



INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL *of* NEW ORLEANS

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 20, 2022



MISSION

To educate and nurture a diverse learning community through the International Baccalaureate Programme, world languages and intercultural appreciation to succeed in global economy.

PEEK AT THE WEEK

Monday

- Week 3 of 4th Quarter

Wednesday

- Freshman Assembly
- 6:00 pm Honor Societies Induction Ceremony

Thursday

- CKH Campus TrAction
- 2:00 pm: COVID-19 Testing

Saturday

- Beginning of Ramadan
9:00 am: Attendance Recovery

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7: Spring Open House
- April 8: Senior Picnic (by invitation Only)
- April 9: IHSNO "What a Wonderful World of Languages" Gala
- April 14-April 20: Spring Break (School Closed)
- April 16 and 17th, ACT bootcamp for Juniors
- April 21: Classes Resume
- April 25-April 29: Spring 2022 LEAP 2025
- April 29: Blood Drive
- April 29: Junior & Senior Prom
- April 30: EL Familia Community Event
- May 4-19 IB Exams (Seniors)
- May 12-13: Senior Exams
- May 13: Last Day for Seniors
- May 19-20: Exams (Early Dismissal)
- May 24: Senior Commencement

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS



- **Sick Child:** If your child is sick, keep them home from school and notify the school immediately of your child's absence and symptoms. Assignments will be available on Schoology so that students can continue learning while at home.
- **Contact Information:** If any contact information changes, please update your information with the school immediately to allow for the school to contact you when necessary.
- **Computer:** Students need to have their computer with them every day with the charger. Computers must be charged overnight for a fully charged battery each morning. For those who have an IHSNO computer, please keep them in the Ziplock bags you retrieved them in to protect them from rainy weather. They will receive an IHSNO computer sleeve this coming week.
- **Masks:** Students must bring their own masks daily and have an extra mask in case it is needed. Clean masks must be worn daily. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth. Face masks must be worn all day unless eating or drinking.

- **Water bottles:** Please bring clear refillable water bottles to school daily. We have refilling stations for students to refill their water bottles, but they will not be able to drink from the refilling stations.
- **Uniforms:** Students need to be in full uniform when coming to school.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL SEAN WILSON

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals."
Henry Ford

Dear Panther Parents and Guardians,

Through the years, IHSNO has grown and adjusted to meet the needs of our students, increased the professional understanding of employees, and shined in numerous ways. We are fortunate to represent a robust learning community where diversity is celebrated, and hard work is rewarded on all levels.

IHSNO graduates have attended colleges and universities, held careers, and served our country in the United States military. Many of our alumni are beginning their professional foray after completing graduate and post-graduate studies. Our students and graduates show up daily, impacting the local and the greater community. Some of our students are making new waves for their families by being the first to accomplish high school graduation, college graduation, and earning advanced degrees. Others are shining through the legacies set before them. Our students and alumni are all making an impact in their respective communities. Our alumni are making the most of their education. I am proud of our students and their accomplishments.

Our school is prized and coveted by many community members; IHSNO remains a destination school for many families. We have accomplished so much since IHSNO's inception in 2010. Regardless of the challenge, IHSNO has risen to the occasion. The leadership team has always been and remains open to learning from those in the building. The leadership team has been and remains amenable to adjusting policies, increasing collaboration, and partnering with community members to move the school forward. This work exemplifies the faculty and staff's dedication and commitment to the continuous improvement process. Our people are the best.

IHSNO has increased student access to the IB Program in more recent years. We have removed artificial barriers, making IHSNO a true IB for All school. Faculty and staff have painstakingly toiled adjusting the course progression plan, adopting a Tier 1 curriculum across all subject matter, aligning the curriculum to State Standards, and adopting new

technologies to deliver instruction in varying systems to measure and improve student success. These changes have come with challenges, and adjustments were made through collaborative inputs. The team has answered the call and the challenge. Our students continue to exemplify the IB learner profiles. IHSNO is poised to continue to move the academic needle towards excellence.

