

Email sent out 7/25/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

Welcome to the final day of the Olympiad! We would love to see everyone at the Closing Ceremonies tonight at 6:45pm in the Courtyard! There are many awards to give out throughout the day - Congratulations to all of our champions, make sure to be at the Closing Ceremony to find out who our Overall Champions for the Olympiad are!

1. Important Information

- a. A reminder: *Mobile phones must be put away in rooms during competitions!*
Students may not have them out when sitting at the buzzer or taking an exam, spectators should also have them put away as pictures, video, or recording of any events is not allowed (and spectators having their phones out is distracting to the competitors.)
- b. Important Links
 - i. [Full Schedule](#)
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 - vi. [Restaurant and other recommendations by Malcolm Surer, one of our Parisian staff members.](#)

2. Events for Friday, July 25th

- a. *Buzzer Competitions* - Please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [French History Bee Finals](#) at Champs de Mars/Eiffel Tower (8:20-9:10am)
 - ii. [International History Bowl World Championships Playoffs](#) (11:15am-1:20pm)

- iii. [Visual History Bee Finals](#) (5:10-5:45pm)
 - iv. Overall Placement Tiebreakers (5:55-6:15pm)
- b. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Historical Debate](#) Tournament Finals at Champs de Mars/Eiffel Tower (9:30-10:45am)
 - ii. [Historical Monopoly Tournament](#) (11am - 1pm)
 - iii. [Great Trading Game](#) - Elementary Division (2:20-4:25pm)
 - iv. Historical Simulation (2-4:50pm)
 - 1. [French Resistance](#) - Intermediate and Elementary School
 - 2. [French Revolution](#) - Middle School
 - 3. [Paris Peace Conference](#) - Varsity and JV
- c. *Exams*
 - i. [Visual History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (1:20-2:05pm)
- d. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.
 - i. French History Bee - immediately after the finals at Champs de Mars (see above)
 - ii. Historical Debating Tournament - immediately after the finals at Champs de Mars (see above)
 - iii. Historical Simulations (4:55pm)
 - iv. Table Combined & Australian and Oceanian History Exam (5:45pm)
 - v. Visual History Bee, Question Writing, STEM History Bee, & Film History Bee (6pm)
 - vi. Symposium, Blitz, & Hearts of Iron IV (6:30pm) - in the Courtyard
 - vii. Historiography, International History Bee, International History Bowl, Written Exam, Overall Awards, as well as various unclaimed awards from prior tournaments. (7pm) - at Closing Ceremonies in the Courtyard
- e. *Field Trips*
 - i. An email was sent out earlier today with some [new field trip options](#) for the morning. Make sure to sign up!
 - ii. NO bags bigger than a football! Otherwise you will hold up the entire trip!
 - iii. Be sure to have your Metro card BEFORE you trip so you don't hold up the entire group.
 - iv. All tours meet in the courtyard at the time listed.
 - 1. For museum tours, If you choose to meet at the museum instead of the school, understand the trip time is when the group meets at the school. Plan on meeting at the museum 45 minutes later.
 - v. Parents - please help us with shepherding students on the Metro and at the sites. We want everyone to have a fun and safe tour and we would love your help!

3. Reminders

- a. There are signs by the Help Desk with QR Codes you can scan to submit photos! You can also send them directly to kiersten@iacompetitions.com

We look forward to seeing you all for the final day of the Olympiad!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

Email Sent 7/24/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

We hope you had another great day on Thursday at the Olympiad - just two more to go, but the stakes are getting higher and higher as we near / reach the end of the most prestigious competitions. In particular, congratulations to the winners of the International History Bee - our newly minted World Champions!

Varsity - Robert Wang, New Jersey
Junior Varsity - Luke Ng, Singapore
Middle School - Miller Angevine, Georgia (US State)
Intermediate - Caden Deng, Florida
Elementary School - Keaton Finan, Washington

1. Important Information

- a. We have 20 extra tickets for the Modern Art museum good for Friday or Saturday - free of charge, first come first served! You can pick them at the Help Desk.
- b. A reminder: *Mobile phones must be put away in rooms during competitions!*
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spectators should also have them put away as pictures, video, or recording of any events is not allowed (and spectators having their phones out is distracting to the competitors.)

c. Important Links

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2. Events for Thursday, July 24th

a. Buzzer Competitions - Please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.

