

IVSA NEWSLETTER

January 2024 Edition

Second Semester Begins Tomorrow, January 9, 2024

COURSE START	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO REQUEST A COURSE	LAST DAY FOR SCHOOLS TO ENROLL	GRACE DROP DEADLINE*	COURSE END	GRADES POSTED
8/22/23	8/22/23	8/29/23	9/5/23	12/15/23	12/22/23
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3/5/24	3/5/24	3/12/24	3/19/24	5/24/24	5/29/24

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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

January Updates

- **REGISTRATION** for January is available. Please register to ensure your student can enroll in the courses that they need!
 - **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:**
 - **September and October 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](#).
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Meet the IVSA Staff

Melissa Lundgaard serves as the **Executive Director** of Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy. She has worked in the education space since 1994, having earned her degree from Miami University in Mathematics Education and her master's in Education from The College of New Jersey. Prior to this role, she worked in the corporate world as a Human Capital Solutions Consultant at Aon. Melissa has also been Senior Manager of Leadership Development, Instructional Coach, and National Math Lab Instructor for Stride/K12. She brings experience from all over the country as an Adjunct Math Instructor, Teacher Trainer, and High School Mathematics teacher. In her free time, Melissa enjoys running, building community, spending time with her family and friends, and exploring the US National Parks.



Melissa and her husband,
Spencer



Mrs. Lundgaard



The Lundgaard Family - daughter is senior at TCU in Fort Worth, daughter is Sophomore at Samford University in Birmingham, son is Freshmen at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook.

Student Interest Groups & Clubs



eGaming Club

We have an eGAMING CLUB that is starting in January. 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 is starting an ART CLUB in January. Students will have an "art piece" to work on every other week. They will 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 will also be starting a BOOK & LOOK club in January for IVSA students. Students will meet to discuss the book of the month that they have read and then watch the movie after reading the book. If you would like to register your student, please fill out the [registration form](#).

Join Mrs. Elvers and Mr. Grimes for Onboarding Meetings on Tuesdays (9am) or Thursdays (1pm). Reach out to Mr. Grimes (kgrimes@ivsaschool.org) or Mrs. Elvers (belvers@ivsaschool.org) for the invitation.



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.

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/>



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.

<https://www.stopitsolutions.com/helpme-k12>



**SOWN
TO GROW**

Sown to Grow

IVSA utilizes the Sown to Grow Social Emotional Learning Curriculum.

<https://www.sowntogrow.com/>

Download the HELPme App to take advantage of this resource for students!



Event Information

IVSA Informational Meeting

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

When?

Thursday, Jan 11, 2024, 02:00 PM

Where?

Zoom, reach out to mlundgaard@ivsaschool.org for the invitation

IVSA Important Dates

Upcoming Dates

January 9: Start of 2nd Semester (for many students)

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - school closed

February 19: President's Day - school closed

March 25-29: Spring Break

Illinois Virtual Academy | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

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