IHSNO has received significant investments to improve student achievement, install programs, and support learning across all areas of the school. IHSNOs grant writing efforts have afforded us multiple-year grants through the U.S. Department of Education, significant investments through private philanthropic organizations, and consistent investments from private individuals. These investments have extended IHSNOs investment reach into the classroom, supporting teacher professional development and enhanced wrap-around services for our students and staff. IHSNO is poised to continue to achieve its financial goals.

I have decided to step away from IHSNO, ending my tenure as CEO on June 30, 2022. More than ever, I am convinced that the leadership team is ready to assume greater responsibility. Each member has grown in their areas of responsibility and has moved towards reaching new heights in their leadership roles. I am confident in their ability to continue building bridges, minimizing gaps, and expanding IHSNO's innovative approaches to learning and growing. During the transition, I will continue guiding the leadership team through conversations and placing greater responsibility on the team members to make decisions in partnership with one another and the whole team.

The VIBE Board will appoint an Interim Head of School whom I will work alongside through the transition. I trust in the leadership at the school and the VIBE Board. The leadership team are caring people whose hearts are focused on student achievement, collaboration, and open-mindedness. As leaders, they will continue moving IHSNO in a positive direction.

Much has been accomplished over the years. I am fortunate to have worked with so many incredibly talented professionals. I will miss everyone.

...take care of yourself; take care of each other; take care of this place.

Let's stay in touch,

Sean Wilson,

sean.wilson@ihsnola.org

CEO/ Head of School

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ADIERAH BERGER

“Communication is one of the most important skills you require for a successful life.” Catherine Pulsifer

Dear Panther Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Week 3 of the 4th Quarter. This week, our community experienced yet another disaster, a tornado. Let's keep those impacted in our thoughts. Our 11th grade students were busy taking the statewide ACT assessment on Tuesday. Thank you for your patience and flexibility with dismissal as we tried to balance the importance of ACT and the severe weather conditions Approaching. This week we look forward to celebrating our hardworking students at the National Honor Societies Induction at Dillard University on Wednesday. Congratulations to all who will be inducted! I wish you all a great week!

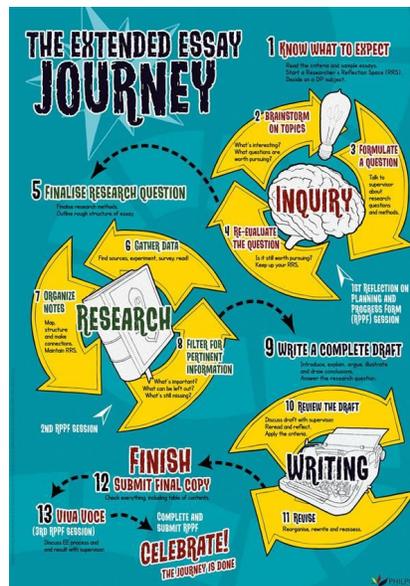
**Think you can.
Work hard.
Get smart.**

Have a great week.
Adierah Berger
Principal

- **Course Schedule:** Thank you everyone again for your participation in providing your ideas around our schedule for the 2022-23 school year. Based on the feedback from everyone who participated in the survey and discussion and what's best for our students and school, we will return to A/B rotating full-year courses. This will help our students internalize the content presented and better prepare them for LEAP and IB assessments. More details will be presented in the near future.
- **National Honor Societies Induction:** On Wednesday, our students will be inducted into several honor societies. Please come to support and celebrate our students for a job well done.
- **SLP Coordinator:** Congratulations to Ms. Carreno for being chosen as the Coordinator for the Summer Learning Program. Please take a moment to congratulate her. Any questions regarding the summer program should be directed to Ms. Carreno.