- i. [Ancient History Bee Prelims & Finals](#) (9:20am-Noon) - Note that this will not start until the Hexathlon, S. American, African, and Modern European Exam Medals have finished.
- ii. [Film History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (12:25-12:55pm)
- iii. [Blitz](#) (1:05-3:45pm)
- iv. Film History Bee Finals (4:45-5:35pm)
- v. [STEM History Bee Prelims and Finals](#) (5:45-7:45pm)
- vi. Family and Friends History Bee Finals (7-7:40pm)

b. Other Competitions - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.

- i. [Risk Tournament](#) (8:45-11:45am)
- ii. [Civilization VI Tournament](#) (1:05-3:45pm)
- iii. [Hearts of Iron IV Tournament](#) (4:10-6:35pm)
- iv. [Great Trading Game](#) - Varsity (6:50-9pm)
- v. [Historical Debate](#) - Various Times
- vi. [Table Combined](#) - Various Times
- vii. Symposium Finalists Dinner - 8pm

c. Exams

- i. [Australian & Oceanian History Exam](#) (4:05-4:40)

d. Medal Ceremonies - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.

- i. Hexathlon, South American, African, & Modern European History Exams - 8:30am
- ii. Risk Tournament - immediately following
- iii. Ancient & Recent History Bee - 11:55am
- iv. Blitz & *Civilization VI* - 3:45pm
- v. *Hearts of Iron IV* Tournament - immediately following
- vi. Family and Friends History Bee - 7:40pm
- vii. Great Trading Game - Varsity - immediately following

e. Field Trips

- i. **We will be combining the 9:30am and 11:00am Picasso trips into one at 10:30am. Please be in the courtyard to meet your guide at 10:15am.**
- ii. NO bags bigger than a football! Otherwise you will hold up the entire trip!
- iii. Be sure to have your Metro card BEFORE you trip so you don't hold up the entire group.
- iv. All tours meet in the courtyard at the time listed.
 1. For museum tours, If you choose to meet at the museum instead of the school, understand the trip time is when the group meets at the school. Plan on meeting at the museum 45 minutes later.
- v. Parents - please help us with shepherding students on the Metro and at the sites. We want everyone to have a fun and safe tour and we would love your help!

3. Reminders

- a. There are signs by the Help Desk with QR Codes you can scan to submit photos! You can also send them directly to kiersten@iacompetitions.com.
- b. Would you like an additional International History Olympiad water bottle? We have a few for sale at the Help Desk! 15 euros each - cash please!
- c. Competitors, make sure to check your email for interview requests!

Have a great night, get some rest so you can be ready for Day 6!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

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Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

Day 4 at the Olympiad is in the books (dans les livres?) We hope everyone enjoyed Day 1 of the International History Bowl World Championship preliminary rounds, and are looking forward to Day 2 of the Bowl on Day 5. Day 5 will also see the debut of IAC competitions in हिंदी, Español, et Français (我们已经举办过中文赛事, 但这将是他们在奥运会上的首次亮相! (here's hoping that google translate didn't butcher that...))

1. Important Information

- a. Schedule Adjustment - The International History Bee World Championships Semis have been moved up to 7pm with the finals immediately following (likely finished by 8:15-8:25. ([Full Schedule](#)))
- b. A reminder: Mobile phones must be put away in rooms during competitions! Students may not have them out when sitting at the buzzer or taking an exam, spectators should also have them put away as pictures, video, or recording of any events is not allowed (and spectators having their phones out is distracting to the competitors.)
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2. Events for Thursday, July 24th

- a. *Buzzer Competitions* - Please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [International History Bowl](#) Prelim Rounds 4-6 (9:00am-11:30am)

