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Hello Parents, Guardians, and Family,

I am excited to share that we are kicking-off a program that has been a support for our students, Brotherhood and Sister Circle (BHSC). BHSC is a program developed to give our Black and Latinx students an opportunity to celebrate and enhance their strengths, creativity, intelligence, promote networking, community involvement, financial literacy, resources, and academic success. We support growth in these areas through programming and activities.

Academically, we have set aside two days a week for 1-on-1 peer and/or instructor assistance in the areas of mathematics and science. IMSA faculty/staff, along with trained peer tutors will provide this academic support. The key part in the academic component is that IMSA instructors will be available for 1-on-1 tutoring before every major assessment in a positive and healthy environment. In addition, students who may already be assigned to study hours in their hall or in the IRC can work with Denna Mohamed to have those locations adjusted any day of the week.

Socially, we will have sessions throughout the school year where we will connect with our students in both on-campus and off-campus environments to engage in activities. We will host dine and dialogue with IMSA Latinx and Black staff/faculty. We will have a retreat to promote strength and unity in what drives both students and professionals on campus.

We will start this off with a Black and Latinx Meet and Greet/BHSC Beginning of Year Kick-Off. The event will be October 15, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Academic Pit. We will introduce the students to the Latinx and Black staff/faculty on campus that will be champions on their behalf.

I hope you have read all of this and thought, Wow! Well what can I do? We would like you to encourage your students to be a part of BHSC. We encourage you to speak with them about attending, or getting involved with board. We believe that if they hear that you support the program from you, they will be more likely to get involved. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Adrienne Coleman (acoleman@imsa.edu) or Denna Mohamed (dmohamed@imsa.edu).

Best,

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