



IVSA NEWSLETTER

February 2024 Edition

February Cohort Begins Tomorrow, February 6, 2024

February Updates

- **REGISTRATION** for the February Cohort is available. Please register as classes begin this week.
- **ONBOARDING MEETINGS** for all new Full-Time Academy Students take place on Tuesdays (9am) and Thursdays (1pm). Please reach out to Mr. Grimes or Mrs. Elvers for an invitation.
- **SEMESTER ENDING:**
 - **November COHORTS:** The end of Semester 1 is rapidly approaching for you. Please be sure to attend the "Connections" meetings to see your teachers in each of your core subjects!
- While extensions are limited for extenuating circumstances, we want to remind you that there is an application if you should need to apply for an extension. Please be sure to apply soon if you would like to be considered. See our [Course Extension Request Policy](#).

IVSA Summer School Information

IVSA Middle School & High School Summer School

Dates: June 4 - August 2, 2024

Offering: Core Courses, World Languages, PE/Health, Fine Arts, Business, CTE courses and more

Registration: Available beginning February 19 in Maestro.

Cost: \$190/Credit Recovery and \$300/Original Credit

IVSA Summer i-Ready Bootcamp for K-8 Students

Dates: June 11 - July 25, 2024

Offering: Skill development in Math and Reading with Live Sessions guided by IVSA teachers

Registration: Click below to sign up!

Cost: \$300 total for Math and Reading Bootcamps

[Register for Summer i-Ready Bootcamp for K-8 Students](#)

POSSIP CORNER

Next POSSIP survey: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

"Parents, your voice matters! We need to hear what's working for you and what your family needs. This semester we will send routine text messages and emails with a few simple questions asking for feedback on your experience with IVSA. You will receive these messages from Possip, an organization we have partnered with to learn your needs. Thank you!"



Schools use Possip to learn
what families need

How Possip Works for Your Family:

- Routinely get a text message and email from Possip
- Respond in your language of choice
- Share additional needs, praise, questions or ideas for improvement
- Include your name or stay anonymous
- Share needs anytime by responding to your Possip number



Meet the IVSA Staff

Did you know that IVSA employs 50 Adjunct Instructors. These IL licensed teachers often teach in a Brick & Mortar building during the day, or are engaged in other careers and then teach with IVSA in their free time. We will feature some of our Adjunct Instructors this Winter/Spring in our Newsletters.

MEET Liz Franks:

Liz and her husband Jason are both local realtors. They have two sons attending Texas A&M University. Liz holds a business degree from The University of Texas and a master's degree in Spanish from Texas A&M University. She studied Spanish abroad in Salamanca, Spain, and Quito, Ecuador. She taught Spanish for 28 years in the Texas public school system. She enjoys riding horses, playing pickleball, hiking in the Texas Hill Country, and collecting Mid-Century Modern furniture and art.



Student Interest Groups & Clubs



eGaming Club

We have an eGAMING CLUB. We will participate in weekly gaming sessions among IVSA students and then compete in 5 online gaming tournaments with Elite Gaming LIVE. If you have not already registered, please be sure to fill out this [registration form](#).



Art Club

IVSA has started an ART CLUB. Students have an "art piece" to create and then they meet with the IVSA advisor every other week to share their creations. If you would like to register your student, please fill out the [registration form](#).



IVSA
BOOK & LOOK
CLUB



Book & Look Club

We have a BOOK & LOOK club in for IVSA students. Students will meet to discuss the book of the month that they watched and read.. If you would like to register your student, please fill out the [registration form](#).

Monthly Shout-Outs

Let us "shout out" your student. IVSA students are successful in so many activities outside of the classroom including Hockey, Gymnastics, Tennis, Figure Skating, Music, Acting, Theater, Ballet. If

you would like to share a success story that we can use to "shout out" your students, please send a picture or video and short description and we can highlight these students in March!

IVSA IMPACT sessions on Wednesdays

Join Mrs. Elvers and Mr. Grimes for IVSA Impact Meetings on Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30am. Students will get the opportunity to interact with their School Counselor and Student Success Coach, as well as work through our Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. All FTA students have been sent calendar invitations to join these sessions.



Did you know that February is Black History Month?

Click above for resources to dig into learning more about Black History Month.