- ii. [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), & [Spanish](#) Language History Prelims and Finals (1:40-4:30pm)
- iii. Family and Friends History Bee Prelims (5:20-6:55pm)
- iv. Historical Geography Bee Finals (5:20-6:00pm)
- v. Recent History Bee Finals (6:20-7:00pm)
- vi. International History Bee World Championships Semifinals and Finals (7:00-8:20pm - medals will be given out at the Closing Ceremonies)
- b. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Modern European History Exam](#) (12:20-12:55pm)
 - ii. [African History Exam](#) (1:00-1:35pm)
 - iii. Historical Simulations (2:20-5:20pm)
 - 1. [French Revolution](#)
 - 2. [French Resistance](#)
 - 3. [Paris Peace Conference](#)
 - iv. [Symposium](#) - Various Times
 - v. [Historical Debate](#) - Various Times
 - vi. [Table Combined](#) - Various Times
- c. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs. **Note! We are medaling the Battery tomorrow! Full Battery results, which are part of the Overall Olympiad championship calculation, will be released following the Battery Medals Ceremony.**
 - i. East Asian History Exam (8:40am)
 - ii. Middle Eastern History Exam (8:40am)
 - iii. South American History Exam (11:30am)
 - iv. Hexathlon (11:45am)
 - v. Battery (11:55am)
 - vi. Chinese, French, Hindi, and Spanish History Bee Medals (4:30pm)
 - vii. Historical Simulation Medals (4:45pm)
 - viii. Historical Geography Bee Medals (6:00pm)
- d. *Field Trips*
 - i. NO bags bigger than a football! Otherwise you will hold up the entire trip!
 - ii. Be sure to have your Metro card BEFORE you trip so you don't hold up the entire group.
 - iii. All tours meet in the courtyard at the time listed.
 - 1. For museum tours, If you choose to meet at the museum instead of the school, understand the trip time is when the group meets at the school. Plan on meeting at the museum 45 minutes later.
 - iv. Parents - please help us with shepherding students on the Metro and at the sites. We want everyone to have a fun and safe tour and we would love your help!

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- b. Would you like an additional International History Olympiad water bottle? We have a few for sale at the Help Desk! 15 euros each - cash please!
- c. Competitors, make sure to check your email for interview requests!

4. Birthdays

- a. Make sure to wish a happy birthday to the following people tomorrow!
 - i. Bruno Piotrowski - Intermediate
 - ii. Zubin Chandrasekhar - Middle School
 - iii. Joshua Lu - Junior Varsity
 - iv. Xiaomin Shi/Bo Yang - Family & Friends Program
 - v. Vincent Lenza - Family & Friends Program

Enjoy your evening and we look forward to seeing EVERYONE for the Bowl tomorrow morning!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

Email sent out 7/22/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Hexathlon today and are looking forward to the International History Bowl World Championships tomorrow morning! After a beautiful day today, it looks like the rains will return tomorrow, particularly in the afternoon. Remember to be prepared for a wet day and bring your rain gear with you!

1. Important Information

- a. Remember that the International History Bowl is a MANDATORY event for ALL students!
- b. There is no video or recording of any events at the Olympiad (or any IAC event!)
- c. For field trips please make sure to have your **Metro Pass BEFORE the field trip!!** Otherwise it slows down your whole tour group!
- d. Remember that you can see your event selections [here](#) and all Schedules and Results can be found [on the event website under Results](#).
- e. Check out our [YouTube channel](#). This is where the livestreams can be watched!
- f. Would you like some recommendations of things to do? Check out the [Attendees Guide](#) as well as [Restaurant and other recommendations by Malcolm Surer, one of our Parisian staff members](#).

2. Events for Wednesday, July 23rd

- a. *Buzzer Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [International History Bowl](#) (8:45am-12pm)
 - ii. [Sports History Bee Finals](#) (12:40-1:25pm)
 - iii. [French History Bee Prelims](#) (1:45-3:45pm)
 - iv. [Historical Geography Bee Prelims](#) (3:55-5:55pm)
- b. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [East Asian History Exam](#) (12:00-12:55pm)
 - ii. [Middle Eastern History Exam](#) (6:05-6:40pm)
 - iii. [Question Writing Competition](#) (6:45-7:55pm)
 - iv. [Civilization VI Scenario](#) (6:45-8:45pm)
 - v. [South American History Exam](#) (8:00-8:35pm)
 - vi. [Symposium](#) - Various Times
 - vii. [Historical Debate](#) - Various Times
 - viii. [Table Combined](#) - Various Times
- c. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.
 - i. Sports History Bee (1:25pm)
 - ii. *Civilization VI Scenario* (8:45pm)
- d. *Field Trips*
 - i. We can not say this enough, PLEASE have your Metro Pass BEFORE your field trip so that it does not hold up your entire group!
 - ii. Back packs and large bags should NOT be brought on field trips. This will also hold up the entire group!
 - iii. All attendees need to stay with the group during field trips. Being on your phone during tours is a safety issue, please listen to your guides and pay attention.
 - iv. Remember that all tours meet in the courtyard (or the gym if it rains)

3. Reminders

- a. Music Program

- i. If you have not signed up for the Music Program and would still like to audition, please email Sara DelVillano at sara@iacompetitions.com.
- b. There are signs by the Help Desk with QR Codes you can scan to submit photos! You can also send them directly to kiersten@iacompetitions.com.
- c. Would you like an additional International History Olympiad water bottle? We have a few for sale at the Help Desk! 15 euros each - cash please!
- d. Competitors, make sure to check your email for interview requests!

