



IVA HIGH

Dear IVA High Students and Families:

Here we are, at the end of 2023. IVA High continues to pave the way as an incredible, innovate learning community. I would like to extend gratitude for all of our students and staff. A lot has happened over the last few months at IVA High, it takes a village to make it all happen. Continue to read below to learn about the details of some of the magic that has manifested in less than 4 months!

- "Be The Change" - Exhibition of Learning Fall 2023
- IVA High NCAA Accreditation
- PLTW Engineering Certified School
- Completion of our first offering of on-campus Dual Enrollment courses (4 total transferable college units!)
- Public Works & Energy Coalition Partnerships
- Art Class Launch: Mosaic Building
- IVA High's Band first public performances
- Student-Led Conferences - 96% attendance!!
- College Tours - LBCC, CSUDH, and USC class engagement
- City Hall Visit - Rex Richardson's Office
- Field Trip to El Dorado Park
- Photography Club Launch: Skyrocket Photography Immersive Experience

Our school continues to grow, evolve, and connect in new and innovative ways. Thank you for contributing, following, and sharing our stories.

May the New Year bring you peace, health, and happiness into 2024. Rest, rejuvenate, and make up those missed assignments!!

Remember to count the things in your life that money cannot buy. These are our true blessings. You are appreciated. Thank you for choosing to be a part of this amazing community. See you on January 8th!

Mrs. Sanders
Head of School

IMPORTANT

DATES

Dec. 25 - Jan. 5

Winter Break

No School

January 15

MLK Day

No School

January 16

Late Work

Deadline

Jan. 22-26

Finals Week

January 29

First Day of

Spring

Semester

February 2

Community

Meeting -

Academy

Awards

Exhibition of Learning Recap



Our students showcased their incredible versatility and talent by embodying the roles of not just scientists, writers, authors, artists, engineers, and mathematicians, but also innovators, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and leaders during our highly anticipated Exhibition of Learning! The depth of their knowledge and passion was truly awe-inspiring, as they delved into their respective fields with boundless enthusiasm and creativity.

For those who missed the event, here are some brief excerpts regarding each project:

Vive La Revolution - World History:

The students created booths to present information on the change they wanted to see in the world or the community. They designed trifold displays and brochures to promote their cause, engaging with visitors and speaking about their chosen issues. The goal was to encourage others to join their advocacy efforts.

Enlightenment Letter Project - World History:

The students wrote letters, channeling Enlightenment ideas to address global issues. They partnered to address specific problems in countries from the perspective of Enlightenment philosophers. The letters were displayed on a wall for public awareness and discussion.

Recyclable Device - Environmental Sustainability:

The students demonstrated the impact of environmental sustainability on daily lives through devices crafted from recyclable materials. They presented their devices, sharing data with community members who provided support for their efforts.

Compost Project - Biology:

Students explored the relationship between math and ecosystem dynamics through composting. Students educated the community about composting, emphasizing its importance. Community members engaged in sorting compostable and non-compostable items.

Object & Me (The Stories We Carry) - English 9 (H):

The students explored personal narratives through objects representing identity. They shared personal anecdotes, wrote narrative essays, and provided reflective commentary.

24/7 - Creative Writing:

The challenge was to condense significant life moments into 24-word stories that evoke shared experiences. Students identified and retold seven important life moments, engaging in significant editing for brevity.

Intersectional Self-Portrait - Philosophy:

Students explored categories of social identity like race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and religion. They created visual self-portraits representing central aspects of their identity.

IVA High Policy Proposals - Logic:

Students practiced identifying arguments, breaking them down into premises and conclusions, and objecting to arguments. They turned their attention to improving the IVA High community, drafting school policy and program proposals. Students presented their best arguments to a staff and faculty panel, receiving live feedback.



Classroom Highlights



Life Drawing: Unplug!

In Art class, students engaged in mindful life drawing through drawing their phones! This allowed students to "unplug" from their devices, while learning important artistic skills such as drawing from life, contour, and proportion. This was a warm up exercise leading up to their life drawing final.