Resources for Full-Time Academy Students



Varsity Tutors

Complementary Tutoring is provided by Varsity Tutors. If your student has not begun tutoring and would like to utilize this, please reach out to Mr. Grimes.



HELPme App

Students have access to this app that can assist them when they have a need, are in crisis, or want to report something to their school.



SOWN
TO GROW

Sown to Grow

IVSA utilizes the Sown to Grow Social Emotional Learning Curriculum.

Event Information

IVSA Informational Meeting

Join us on **any Thursday in January** if you would like additional information about IVSA.

When?

Thursday, Feb 8, 2024, 02:00 PM

Where?

IVSA Important Dates

Upcoming Dates

February 6: Start of 2nd Semester (for many students)

February 19: President's Day - school closed

March 25-29: Spring Break

May 10 or 24: Last day of school depending on the cohort your student is in

June 4 - August 2: IVSA Summer School for Middle and High School Students

June 11 - July 25: IVSA i-Ready Summer Bootcamp for Elementary and Middle School Students

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

We would like to use social media to send out announcements and for school events. Please take a moment to like our Facebook page and follow IVSA.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND US ON LINKEDIN

Illinois Virtual Academy | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

JULY '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						JANUARY '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>01-08 Winter Break - School Closed 15 MLK Day - School Closed</p> <p>17 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31										
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
						1																																																																																													
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																													
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																													
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																													
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																													
30	31																																																																																																		
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
	1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																													
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																													
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																													
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																													
28	29	30	31																																																																																																
AUGUST '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>14-22 Staff In-Service 22 First Day of School</p> <p>8 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			FEBRUARY '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>19 Presidents' Day - School Closed</p> <p>20 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29																
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
	1	2	3	4	5																																																																																														
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																													
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																													
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																													
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
				1	2	3																																																																																													
4	5	6	7	8	9	10																																																																																													
11	12	13	14	15	16	17																																																																																													
18	19	20	21	22	23	24																																																																																													
25	26	27	28	29																																																																																															
SEPTEMBER '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>04 Labor Day - School Closed</p> <p>20 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S					1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	MARCH '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>25-29 Spring Break - School Closed</p> <p>16 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S					1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31													
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
				1	2																																																																																														
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																													
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																													
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																													
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																													
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
				1	2																																																																																														
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																													
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																													
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																													
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																													
31																																																																																																			
OCTOBER '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>09 Indigenous Peoples' Day - School Closed</p> <p>21 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					APRIL '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1-15 iReady Assessments Window</p> <p>22 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30																		
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																													
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																													
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																													
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																													
29	30	31																																																																																																	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
	1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																													
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																													
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																													
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																													
28	29	30																																																																																																	
NOVEMBER '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1-15 iReady Assessments Window 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays - School Closed</p> <p>19 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			MAY '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>24 Last Day of School 27 Memorial Day - School Closed 28-31 Staff In-Service</p> <p>18 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31															
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
		1	2	3	4																																																																																														
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																													
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																													
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																													
26	27	28	29	30																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
		1	2	3	4																																																																																														
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																													
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																													
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																													
26	27	28	29	30	31																																																																																														
DECEMBER '23 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>25-January 8 Winter Break - School Closed</p> <p>16 instructional days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S					1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							JUNE '24 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>Th</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>177 Total Instructional Days</p>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
				1	2																																																																																														
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																													
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																													
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																													
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																													
31																																																																																																			
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S																																																																																													
						1																																																																																													
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																													
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																													
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																													
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																													
30																																																																																																			



Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy

The mission of IVSA is to provide a supportive and engaging online learning community for students that is based on highest-quality instruction, rigorous curricula and courses, and connected learning experiences. We are committed to partnering with local schools and districts to deliver virtual and hybrid learning options that meet the needs of each individual learner.

Website: <https://ivsaschool.org/>

Support Phone Number: 224-433-7148

Enrollment Phone Number: 866-890-4872

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/illinoisvirtual>



Melissa Lundgaard

Melissa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

THE COLUMBIAN HEMISPHERES.

SHOWING HEIGHT OF LAND AND DEPTH OF WATER.

Scale of Miles

0 100 200 300 400

Scale of Feet

0 100 200 300 400

Scale of Fathoms

0 100 200 300 400

Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, N. Y.



THE NORTH POLE

HEIGHTS OF SURFACE OF WATER