4. Birthdays

- a. Make sure to wish a happy birthday to the following people tomorrow!
 - i. Alonzo Martin Y. Ora - Varsity
 - ii. Matt Royal - Friends & Family Program
- b. Please wish a belated birthday (it was today!) to:
 - i. Ronav Ahuja - Intermediate
 - ii. Leonardo Tang - Middle
 - iii. Joshua Glass - Middle
 - iv. Zachary Shen - Junior Varsity
 - v. Lijun Sun - Family & Friends Program

Enjoy your evening and we look forward to seeing EVERYONE for the Bowl tomorrow morning!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

Email sent out 7/21/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

We hope everyone was able to stay at least relatively dry today. We hope everyone enjoyed the preliminary rounds of the International History Bee World Championships today!

1. Important Information

- a. Remember that Hextathalon is a MANDATORY event for ALL students!
- b. There is no video or recording of any events at the Olympiad!
- c. Remember that you can see your event selections [here](#) and all Schedules and Results can be found [on the event website under results](#).
- d. Check out our [YouTube channel](#). This is where the livestreams can be watched!
- e. Would you like some recommendation of things to do? Check out the [Attendees Guide](#) as well as [Recommendations by one of our staff](#).

2. Events for Tuesday, July 22nd

- a. *Buzzer Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [French Military History Bee](#) (12-2pm)
 - ii. Art History Bee Buzzer Finals (2:20-3:05pm)
 - iii. French Military History Bee Finals (5:45-6:20pm)
- b. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Hextathalon](#) (8:45-11:35)
 - ii. [Great Trading Game](#) - JV (12:00-2:05pm)
 - iii. Historical Simulation (2:20-5:20pm)
 - 1. [French Revolution](#)
 - 2. [French Resistance](#)
 - 3. [Paris Peace Conference](#)
 - iv. [Great Trading Game](#) - MS (3:20-5:25pm)
 - v. [Great Trading Game](#) - IS (6:30-8:40pm)

- vi. [Historiography](#) (6:45-8:45pm)
- vii. [Symposium](#) - Various Times
- viii. [Historical Debate](#) - Various Times
- ix. [Table Combined](#) - Various Times
- c. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.
 - i. North American History Exam & Battery (8:30am)
 - ii. Medals for Art History Bee (3:05pm)
 - iii. Historical Simulation (5:20pm)
 - iv. French Military History Bee (6:25pm)
- d. *Field Trips*
 - i. We need everyone to have their Metro passes before arriving at the station. We are losing valuable time waiting for people to get tickets.
 - ii. Also, several students have been off-task during the tours: on their phones or ipads, not listening to the guides, going off on their own, etc. This is a safety issue, and it slows down the entire tour. Please be respectful during tours!
 - iii. For the morning tours, we will again meet in the courtyard (or gym if it rains).
 - iv. For the museum trips you can go with the guide from the school or meet at the site. Plan on the guides being at the museums approximately 45 minutes after the school meeting time. Remember that weather and the metro can slow down the exact arrival time.

3. Press Corps

- a. Assignments are being emailed to you on a rolling basis - make sure to check your emails regularly

4. Reminders

- a. Music Program
 - i. If you have not signed up for the Music Program and would still like to audition, please email Sara DelVillano at sara@iacompetitions.com.
- b. There are signs by the Help Desk with QR Codes you can scan to submit photos!
- c. Would you like an additional International History Olympiad water bottle? We have a few for sale at the Help Desk! 20 euros each - cash please!

Enjoy your evening and we look forward to seeing EVERYONE at the Hextathlon in the morning!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

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Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

Thanks for bearing with us and the fickle Parisian weather today, and congratulations to our first medalists in the official medal events from the Scramble and Knockout! Here's the email for tomorrow.

Please note that room assignments for the Bee prelims and the Classical and Popular Music Bee finals will be available early in the morning. All of those are dependent on a massive amount of multiple choice exam grading which our stats team is plowing through with as fast as possible late into the night. You'll certainly though have all your assignments at least several hours ahead of when you need to be there.

1. Where to find information

- a. Remember that you can see your event selections [here](#).
- b. All Schedules and Results can be found [on the event website under results](#).
- c. Finals for our big events will be livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#). You can watch them live, or watch after the event!
 - i. You can find the Welcome Video and the livestream from the Opening Ceremony on the YouTube channel as well!

