM THE IMSA TITAN FALL**

\* The Titan Golf Team finished the regular season with a record of 14 wins and 1 loss. In the IHSA Tournament, Joe Janiczek [soph.] shot a 79 in regional competition to qualify him as an individual to advance to the IHSA Sectionals. In IHSA sectional play, Joe missed the cut-off by 7 strokes to qualify for the State Final Tournament..

\* The Titan Girls Tennis Team finished the regular season with a record of 17 wins and 4 losses. In the IHSA Tournament, IMSA finished in second place [as a team] in the West Aurora Sectional. As a result of the sectional tournament, Elise Marifian [soph.] qualified for the State finals in singles play, and Joanna Zhang [senior], and Kasia Plachta [soph.] qualified for the State finals in doubles play. Elise finished State Tournament play with a record of 1 win and 2 losses; Joanna and Kasia finished tournament play with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

\* In Boys Soccer, Tommy Mullins [junior], and Steve Link [junior] were named to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association All Sectional Honorable Mention Team. IMSA is one of 27 high school soccer programs making up the

Greater Fox Valley Area Sectional.

\* In Girls Cross Country, Lisa Shah [soph.] finished in 36th place at the IHSA Regional Meet at Kaneland High School, and qualified as an individual to compete at the IHSA Sectional Meet at Wheaton North on October 30.

\* IMSA's annual Fall Sports Awards Night is scheduled for Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The Fall Sports Awards Night for 2004 will recognize six programs.....Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming/Diving, Girls Tennis, Girls volleyball....and the participants involved in each program.

### Flu Season Tips

As the flu season is upon us, you might find information at the following to be helpful for yourself and your family:

<http://www.kanehealth.com/PDFs/Flupostersimplesteps.pdf>

### Calendar

11/1	Student Council General Assembly meeting	
11/2	Election day, Sr. Class Breakfast	12/4 PAC Meeting
11/5	Friday Fest	12/20-22 Finals
11/6	PAC Meeting in Springfield	12/22 Winter Break Student Dismissal @ 1PM
11/8	LEAD meeting	Halls close @ 5PM
11/9	Synergy meeting	12/23-1/9 Winter break
11/10	Diwali	
11/11	Veterans Day Academy closed	
11/12	Senior Class Club Dinner and Movie	
11/16	Alma Latina El Carnival	
11/19	Senior Class Dinner and Movie	
11/20	Senior Class Club Carson's Day	
11/24	Student Dismissal @ 1PM Halls close @ 5PM Thanksgiving break	
11/25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday Academy closed	
11/28	Residence Halls open @ 3PM	

## Communication Chair Note

Thank you to all those who helped me get this newsletter off the ground. If you need to get information into subsequent newsletters and have not yet been contacted by me, please send your e-mail address to [bkulbida@clearnet.org](mailto:bkulbida@clearnet.org). I am not sure that I have a complete list, have made some errors and have some old addresses which no longer exist. I am always looking for information to be submitted two weeks before the next PAC meeting.