Microscope Stomata Lab

As part of the Photosynthesis and Respiration unit, students completed a lab to examine the structures and organelles involved in photosynthesis. Students used leaves and nail polish to isolate plant material that they viewed on a slide under 100X magnification using microscopes. The students then viewed the slides and drew images in their notebooks about the structures that they saw. Some students saw chloroplasts, some saw plant cell walls, and some even saw nuclei on the plant cells. The students also recorded these findings in the notebook.

NCAA Accreditation



We are thrilled to announce that IVA High has been approved as a **National Collegiate Athletic Association** - accredited public high school.

"We are so excited to be able to offer this program for current and future IVA High student-athletes! This accreditation only further highlights the quality of IVA High's advanced coursework, academic support services, and flexibility of the extracurricular activities offered."

"IVA High does not currently offer a formal sports program, however we don't let that get in the way of offering and connecting to resources to help student-athletes excel, academically and athletically, to get accepted to the college of their choice... and to receive scholarships to do so." - Summer Sanders, Head of School.

[Read more on our blog here!](#)

Campus Updates

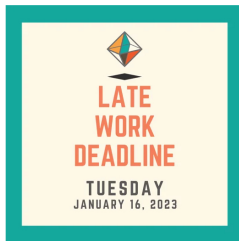


National Signing Day

✓ SIGNED! Congratulations to Vivian on signing her National Letter of Intent with Humboldt Crew! This is an extraordinary achievement, and we are amazed by Vivian's tenacity and autonomy in giving 100% to her academic and athletic goals. We are excited to see and hear about Vivian's future journey as a Humboldt Polytechnic Lumberjack!

Winter Break: Dec 25–Jan 5

Enjoy the holiday season this winter break from December 25 to January 5! Classes resume on January 8th. Have a safe break, and we can't wait until students return to campus!



Late Work Deadline

The late work deadline for students is January 16th. Late work will not be accepted after the given deadline as the grade reporting period will close. We highly encourage your students to reach out to their teachers if they need extra support, or if they have any questions on an assignment/project.

Enrollment Update

Discover the top 10 reasons why IVA High is the ideal choice for your high school experience:

1. **Smaller, Safer Learning Environment:** Benefit from intentional small class sizes, fostering strong relationships, 1:1 support, and personalized learning.
2. **Tuition-Free & Fully Accredited:** Enjoy a 100% tuition-free education at our WASC-accredited public charter high school, committed to academic excellence.
3. **Critical & Creative Thinking Skills:** Immerse yourself in a curriculum that emphasizes intellectual virtues, integrating critical and creative thinking skills into every subject.
4. **Vibrant Community:** Join an inclusive and welcoming community that values every student, encourages self-expression, and promotes personal growth.
5. **Student-Centric Learning:** Take charge of your education with project-based learning, evolving class offerings, and choices that cater to your interests, including college prep and Advanced Placement classes.
6. **Dual Enrollment & Paid Internships:** Partner with Long Beach Community College for tuition-free college credits and explore paid internships at local businesses for a head start in your career.
7. **All Learners Welcome:** IVA High welcomes all learners, providing individualized support for students with 504 or IEP plans, ensuring everyone reaches their potential.
8. **Foundational Life Skills:** Benefit from unique advisory classes and a low counselor-to-student ratio, fostering character development and lifelong skills.
9. **Clubs & Sports Diversity:** Engage in student and faculty-led clubs and sports, from Debate to Skate, fostering a sense of community and individual interests.
10. **Joy in Learning:** Experience joy in every aspect of school life, from fun events like Open Mic Nights to vibrant club activities and sports competitions.

Embark on your next academic journey at IVA High, where we empower students to think creatively, critically, and with a capacity for self-growth. Join our vibrant, caring community and [learn more about us on our enrollment page!](#)

IVA High is currently enrolling students going into 9th through 12th grade for next school year! Spread the word, invite your friends and family to learn more.

There is still time to enroll for the spring, and the application for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Families can access our



application on our [website](#). Private tours are available! Please email info@ivahigh.org if interested in enrollment or a tour.



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Enrollment Application



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