2. Events for Monday, July 21st

- a. *Exams* - please see the linked schedule to find your room. Pencils will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own.
 - i. [Written Exam](#) (9-11am)
 - ii. [North American History Exam](#) (11-11:35am)
 - iii. [Sports History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (8:35-9:05pm - note the slightly adjusted time)
- b. *Buzzer Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.

- i. International History Bee World Championships Preliminary Matches 1-6 (11:45am-4:00pm) - schedule will be available in the morning
 - ii. Classical Music Bee Buzzer Finals (4:15-5:00pm) - schedule will be available in the morning (note the slightly adjusted schedule)
 - iii. Popular Music Bee Buzzer Finals (5:25-6:10pm) - schedule will be available in the morning (note the slightly adjusted schedule)
 - iv. [Recent History Bee Prelims](#) (6:35-8:30pm) (note the slightly adjusted schedule)
- c. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Historical Debating Tournament](#) (various times)
 - ii. [Symposium Defenses](#) (various times)
 - iii. [Table Combined](#) (various times)
 - iv. European History Trivial Pursuit (4:00-6:10pm)
- d. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.
 - i. South Asian History Exam (8:40-8:55am)
 - ii. Classical Music History Bee (5:00-5:15pm)
 - iii. Popular Music History Bee (6:10-6:25pm)
 - iv. European History Trivial Pursuit (immediately after finals end)
- e. *Field Trips*
 - i. For the walking tours, **please look for your tour guides in the courtyard. Tomorrow's (i.e. Monday's) weather (especially in the morning) looks wet - so please plan and dress accordingly!**
 - ii. Remember your water bottles, sunscreen, blue hats, AND your Metro card! (if you have not picked yours up, see the Help Desk before your trip)
 - iii. Morning Trips
 - 1. For Pere Lachaise and Invalides in the morning, please meet in the courtyard. Please do NOT bring bags on these field trips
 - iv. Afternoon Trips
 - 1. All Afternoon field trips will go out *as soon as Round 6 of the Bee is finished*. Meet in the Courtyard as soon as you are done.
 - 2. For the afternoon Invalides trip, we will send 15 participants at a time, first come, first served, *after Round 6 of the Bee*.
 - 3. **Tour guides will be waiting in the courtyard**, so report there when you finish. The earlier you get to the courtyard, the sooner you will leave!

3. Music Program

- a. If you have not signed up for the Music Program and would still like to audition, please email Sara DeVillano at sara@iacompetitions.com.

4. Press Corps

- a. If you are in the Press Corps, please remember to submit your thoughts for the day or any photos you have taken through the form that you have been emailed. If you have any questions about the Press Corps please email Kiersten Brown at kiersten@iacompetitions.com.
- b. You do not have to be in the Press Corps to submit photos! There are signs by the Help Desk with QR Codes you can scan to submit photos!

5. Water Bottles

- a. Would you like an additional International History Olympiad water bottle? We have a few for sale at the Help Desk! 20 euros each - cash please!

6. Birthdays

- a. Please wish these attendees a Happy Birthday when you see them!
 - i. Jaewon Lee - Varsity
 - ii. Hiroshi Kato - Friends and Family Program

Good luck as you ALL compete in the Written Exam and the International History Bee World Championships Preliminary Rounds!

The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff

Email Sent 7/19/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

Bienvenue! Tomorrow is the first full day of the Olympiad! Here is the information you need for a great day ahead. Please read through everything carefully and continue to contact

olympiad@iacompetitions.com if you have any questions, or visit the Help Desk in the cafeteria. You can also see all of your event selections [for the week here](#).

1. Opening Ceremonies

a. Student Arrival Time - 8:30am

b. Parade of Flags

- i. Students will line up OUTSIDE the school along the sidewalk
- ii. Find the name of your affiliation (state or country) on the wall
- iii. Line up under your affiliation sign
- iv. Flags will be handed out to the designated flag bearers
- v. Students will parade into the opening ceremonies with their flag
- vi. Students will sit in the designated students' seats at the front of the Opening Ceremonies
- vii. Students should wear your International History Olympiad t-shirt

c. Spectator Procedures

- i. Friends and Family will enter the school and take a seat in the courtyard while the students are preparing for the Parade.
- ii. Please do NOT leave empty seats so that there is room for every one!
- iii. Please remember that you must have a badge (and therefore be part of the Friends and Family program) to attend the Opening Ceremonies or any other event at the school.

d. **PLEASE NOTE: prepare for it to rain! Having a rain jacket/poncho and an umbrella is highly recommended.**

- i. If you do not bring a rain jacket, then you consider bringing a change of clothes!

