Dear Prospective IMSA Family,

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) is excited to announce that applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on **September 23, 2024.**

We are seeking academically motivated students who are currently in the 8th or 9th grade to join IMSA's next incoming class. If your child is passionate about STEM and eager to learn, IMSA might be the ideal next step in their educational journey.

IMSA is a public, tuition-free residential school for grades 10-12, offering an immersive, world-class STEM education. Our students come from all across Illinois to join a diverse community of like-minded peers. IMSA's unique learning environment offers:

- A rigorous curriculum with advanced studies in STEM, humanities, and world languages
- Opportunities for independent research at national laboratories and universities
- A supportive community with a wide range of clubs and resources to support students' interests and talents
- Academic support and college counseling to guide students toward their long-term goals
- A safe and nurturing residential environment where students will collaborate with peers and mentors while gaining valuable skills in living independently

While there is an annual activity fee based on family size and income, there are no room and board costs, and no student is refused because of the inability to pay. Our goal is to make IMSA accessible to all qualified students who are eager to learn and innovate.

This fall, we invite you to discover IMSA firsthand through our virtual and in-person events, including our campus Preview Days (registration is required). You'll meet our faculty, admissions counselors, and current students while exploring the unique opportunities offered at IMSA. For more information, please visit <u>www.imsa.edu/admissions/visit-imsa/</u>.

To take the next step in your IMSA journey, review the enclosed information and visit <u>www.imsa.edu</u> to learn more about the application process. Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year must be submitted by **February 14, 2025**.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@imsa.edu or 630.907.5028.

Sincerely,

Glenn Engelberg

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