- **Staff Changes:** I'd like to take this opportunity to communicate some staff changes. Mr. Luke McEvoy will no longer be with IHSNO. We wish him well with his future endeavors.
- **Mask Mandate:** Although the mask mandate will be lifted in schools after this week, masks are still strongly encouraged. Please encourage your child to wear his/her mask when around groups of people.
- **Attendance Recovery:** Attendance recovery will be held on Saturday. If your child has been tardy or missed days of school, he or she needs to make up the missed time to be eligible for course credits. Please check PowerSchool Parent Portal to view your child's attendance. Email Ms. Gomez at demayo.gomez@ihsnola.org to sign up for Attendance Recovery.
- **Proof of Vaccination:** instruct students to send a copy of their vaccination cards directly to the nurse at nurse@ihsnola.org.
- **Report COVID-19 Status:** Visit IHSNO website, click on "Report COVID-19" found under both the "students" and "Parents" tab, and complete and submit the form. Someone will be in contact with you after completing that form.
- **COVID-19 Questions:** Any questions regarding COVID-19 or reporting results must be sent to COVID19Reporting@ihsnola.org immediately.

MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



Congratulations to our 10 IB Diploma Candidates who submitted their Extended Essays!
 Jessica Alabarran - "To what extent does the affiliation with Mexican cartels affect its locals?"

Luna Baltodano - "How Do Natural Disasters Invoke A Rise In Corruption Through Political And Public Sectors?"

Damien Bolden - "To what extent have the laws and methods of capital punishment been a reflection of societal development within the U.S.?"

Angelia Dix - Greek Mythology

Uriel Jon Erasan - "To what extent does the use of technology impact the knowledge we acquired in the medical field?"

Lana Lawson - To what extent is climate change the liability of corporations more than it is the average citizen?

Marco Pineda Valladares - " What makes Hondurans migrate towards the United States currently, and how do they impact the American country? "

Robert Prophete - History of Cellular Technology

Chloe Taylor - How far and to what extent does Elyn R Saks. Continually show a display in how her mental health and her academic career were correlated through her narrative voice?

Fernando Vindel Ortiz - o what extent did the United States' investment in arms help keep peace in Europe?

Junior families, please note this deadline is a year out and encourage your students to start diving into their research for topics for extended essay and their DP subjects.

-please see the May examination schedule for seniors (DP faculty will be assigned in by April for invigilation/test administration)

[May2022ExaminationScheduleCalendarForm.docx](#)

-Here is a [letter from the IB](#) about how the organization is supporting students and families as the examination season approaches

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns
cody.bourque@ihsnola.org

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MESSAGE FROM TITLE IX COORDINATOR

Dear families,

What conduct is prohibited by Title IX?

The Title IX regulation states that "except for provided elsewhere in this part, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by a recipient which receives ... Federal financial assistance

(b) *Specific prohibitions.* Except as provided in this subpart, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, a recipient shall not, on the basis of sex:

(1) Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

(2) Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;

(3) Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

(4) Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

(5) Discriminate against any person in the application of any rules of appearance;

(6) Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant, including eligibility for in-state fees and tuition;

(7) Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

(8) Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity." 45 C.F.R. § 86.31

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNSELING

The Honor Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

Location: Dillard University
2602 Gentilly Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Arrival Time: 6:30p.m.

Inductees Arrival Time: 5:00p.m

Entrance: St. Anthony Street Entrance (Near Traffic Light).

Building: The Professional Schools Building, Georges Auditorium

Parking: Parking is available in the rear of the The Professional Schools Building.
Semi Formal Dress Attire. Please contact Mrs. James @ 504.314.5106 for more information.

Restrictions: Balloons are not permitted in the building. Food and beverages are not allowed in the auditorium.

ACT Registration : The regular deadline for the June 11th test date is May 6. Please visit Mrs. James in the counselor's office to request a fee waiver.

SPRING LEAP 2025 TESTING WINDOW:

DATE: APRIL 25- APRIL 29

LOCATION: International High School

TESTERS: Students who are currently enrolled in LEAP course sections and retesters from previous test sessions.

Content Areas:

English I . English II . Algebra I . Geometry . Biology . US History

Prospective Graduates: Please update class assignments for the Quarter 4. We have approximately three weeks of class remaining prior to the start of the final exam window. You are required to communicate with your instructors regarding late assignments, missing assignments and attendance. You are encouraged to complete your assignments prior to Spring break.