2. Check In

- a. You do NOT have to check in each day - you check in once and get your badge. Your badge must be worn EVERY day as that is how security knows to let you into the school (this true for both competing students and family members)
- b. If you have not checked in yet, **Check In opens at 7:30am and closes at 8:30am**. Please come check in early enough so that you can get lined up for the parade in time. Check in is in the Cafeteria right off the courtyard of the school

3. Metro Tickets

- a. If you are scheduled for an offsite field trip for this week, you can pick up your metro pass in the Cafeteria. Please see the desk on the right side (opposite of the Help Desk) to pick up your Metro pass.
- b. If you are NOT going on a field trip tomorrow - please wait until this afternoon to pick up your metro pass so we can get these out to those who need them today first!
- c. Remember, these tickets only have enough trips loaded on them to cover your field trips. You are welcome to load more on the card, but we only cover the trips for your field trips.

4. Events for Sunday, July 20th

- a. *Exams* - please see the linked schedule to find your room. Pencils will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own.
 - i. [Battery Exam](#) (10:30am-1:15pm)
 - ii. [South Asian History Exam](#) (4-4:35pm)
 - iii. [Classical Music History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (4:40-5:15pm)
 - iv. [Popular Music History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (5:20-5:55pm)
 - v. [Art History Bee Prelim Exam](#) (6-6:35pm)
- b. *Buzzer Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Scramble](#) (1:35pm - 3:40pm)
- c. *Other Competitions* - please see the linked schedule to find your rooms.
 - i. [Knockout](#) (6:45-8:10pm)
- d. *Medal Ceremonies* - located in the Theatre. As you face the door to exit the school, the Theatre is to your right and down stairs.
 - i. Scramble - (3:40-3:55pm)
 - ii. Knockout (8:50-9pm)
- e. *Field Trips*
 - i. **Morning Field Trips** - please meet 10-15 minutes before your trip in the courtyard where Opening Ceremonies will be held. If it is raining, please go to the gym directly off the courtyard. **Look for the signs for your trip!** Trips will leave promptly at their scheduled times, and for larger trips we will break into groups, with the first to show up leaving first.
 - ii. **Afternoon Field Trips** - you may meet your tour guide at the site or in the courtyard. Tour guides will be in the courtyard with signs at the posted meeting times, and can be expected at the site 30-40 minutes later.
 - 1. Louvre: meet at the Arc du Carrousel - This is the arch directly opposite the Pyramid across from the main courtyard of the Louvre
 - 2. Conciergerie & Sainte-Chapelle: **For this site, you MUST start with the group at the school.**
 - 3. All other museums, meet with your tour guide at the school or at the main entrance of the museum 30 minutes later.
 - 4. **For all walking tours, you MUST start with the group at the school.**
 - iii. **Note for Versailles:** The main train line to Versailles is not running in the summer due to maintenance, so the trip may take longer. Please meet in the EJM courtyard at **1:15**
 - iv. **Tickets Available:** Just for Sunday, we have a few extra tickets available for the Louvre, Modern Art Museum, Orangerie, and Pantheon (about 10 for each). These tickets are 10 euros each, cash only. Payment can be made at the help desk or to Scott Fowler previous to the trip. (He will be in the courtyard). If you know now that you would like to purchase tickets, please email him at scott@iacompetitions.com.

5. Please wish the following people Happy Birthday today!

- a. Participants
 - i. Brian Zilberman - Junior Varsity
 - ii. Colton Rosenhaus - Intermediate
- b. Family and Friends Program
 - i. Hyan Ja Kim

6. Help Desk

- a. Location - in the Cafeteria
- b. Remember that the best way to get an answer is to email olympiad@iacompetitions.com!

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!!

The 2025 History Olympiad Staff

Email sent 7/18/25



Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

Bienvenue! Welcome to Paris to all of those that have arrived and safe travels to those who are still on their way! This is the first of the nightly emails that will typically go out late each evening. They will have all the information you need for the following day. We have some important information for your arrival and for Arrival Day / “Day 0.” Please remember that all General Emails [are accessible here](#) through [this link](#) on the Olympiad website.

