



International Academy of Saginaw

August 2021 Newsletter

Dear IAS Families:

I am excited as we head into the start of the 2021-22 school year. We just finished our summer camp program for Robotics, Art, STEM, and Literacy. The kids who participated really enjoyed the learning opportunities. We are looking to continue these opportunities in our afterschool programs. IAS will also be having team sports such as basketball and soccer. We will be providing more information regarding these opportunities once school resumes.

Throughout this newsletter, I did want to highlight some basic school information prior to the first day. Please make sure that your parent contact address and phone number is all updated in our system. This will be important as we mail, call, and text information regarding IAS and your student. All parents/guardians have access to your child's Skyward account. Your Skyward account allows you to track your child's grades, attendance, and behavior.

If you have a child ready to enroll in KG, please contact us to get the student registered. We look forward to doing awesome things here at IAS this school year. I look forward to working with the families and students this year.

Thank you,

Austin Brinkman, Principal

Important Date:

FIRST Day of School Tuesday September 7



IAS SUMMER ROBOTICS CAMP

Picture above is London Evans, Lailah Davis, Tavonna Liles-Walton, and Glenn Williams. The students participated in building and programming their robots for summer camp, under the direction of Mr. Williams.

2021-22 School Hours

- 7:30 Office Opens
- 7:40 Doors open for students
- 8:00 Classes begin
- 3:30 Student Dismissal
- 4:00 Office closes

Visit us at iasacademy.org

Or call us at (989) 921-1000

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1944 Iowa Ave.
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2021-22 BUS TRANSPORTATION

IAS offers door to door bus transportation. If your child needs transportation, please contact Ms. Guerra in the main office. There is a form to fill out that will need to be submitted to the transportation service. This service is free to all IAS students. This includes after school transportation to the Boys and Girls Club of Saginaw.

STUDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Students must follow the IAS uniform policy. Ultimately, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to plan and monitor their child's attire prior to the child's arrival at school. ***Should a student arrive to school out of uniform, a phone call will be placed to parent to make arrangements for the appropriate uniform to be delivered to school.*** IAS apparel may be worn as part of the school uniform. **Policy subject to change at the discretion of IAS administration.**

The following items are not allowed as part of attire on any school day

- **NO Hoodies**
- Leggings/Spandex/Joggers
- Sandals
- Short shorts or skirts
- Shirts that are above waist

Expected Uniform Dress Attire

Shirts: Collar/Oxford/Polo/Turtleneck
Colors: Black, Burgundy, White, Navy,
Pants: Uniform regular or cargo (**no jeans**)
Colors: Khaki, Black, Burgundy, Navy

SKYWARD Student/Family Access

You can now access all of your students grades and attendance through SKYWARD. The link to access the student/family access is on our schools website iasacademy.org.

You will need to select the **parent portal** option at the top of the webpage, to gain access to the **SKYWARD link**. When the log in page appears there is a drop down box below the username and password box that you will need to select **family/student access**.

Log in name is the first 5 letters of your last name, first 3 letters of first name, then add 3 zeros. If you have not yet done so, please call IAS (989) 921-1000 or contact your student's teacher for your SKYWARD password ID #.



Pictured above is Tavonna Liles-Walton. Operating her robot she built, through an obstacle course.

Student Cell Phone Policy

A student may possess a cell phone in school, on Academy property, and at after school activities **provided that, during school hours the cell phone remains off and must be concealed.**

Possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action against the student, and may result in confiscation of the cell phone.

The student who possesses a cell phone shall assume responsibility for its care. **At no time shall the Academy be responsible for preventing theft, loss, or damage to cell phones brought onto its property.**

Boys and Girls Club of Saginaw

IAS will provide after school transportation to the Boys and Girls club of Saginaw, if a student is officially signed up through the program. This must be done directly through the Boys and Girls Club of Saginaw, not IAS.

Household Information Report

We are pleased to inform you that the **International Academy of Saginaw** will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2021-2022.

The GREAT NEWS is that **ALL students** enrolled at our school can receive a **healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE** to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is *critical* in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental

Please fill out the report that was along with the August 2021 newsletter. Once completed, please return to Ms. Guerra in the main office.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE OPEN-ENROLLMENT



The **International Academy of Saginaw** is a **tuition-free public charter school** open to all students in Michigan.

WHY the International Academy of Saginaw?

- Caring certified teachers and staff
- Great curriculum tools
- Small class sizes
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students
- 1-1 Chromebooks
- Many academic enrichment programs to develop the student's skills
- Free door to door transportation
- Focused on developing the social and emotional well-being of the student
- COVID Health and Safety procedures followed
- After school clubs and sports
- Robotics and STEM activities



WHO is International Academy of Saginaw?

- A tuition free public charter school academy
- We service students from K-8
- Certified teachers in every grade
- We care about the progress and success of your child



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