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Newsletter

IVLA
INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL
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December '22

Announcements

-Interested in joining the Art Club, Book Club, Puzzle Club, and more? Contact your success coach for more information on how to join!

-Stay tuned for more holiday-themed projects from the Student government and how to participate!



-Book Club is currently reading *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover, check out the flyer for more information! Click [HERE](#)

-Art Club has organized winter-themed prompts celebrating the holidays. For more information check out the flyer! Click [HERE](#)

-Book Club is honoring Native American Heritage Month. Take a look at the flyers below for more information! Click [HERE](#) & [HERE](#)

-Join Middle Schools Homeroom on 12/14 to create Christmas-themed snowflakes! Materials are in the link attached Click [HERE](#)

-Check out the Newsletter Team section about Animal Antics. Submit and tell us about your animal! Click [HERE](#)

- **MS History Fair results:**
1st place: *Colton W.* (Discovery of Bread)
2nd Place: *Sophia S.* (Discovery of the Neolithic Period)
3rd place: *Ellah S.* (Discovery of recipes from the 1800s)

December Schedule

Click the events below to join!



Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				10 am Math Tutoring- Austin 2 pm Science Tutoring- Lawe 6 pm Information Session	1 1 pm Puzzle Club	2 3
4	6 am Social Hour- Wilson	5 11 am Social Hour- Barber/ Chadwick 12 pm English Tutoring- Mirc 2 pm Newsletter Team	6 12:40 pm Math Tutoring- Rus 7:30 am Elementary Homeroom	7 1 pm Newsletter Team	8 6 am Academic & Executive Functioning Workshop- Mahalchick, Opal	9 10
11	9 am World Practice & Tutoring- Ibanez	12 3 pm Social Hour - Hedden 4 pm Middle School Homeroom	13 1 pm Science Tutoring- Pellegrino 9 am Middle School 3D Snowflake project	14 11 am Math Tutoring- Paer 6 pm Creative Writing Workshop 8:30 am Elementary Homeroom	15 16	17
18	5 pm Emotional Learning Hour- Helton	19 2 pm Newsletter Team 3 pm Social Hour - Glauser 4 am Middle School Homeroom	20 8 am Math Tutoring- Fogerson 2 pm Book Club- Alexander	21 9 am Math Tutoring- Gilliam 12:30 pm English Tutoring- Lee	22 23	24
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Fall Coloring Contest Winner

By: Megan Schoenherr



Congratulations to the Coloring Contest winner, Evers S. Thank you to everyone who participated by submitting drawings from middle school and coloring in elementary school!

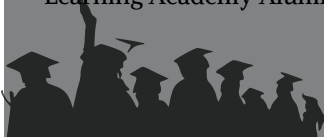


Alumni Association

By: Quade Goss



Did you know that IVLA graduates have formed an alumni association? The IVLA Alumni Association aims to connect IVLA graduates to each other and their former school while creating new opportunities for alumni and students alike. An interim board has been put in place, including Sydney F. (Chair), Sahar A.-G. (Vice Chair), Zephyr C (Communications Coordinator), and Nina H., Quade G., and Matilda B.-E. (Pre-Alumni Representatives). While the association is just getting started, you can support it by following them on Instagram (@ivlaalumni), connecting with them via LinkedIn (International Virtual Learning Academy Alumni Association) and find them on linktree [HERE](#).



Interested in Playing a Sport in College?

By: Megan Schoenherr

Join the NCAA Eligibility Center
Dec. 14 from 6-7 p.m. EST.

- Review of COVID-19 automatic waiver relief.
- Learn about requirements to pursue studying and competing at an NCAA Division I, II or III school.

[Click here](#) to register.



Winter Solstice

By: Aria A. and Mia Isabella San Inocencio



The Winter Solstice begins between the 20th – 23rd day of December and occurs in the northern hemisphere, parts of the world like North America, Europe, Asia, and Northern Africa. During the Winter Solstice, otherwise known as the Hibernial Solstice, the Sun travels the shortest path through the sky, and that day has the least daylight and the longest night. The Sun's vertical overhead rays go to their northernmost location on this day of the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere. Cultures and religions worldwide celebrate differently with traditions, holidays, and festivals such as Christmas, Feast of Juul, Saturnalia in Ancient Rome, and Santo Tomas in Guatemala!



Talking With Teachers

By: Quade Goss

What is your name?
Jenny Glauser

What do you teach?
I am a Success Coach.

Where are you from?
I live in Southern California.

What is your favorite memory from high school?

I have so many great memories of high school, it's hard to pick one. But I loved Friday night football games. I am from a very small town, and the high school football games were a big event. It was so fun to be there with all of my friends and people in my town. Everyone was happy and excited.

What is your favorite book or movie?
My favorite movie is "Serendipity".
My favorite book is anything by Nicholas Sparks.

What is your least favorite food?
Sushi

Do you have a special talent?
I can put on mascara while I drive. I also make a mean cinnamon roll.

What do you like about being a teacher?
I love working with teenagers. Teenagers are so fun to be around, they are full of life and energy!! I also love being a small part of their educational experience, I really love helping students realize their potential.