1. Check In

- a. *Time* - Check In starts at Noon tomorrow (Saturday, July 19th) and goes until **9pm (one hour later than originally posted - [see the schedule](#))**. Late check is from 7:30-8:30am on Sunday, July 20th.
- b. *Location* - Ecole Jeannine Manuel School in the Cantina (on the inner courtyard - you can't miss it)
- c. *Directions* - Make sure to use the entrance of the school that is located on Avenue Emile Zola. The doors on Rue de Theatre will NOT be open.
 - i. Address to use for google maps / taxis / Uber: 115 Avenue Émile Zola
 - ii. If the door is not open when you arrive (after noon!), there is a button on the wall to your left. Press it for security to buzz you into the school
 - iii. Once you enter the school, walk forward into the courtyard, the cantina will be to your left
- d. *Badges* - you will receive your International History Olympiad badge at check in. You will need to wear it at ALL times when you are on campus, or on a field trip. There is security at the school and your badge is how they will identify you so that you can enter - this is true for BOTH students AND adults.

2. Events for Friday, July 19th ([directions for all off site competitions](#))

- a. [Table Combined](#) - 11:00am start. Make sure to check the schedule. All matches will be played at the school
- b. [Historical Debate](#) - 10:30am start. Make sure to check the schedule. Some matches will be at the school, and some are competing at the Louvre Courtyard
- c. [Symposium](#) - 11:00am start. Defenses are scheduled over several days (all are at the school), make sure to check the schedule.
 - i. Varsity - Room A-01
 - ii. Junior Varsity - Room A-02
 - iii. Middle School - Room A-03
- d. [Historical Spelling Bee](#) - 5:30pm. This will last until about 6:45. Make sure to check the linked schedule as some people are competing at the school, and some are competing at the Tuileries Gardens, Champ de Mars, or the Louvre Courtyard.

3. WIFI availability

- a. There is WIFI available for our event through the school so you can check your schedules. Please reserve the use of it for that purpose. This is the same wifi being used by the staff to read questions and use the online scoresheets. It is not designed for people to be streaming and watching video without it causing bandwidth issues! **As a reminder, filming a video of any Olympiad (or any IAC) match is not permitted!** We greatly appreciate your cooperation.
 - i. Network: EJM-Events
 - ii. Password: IHO2025!

4. Practice

- a. Buzzer - When you check in, we will have a number of practice rooms ongoing throughout the day from noon-8pm for standard buzzer practice. To the extent possible, we will try and group these by general age range. We will play questions using standard Olympiad rules for the History Bee and the History Bowl. Further information on which rooms will have buzzer practice ongoing will be provided at check-in.
- b. Knockout - [Knockout](#) is an event unique to IAC World Championship level events. We'll be playing the 2023 Knockout set for practice (this set isn't otherwise online) every hour on the hour from 1pm-7pm. A sign up sheet will be provided at check-in. Knockout takes place on Sunday, so this will be a good time to test it out!

5. Help Desk

- a. Location - the Cantina (same place as check in). Please continue to email olympiad@iacompetitions.com as well for questions (please do not respond to this email with any Olympiad questions unless I specifically ask something of you).

6. Press Corps

- a. Please see Kiersten Brown at the Help Desk for your assignments once you have checked in. We'll have lots for you to do throughout the week!

7. Music Program

- a. Please see Debbi Holden-Holloway and Sara DelVillano if you are in the Music Program once you have checked in! The Check-in desk will give you instructions to their location (likely the Music Room, but possibly the theatre). If you are doing both Press Corps and Music Program, go to Press Corps first, and then to see Debbi and Sara with the Music Program. Please bring your instrument to check-in if you brought it to Paris! Otherwise, we will have any number of rental instruments available for practice. Please plan on doing some rehearsing tomorrow as well.

8. Opening Ceremonies

- a. When - Sunday, July 20th.
 - i. 8:15am - Students assemble for the Flag Parade
 - ii. 9:00am-10:15 - Ceremony
- b. Where - the Courtyard of the school
- c. Weather - [Unfortunately, the weather doesn't look great](#) :(Please plan accordingly as we will be outside, rain or shine. Bring a raincoat / poncho and/or an umbrella. Depending on the weather, the Opening Ceremonies may be slightly shorter than usual, but the Parade of Competing Students, Opening Announcements, and the Spelling Bee medals (given out there) will be on rain or

shine. On the plus side, [it does not look to be particularly hot](#) this coming week with highs in the low 70's Fahrenheit / around 20 Celsius.

Okay, that's all for now! We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best regards,

David Madden and The 2025 International History Olympiad Staff



July 15 / 16 Email Text

Dear Olympians, Family Members, and Friends!

We're getting really close to the start of the Olympiad later this week (and some of us are heading out on the pre-tour for Normandy and Brittany in 7 hours)! Here are your current Olympiad updates for July 15 or 16 depending on your time zone:

1. Competing Student and Family and Friends Program Event Assignments

[These are now available here](#) and have been posted [to the website here](#) as well. Please double check these! If you think anything is in error, please fill out [a schedule change form here](#) as soon as possible.

