



Dear IVA High Community,  
Way to go Tritons! We finished the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year with intellectual courage, tenacity, and thoroughness. We are so proud of our staff and students for finishing the semester on a high note despite challenging circumstances. We are excited to start the new semester knowing that our students will continue to grow in intellectual character.



**January 24-28**  
**Club Rush**

**January 27**  
**In Person Tour**  
**for Prospective**  
**Families**

**January 31-**  
**February 2nd**  
**WASC Visit**

**February 14**  
**Lincoln's**  
**Birthday - No**  
**school**

**February 21**  
**Presidents'**  
**Day - No**  
**school**

**February 25**  
**Late Work**  
**Deadline**

## From Our Directors

### Report Cards

Report cards will be visible in the Aeries student and parent portal by February 1st. Report cards will be mailed home by the first week of February. Please read the linked letter which contains information about how to read your student's report card, class credit recovery, and report card comments.

[Report Card Letter Semester 1, 2021-2022](#)

### WASC Visit

The accrediting agency for our college-bound students (WASC) will be visiting us virtually next week (Jan. 31st to Feb. 2nd). This is a 3 to 6 year self-reflection cycle that all high schools participate to allow students to attend four-year colleges and universities. They read our report, observe classrooms, and hold various meetings with teachers, staff, students, board members, and parents.

### COVID Test Kits

If you have not picked up your test kits and wish to do so, please do so by this Friday (2/4/22). We otherwise appreciate any families who leave the kits at school since our testing capacity has been severely reduced this past month during the Omicron surge. We are hopeful that the surge shows signs of peaking 10 days ago and that government issued kits to schools will come soon. Additionally, the City of Long Beach provides COVID testing at no charge. Please visit the Long Beach COVID testing website to find out more information or to schedule an appointment.

[LB COVID Testing Website](#)

## Campus Highlight



### End of the Semester Reflection

For each report card, IVA teachers take a lot of time and care to write unique comments for each student. These comments connect students' academic and social emotional progress to the intellectual virtues.

During Advisory class last week, Mrs. Makenna and our teachers guided students through writing their own comment. The purpose of this activity was to provide students with the opportunity to give themselves acknowledgment for their successes and identify areas of growth. Below are a few comments that our students wrote during this activity. Student names have been removed to maintain confidentiality.

*"Dear (9th grade student)*

*This semester you have shown that if you put your mind to something you can get it done. Keep working on focusing on the work and paying more attention. You continue to grow in all your classes. You continue to develop your skills to the best of your ability. I am proud of you for making it this far in school during this pandemic."*

*"Dear (10th grade student),*

*This semester you have grown the most in thoroughness. For example in algebra I see your responses are mostly very thorough. And I see you continue to grow in your courage in class. And I am proud of your autonomy because I see you are able to have self thinking in class. But mainly keep working on your courage because I know you can be able to take the risks in class.*

*The virtue you need to grow in the most is your courage because I notice you don't speak up much in the class. You continue to develop your growth in curiosity because you are sometimes able to ask questions in class. Keep working on your courage."*

*"Dear (12th grade student),*

*I'm proud of you for not giving up this semester. You are a strong and hardworking person. You were able to handle having a job and focusing on school at the same time. You have grown in intellectual courage and I'm proud of you for that. I want you to continue to grow and expand. But I know that you could have done better. You let yourself get stressed out. Next semester don't be so hard on yourself, just do better this time. The one thing you need to work on is embracing struggle and not being afraid of challenges. Keep your mind in your work and be stronger and wiser with school."*

## Upcoming Field Trip Information

### Snow Day Field Trip:

Sign up for IVA High's first snow day! Join Mrs. Briceno, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Mauter for a day of snowboarding or skiing. On February 15th, a small group of students will be heading up to Big Bear Mountain to shred the slopes. Interested in attending? Complete the Google Form ASAP!

[IVAHS Snow Day Permission Slip](#)



### Medieval Times Field Trip:

Our all-school field trip is almost here! After popular demand, IVA High students will be heading to Medieval Times on Thursday February, 24th. Students will experience an 11th century inspired feast and cheer for



knights competing in jousting and sword fighting! Google permission forms and more information will be released in the upcoming weeks. Make sure to mark your calendars!



## Enrollment

### INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FRIENDS!

#### Know Someone Looking for a High School Next Year?

IVA High is currently enrolling students going into 9th through 12th grade for next school year! Interested families should start the process by submitting an [application](#) today.

*We will be holding an in-person tour Thursday, January 27th at 1 p.m. Please see the flier to the right for more information.*

Personal tours are available by contacting our office at 562.283.4456 or [info@academylongbeach.org](mailto:info@academylongbeach.org).



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Enrollment Application



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