Also, request a copy of the Power Teacher Pro Class Assignment Summary Report from Mrs. James. The Summary Report has the following information listed below:

- Due Date

- Category
- Assignments
- Scores- Complete and Incomplete assignments
- Grades for each assignment
- Current Final Letter Grade for Quarter 4

9th-11th Grade Students:

Please update class assignments for the Quarter 4. You are required to communicate with your instructors regarding late assignments, missing assignments and attendance. Also, request a copy of the Power Teacher Pro Class Assignment Summary Report from your counselor no later than Monday, March 28th. . The Summary Report has the following information listed below:

- Due Date
- Category
- Assignments
- Scores- Complete and Incomplete assignments
- Grades for each assignment
- Current Final Letter Grade for Quarter 4

WORKFORCE:

American Airlines has some fantastic careers available now at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Review available positions and apply at (jobs.aa.com). Please see Mrs. James for more information.

Health benefits

Medical, prescription,
dental, vision and more
available on day one.

Travel perks

Travel privileges for you, your
family and friends across the
American global network.

WEST POINT ACADEMY- MILITARY (Summer Leader Experience)

SLE DEADLINE EXTENDED We have big news! The new deadline for applying to West Point's **SUMMER LEADER EXPERIENCE** has been extended to Friday, April 1, 2022. The West Point Summer Leader Experience (SLE) provides rising high school seniors with a week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of a cadet.

Ochsner STEM Pathfinder – New Orleans East
is now accepting applications for summer 2022-All components of the application are due Thursday, March 31st by 11:59 PM.-https://ochsner.smapply.org/prog/ochsner_stem_pathfinder/

STEM Pathfinder Program is a 1-week summer program, which focuses primarily on healthcare career exploration. This program will prepare high school students for a successful career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math). Students will participate in hands-on science lessons and receive mentorship from Ochsner healthcare professionals from across many disciplines.

2 sessions will be offered. Students will have the option to select their availability upon applying.

Session A: June 20 – 24, 2022 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Session B: July 11 – 15, 2022 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Ochsner Baptist; 2700 Napoleon Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115

Cost: FREE

COLLEGE INFORMATION FROM THE LCCA WEBSITE:

[ACT/SAT Test Prep: Science Section Skills](#)

Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am (virtual)

This session will provide instruction and practice for the ACT Science section. The SAT does not have a science section, but the Reading section tests similar skills. We'll cover basic science concepts as well as strategies for interpreting charts and graphs.

Louisiana TOPS [website](#)

What is TOPS?

TOPS (Taylor Opportunity Program for Students) is a program of state scholarships for Louisiana residents who graduate from High School in Louisiana and attend either a 2-year or 4-year, college, university, cosmetology school, or trade school in Louisiana.

[Making Your Final College Decision](#)

Wednesday, March 30 at 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (virtual)

Class of 2022, congratulations on being accepted to college! Now that you have gotten your offers of admission, it is not time to pick which school you'd like to enroll in. This session will focus on helping students narrow down their options to the school that best suits them and their needs.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Tickets are now available to our annual Gala scheduled for April 9. Tickets are only \$50 for parents and can be purchased here:

<https://form.jotform.com/220376847871163>

Our spring open house is Thursday April 7. Please encourage your friends and family to be part of the IHSNOLA team:

Parents,

Copy and paste the link into your browser for Tech Hub Technology Training

[file:///C:/Users/PAdams/Downloads/Tech%20Hub%20Technology%20Training%20Course%20Schedule%20\(002\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/PAdams/Downloads/Tech%20Hub%20Technology%20Training%20Course%20Schedule%20(002).pdf)

Dear Senior Parents,

In order to avoid any delays in your student's graduation process, if he/she has any outstanding financial obligations, please take care of it immediately. All fees must be paid in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you have already done so, thank you and please disregard this message.

Estimados padres mayores,

Para evitar demoras en el proceso de graduación de su estudiante, si tiene alguna obligación financiera pendiente, por favor encárguese de ello de inmediato. Todas las cuotas deben ser pagadas para poder participar en la ceremonia de graduación. Si ya lo ha hecho, gracias e ignore este mensaje.



**INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OF NEW ORLEANS**

OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, APRIL 7
5:30PM - 7:30PM

BE A PART OF OUR WORLD

**727 CARONDELET STREET
NEW ORLEANS**

IHSNOLA.ORG | 504-613-5703



Do you want to help your child's department, sport, or club and have fun doing it? You and your friends can volunteer at any New Orleans Pelicans game in their Pro Shop and the Pelicans will donate \$80 to the destination of your choice. Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oEn3pBsEjl2LanOMd_3UFusRw4efTHYNEdRYFKOi_jl/edit?usp=sharing

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Hello Parents,

In the next few weeks, letters for overdue student fees and unpaid technology obligations will be sent out. Please take care of these fees as soon as possible to avoid losing technology privilege for the 2022-23 school years. All unpaid fees will also be rolled over to the new school year.

Reminders:

- Please remind students to bring school devices to school every day. The IT department will not be issuing loaner laptops to students.
- If you have trouble accessing PowerSchool, please email technology.support@ihsnola.org to receive login info and instructions.
- Download our mobile app now.

iOS

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/international-hs-new-orleans/id1561200914>

Android -

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.apptegy.internationalla>

MESSAGE FROM COVID-19 TESTING COORDINATOR

COVID 19 testing will continue till the end of the semester. Thank you for your continuing participation to keep our students and staff safe. If you are experimenting difficulties with the incentive payment, open the link below and complete the survey—more information to come later about our Spring Break and Summer testing.

Thank you

<https://laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=YT748EML88>

MESSAGE FROM CAFETERIA

Breakfast Menu

March 28

- Waffles
- Assorted Fruit (½ cup)

- 100% Fruit Juice (½ cup)
- Skim/1% Milk

March 29

- Scrambled Egg & Toast
- Roasted Potatoes (½ cup)
- 100% Fruit Juice (½ cup)
- Skim/1% Milk

March 30

- Whole Grain Muffin
- Yogurt
- Assorted Fruit (½ cup)
- 100% Fruit Juice (½ cup)
- Skim/1% Milk

March 31

- French Toast Sticks
- Assorted Fruit (½ cup)
- 100% Fruit Juice (½ cup)
- Skim/1% Milk

Assorted Fruit Options: Orange, Apple Slices, Pear Slices, Banana

Lunch Menu

March 28

- Chicken Tenders
- Biscuit
- Roasted Potatoes (½ cup)
- Glazed Carrots (½ cup)

- Assorted Fruit
- Skim/1% Milk

March 29

- Beef Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun
- Green Beans (½ cup)
- Steamed Corn (½ cup)
- Assorted Fruit
- Skim/1% Milk

March 30

- Pasta with Meat Sauce
- Lemony Broccoli (½ cup)
- Assorted Fruit
- Skim/1% Milk

March 31

- Spanish Chicken & Rice
- Seasoned Pinto Bean (½ cup)
- Assorted Fruit
- Skim/1% Milk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All IHSNOLA parents have an opportunity to attend College Slam Dunk and 3 Point Championships. This event has both men and women competitors. You may be familiar with this event, as it pops up on ESPN each year just before the Final Four. This year the event is at the Xavier University Convocation Center in New Orleans, and we are excited to bring the event to such a sports crazed city. The event is **Thursday, March 31** (leading into Final Four weekend) at 8:00pm. Voucher is attached below. Simply print it out and present it for up to four admissions.



THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 8:00PM

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
CONVOCATION CENTER**

ONE (1) VOUCHER PER PERSON

Redeem for up to four (4) tickets at the Xavier University of Louisiana Convocation Center Box Office on event day.

The Box Office will only redeem vouchers for tickets from 4:00pm to 7:30pm CT on Thursday, March 31.

The Box Office is located at the ticket windows near the main entrance to the XULA Convocation Center at 7900 Stroelitz St, New Orleans, LA

VALID ONLY FOR:

**International
High School**

- THIS VOUCHER IS NOT A TICKET
- Limited quantities available, only while supplies last
- NO CASH VALUE, NOT PERMISSIBLE FOR RESALE
- Not Valid on previously purchased tickets
- Voucher not valid for entrance to arena

2022 IHSNO GALA

Tickets are on sale now! [Click here](#) to get yours.



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