December is here! You know what that means, that the school year is just about half way done! We hope that you have all enjoyed the school year so far. We have seen a brand new IMIN team at work, providing the students with fun new ways to be engaged in after school. Along with the brand-new programming, we are seeing a lot of new faces as well! After seeing the new approach that IMIN is taking to get the students involved, it is safe to say that the program is headed in the right direction.

Now being that it is December, we all know what that means. It's Winter Break! But let's not slack off because we know the break is approaching. Instead let's finish strong, rest during the break, and come back from break even stronger, with the desire to do better than before, no matter our previous outcomes!

Recap of Last Month
First of all, I want to thank all of those who helped out and participated in all of last month’s events, clubs and day to day drop in center. Last month was full of all sorts of surprises! It all started with the Day of the Dead event, a fun event in reference to the cultural Hispanic celebration, “Dia de los Muertos”, a day in which traditionally is reserved to celebrate the remembrance of our loved ones that have passed away. At the same time, IMIN kick started a few more extra clubs/classes such as Color Guard, our brand-new EMT class which the students have greatly embraced, along with our second session of Driver’s Ed. IMIN finished off the last day of the month with a pep rally for the football team’s playoff game. One can only guess what IMIN will plan next!

Step: Classes begin
12/8/18
In the Dance Room:
3:00-4:30pm

IMIN Football Playoff
Rally: 11/30/18
Quad: 2:30-4:30pm

Leadership Retreat
December 8 2018
UCSD 7:00am-3:00pm

Kayaking: 12/11/18
2:00pm-6:00pm
La Jolla Shores
Student Of The Month

This month’s student of the month is no other than our very own Aristires Mendoza. Aristires, more commonly known as Ari by his friends and peers, has shown remarkable qualities that have made him stand out amongst the rest.

Ari is a 10th grader that belongs to the School of Business, who already shows great qualities in the type of person he is, with such maturity, and the prospects of the type of person he will be in the future. Ari first came to participate in the IMIN program towards the end of last year. He enjoys playing soccer with others and wishes to play on the school’s soccer team. He also enjoys playing others in FIFA and on the pool table. Since the beginning, Ari was very helpful. At the start of this year, Ari came in with a more confident attitude, he was always eager to help. There would be times when we were short staffed during an event, and Ari stepped up and offered to help. Something he excels in, is creating art. If you saw his drawings, you would be impressed, he is even working on the current design for AOF (Academy of Finance). Also, when we have a face painting event, Ari is your man if you want the job done right. Ari has gotten involved so far as to which he has also joined our Leadership team. There is no question that this is an awesome young man, and if he keeps up the hard work, he will become someone special, someone that one inspires to be. Keep on being great Ari, and thanks for all the help!!

Leadership

Leadership is a team where students play a key role in coordinating with IMIN staff on how the program can implement new ideas that help us connect to the interest of the student population. A special shout out to our current Leadership team, to those who show up to every meeting and are extremely helpful at times of an event when multiple hands are needed to get the job done. This year’s Leadership group has been working hard to establish themselves with the amount of people they have. It is a small group as of now, but the goal is quality over quantity. With passionate, hard-working students on the team, more ideas can be implemented. We encourage all of you to check out Leadership and give it a shot. Not only will you be making an impact in the community around you, but you better yourselves in the process. In fact, on Dec 8th Caver Squad will be going on a retreat to UCSD. There we will participate in teambuilding activities as well as work with some of the UCSD students to help plan our upcoming Caver Squad events. There is still space available, although limited, so if interested please show up on to our meetings Thursday’s from 3-4 in room 502.

For all of you water lovers. On Dec 11th, which is a Tuesday (minimum day) we will be going on kayaking trip to La Jolla Shores. Transportation and food will be provided and again this is 100% free. For more information come to room 406 or 601 after school. Space is limited so RSVP.