Poll Results!

By: Bella Stoffel

The poll results from November's student body poll are in!

- 3.4% of the students taking the poll have been with the school for 1 year or less while 27.6% have been at IVLA for three years.
- Most students chose history as their favorite subject! This was followed by science with the remaining math, english, arts, and foreign language for third.
- An astonishing 42.9% of students choose Apex as their main curriculum.
- Taking up over half the votes at 55%, Athletics dominated as the main extracurricular activity students participated in.
- Finally, 50% of students at IVLA who participated in this month's poll live in North America.
- See all charts for this month's poll results [here!](#)

Poll for Next Month

By: Bella Stoffel

With winter break around the corner, let us know a little bit about your favorite way to spend the time off! Even if it is not winter where you live right now, you can still share your winter experiences!



[Click Here](#)



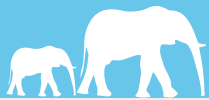
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Lovers Form and Creative
Writing Workshop!

World Wildlife Conservation

By: Megan Schoenherr

December 4th, 2022 marks the ten-year anniversary of World Wildlife Conservation Day. This day was created to call attention to and discuss the animals and greenery that have become endangered. To help out, learn about endangered animals in your area; visit parks, botanical gardens, and other designated conservation areas; or pick up trash in your community.



Animal Antics

By: Emma Zelenger

I have two cats, Samson and Delilah. They are both three-year-old Himalayans. They interact in many ways, including stealing each other's food, chasing one another through the hallways, and pouncing on each other while sleeping. Lilah has a toy sushi she likes carrying around the house and running after. Samson likes to sneak into our yard, where he enjoys chasing geckos.



Cat Lovers Form



Share your favorite photos of your cats to celebrate National Cat Lovers Day with the school! Photos will be presented in January's newsletter!

[Click here for the form!](#)

CLUB LEADER

Corner

What is your name?
Matilda Edelstein



What club do you lead?
Art Club!

Why did you join IVLA?

IVLA was the best remote school option for me at the time. I was originally enrolled in another online curriculum. I was about to start my high school years, but even though they had "international" in their company name, they wouldn't let me take their classes anymore because I was moving back to Europe. I call that a happy accident because if not, I probably wouldn't be here speaking to you.

Why did you join the club you lead?

When I first started IVLA in 2020, clubs were not the norm. Fortunately, in early 2021, Sydney Fisher emailed me one day and wanted to form the first of many clubs to follow with her: Art Club!

Why did you run for the leader of the club?

I took the mantle when Sydney Fisher graduated. I miss her quite a bit now that she has gone and grown, and I have some rather big shoes to fill, but it is an honor nevertheless. What started as a passion project between two friends has morphed beautifully into this breeding ground for not only creativity and the arts, but a place where students get to grow and cheer each other on!

What are you hoping to do in office?

To make every student realize that they are worthy of note because they truly are! Not only that, but give them the tools and environment to do some good in this sometimes terrifying world.

What do you like most about the club you lead?

Witnessing just how seriously talented everyone is!

MS Event!



Hobby Highlight: Dance

By: Emma Zelenger

I first began taking dance when I moved to Florida because it was the most like Rhythmic Gymnastics, which I had practiced for many years in New York. I enjoy dance because it requires me to perform in front of people, though I am naturally introverted. I get to learn many different dance styles, such as ballet, jazz, and contemporary, which is my favorite. It not only keeps me fit but has helped me grow as a person, mentally and socially. I plan to continue studying dance even after graduating high school, as it is a great creative outlet and art form.

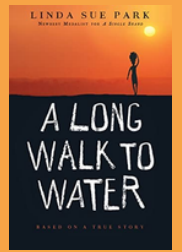


Middle School

Book Club Pick:

Book Club Meeting:

January 25 at 9am Pacific



Portugal's Restoration of Independence Day

By Alessandra Nungaray and Mia San Inocencio



On December 1st, Portugal celebrates Portugal's Restoration of Independence Day. This day is to celebrate when the country rebelled against Spanish control and once again was free after 60 years of Spanish rule. When the Portuguese nobles lost power in Madrid and Portugal, the situation deteriorated. An uprising started the Portuguese Restoration War, also known as "The Acclamation War."
[Click here to read more!](#)

Thanks for reading this month's newsletter!

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Peppermint Bark

By: Mia Isabella San Inocencio & Aria Alicea

Ingredients

- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips or chopped semi-sweet chocolate
- 16 ounces white chocolate chips or chopped white chocolate
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3/4 cup crushed candy canes

Method

1. Place the semisweet chocolate chips in a medium bowl and microwave for 30 second increments until melted. Stir until smooth.
2. Spread the chocolate into a roughly 9"x 13" rectangle on a piece of parchment paper. Place the chocolate in the fridge for 15 minutes to set.
3. Place the white chocolate chips in a medium bowl and microwave for 30 second increments until melted. Add the peppermint extract and stir until smooth.
4. Spread the white chocolate over the semisweet chocolate layer. Top with candy canes. Let harden in the fridge for about 20 minutes, then break into pieces and serve.

