



NEWSLETTER  
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# INTERNATIONAL TIMES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The winner of the first High School Scary Story Writing Contest will be announced soon!
- The Fall Service Project is happening now!
- IVLA Offices will be closed November 25-26



**TOGETHER**

**WE STAND STRONGER**

## FALL SERVICE PROJECT: OPERATION CLEAN-UP CREW

By Bella Stoffel

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

—Margaret Mead

This year's fall service project, Operation Clean Up Crew, focuses on how individual actions have the ability to create positive change in helping the environment. The mission is to clean up the planet one piece of trash at a time while also providing ideas on how to live more sustainably by using everyday items in a way that betters your community.

The school is also partnering with a non-profit organization called The Climate Force! Through collaboration with various regional and international efforts, this organization provides simple opportunities to create an enormous impact on the environment.

A pamphlet and short film have been released outlining how you can safely and effectively make a difference. You won't want to miss it because every effort is vital in creating long-lasting global change.

## ART ACHIEVEMENT: IVLA ART CLUB

By Sydney Fisher

Did you know that IVLA has an art club? Members have the chance to participate in monthly art prompts, attend meetings, engage in art-related service projects, host art competitions, go on virtual field trips, and much more!

If you are interested in joining, first talk to your success coach about joining the IVLA High School Discord channel, and then message Sydney Fisher (sydfish#2526) to be added to the club.

In October, the art club's monthly prompt was Halloween, with 4 weekly prompts. Congratulations to Alessandra N. and Sydney F. for completing each weeks' prompt!

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- 1 - 7AM PT: Science Tutoring, 5PM PT: Math Tutoring
- 2 - 12PM PT: English Tutoring, 2PM PT: NEW! Student Newsletter Team
- 3 - 1PM PT: Social Hour, 3PM PT: Social Studies Tutoring
- 5 - 9AM PT: Spanish & French Tutoring
- 9 - 12PM PT - Math Tutoring, 12PM PT - English Tutoring
- 10 - 6AM PT: Social Hour, 2PM PT: Science Tutoring
- 11 - 9AM PT: Math Tutoring, 2PM PT: Math Tutoring, 2PM PT: Science Tutoring
- 15 - 7AM PT: Science Tutoring, 5PM PT: Math Tutoring
- 16 - 12PM PT: English Tutoring, 2PM PT: NEW! Student Newsletter Team
- 17 - 9AM PT: Fall NHS Induction, 1PM PT: Social Hour, 3PM PT: Social Studies Tutoring
- 19 - 9AM PT: Spanish & French Tutoring
- 23 - 12PM PT - Math Tutoring, 12PM PT - English Tutoring
- 24 - 6AM PT: Social Hour, 2PM PT: Science Tutoring
- 25-26 - THANKSGIVING  
- OFFICES CLOSED



Artwork by Alessandra N.

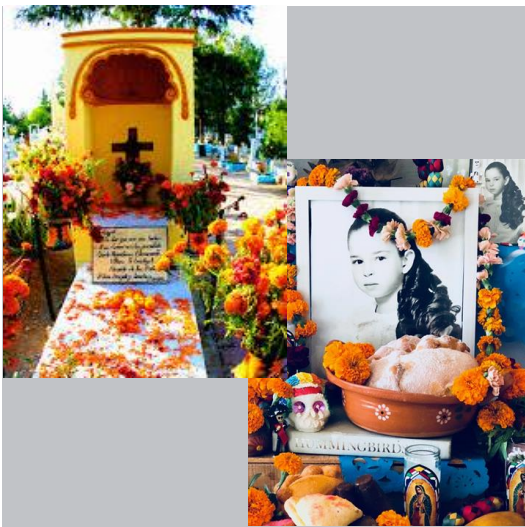


Artwork by Sydney F.

## HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT: MEXICO CITY – DAY OF THE DEAD

By Alessandra Nungaray

The Day of the Dead is a national holiday celebrated in Mexico between November 1 and 2. It is a time where families honor and remember their deceased loved ones. November 1 is dedicated to deceased children, and November 2 is dedicated to deceased adults. Every year many families place offerings and altars decorated with marigold flowers, papel picado, sugar skulls, pan de muerto, and any dishes that their deceased and honored relatives liked. The festivities also include decorating the graves with flowers and making altars on the tombstones, which in indigenous times had great significance because it was thought that it helped to lead the souls on a good path after death. Tradition also indicates that, to facilitate the return of souls to earth, marigold flower petals should be spread and candles placed tracing the path the souls are going to travel so they do not get lost and reach their destination. In ancient times this path led from the family home to the pantheon where their loved ones rested.



## MEET THE TEAM

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Bella Stoffel: Grade 11

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Mrs. Hedden

Ms. Tomes

## Join the Newsletter Team!

Would you like to be a part of the newsletter team?

[Join us](#) the first and third Tuesdays of the month on GoToMeet, or join the IVLA High School Students Discord (ask your success coach!) and post a message asking to be added to the Newsletter chat!

Interested in being featured in the next edition of the International Times Newsletter? Fill out this form: [Newsletter Feature Submissions](#).

## TALKING WITH TEACHERS

Featuring IVLA success Coach Ms. Kelsey Tomes from New Orleans, Louisiana.

By Sydney Fisher



What is your favorite memory from highschool?

“Senior pranks.” My sophomore year students and teachers arrived that morning and every single door to get into the school had been glued shut. There were also random toilets glued onto the cement in our commons area. It was quite a day!

What is your favorite movie?

Remember the Titans!

What is your least favorite food?

Olives. I’ve even tried them fresh in Greece and still YUCK!

Do you have a special talent?

I can make friends anywhere I go!

What do you like best about being a teacher?

When you are learning a concept or skill for the first time or sharpening the skills, it’s always nice to have someone there with you to encourage you through it.

This is what I need as a learner, and what I hope to be as a coach and teacher.

Thanks for reading this month’s newsletter!

-The Newsletter Team