2. Updates on Rules and Formats

Please double check your division of the International History Bowl World Championships through the tabs here: Tournament Format for the [Varsity](#), [Junior Varsity](#), [Middle School](#), [Intermediate](#) and [Elementary School](#) Divisions

Note that for other events, various official rules files are being posted to the website on a rolling basis; please check the [Historical Games page](#) in particular for updates.

3. Reminder for Laptops

For players competing in [Hearts of Iron IV](#) or [Civilization VI / Civilization VI Scenario](#), having the game downloaded in advance and bringing a laptop to play it on is mandatory. Some additional information on either or both of these events may be sent out shortly to those who signed up for them.

4. Competing Student Survey & Scramble Reminder

As a reminder, Scramble (on the History of Fashion) sign up closes at 11:59pm Los Angeles time (i.e. 7.5 hours from when this email is being sent). Please sign up for that through the Competing Students Survey, and if you haven't yet filled out the survey (regardless of if you are doing the Scramble or not) [please fill that out here](#) asap!

5. For those who wish to be connected with other students from their affiliation in advance of the Olympiad...

This is a question on the survey; this will happen tomorrow if you have signed up for this option.

Okay, that's all for now. More updates within 48 hours!

Best regards,
David Madden

July 13 / 14 Email Text

Greetings Olympians, Family Members, Friends and Staff!

We (and our 450 lbs. / 210 kg of awards in our luggage) have arrived in Paris from the USA and are eagerly awaiting you here very shortly! Just a few quick updates to pass along at the moment; we'll then be in touch with a more extensive logistics email on July 15/16. Students going on the pre-tour will receive an official email tomorrow. As always, you can reference emails here on the website too.

First, we've created the official Competing Students file, showing team formation protocols, which [is in the Google Sheet here](#). This file has also been linked [on the page here](#) for ready reference. Please review your name, division, affiliation, and school (from the 2024-25 school year) and let me know as soon as possible if anything needs fixing. Please note that all team formations and formats are provisional until all students have checked in.

Secondly, if you are still waiting on a visa or are doubtful that you will be able to make it to Paris, and you haven't heard from me in the past week, please email to confirm you are still interested in coming, and when you expect to receive your French visa.

Finally, I have [updated the file here](#) towards the end of the document with some travel tips in Paris. Further details, including shops and restaurants near the school will be posted by two days from now.

Best,

David Madden

July 10 Email Text

Dear Historians, Families, Friends, and Staff of the 2025 International History Olympiad!

We're less than two weeks away from the start of all the fun in Paris! You can expect more frequent (and shorter) update emails between now and then, so that we can keep you posted on everything you need to know.

Here then is your Olympiad news for July 10:

1. Health Form – REQUIRED

[Please find the 2025 Olympiad Health and Medical Form linked here](#). Many of you have already filled this out, but if not, please do so as soon as possible. **Filling this out is a requirement for Competing Students** at the Olympiad, regardless of whether you are coming with your parents or not (as there will be cases when your parents are not in the room, for instance, during exams). It will help us tremendously if you can fill this out as soon as possible, but please note that you will not be able to complete check in and be able to compete in any Olympiad event until we have received this form.

2. Discounted Hotel Rooms Available

We have a few extra rooms (1 single room, 8 twin rooms - i.e. with 2 single beds) at [Hotel Massena](#) in an extra block of rooms we had booked in case we needed it. These are available from the 18th or 19th through the morning of the 27th for 100 euros per night for the single room or 140 euros for the twin room, plus the 5.53 euro per person per night city tax (but other taxes and breakfast included). This hotel is in a very nice central part of the city and is accessible [by a single metro line to the school](#) within 25 minutes.

If you are interested in these rooms, please email me at david@iacompetitions.com. First come, first-served.

3. Pre-Olympiad Survey

If you are a Competing Student (i.e. not students enrolled in the Family and Friends Program), please fill out the [Pre-Olympiad Survey Here](#)! This has the Scramble sign-up (see below), and a number of other questions that we would like to hear from you about. The survey only takes 3-5 minutes to complete, but it will greatly help us to ensure a successful Olympiad.

4. Scramble Topic!

In keeping with Paris's reputation for being the world capital of looking chic, we're excited to announce that **the Scramble topic for the 2025 International History Olympiad will be the History of Fashion**! This includes clothing, garments, and fashion accessories of all sorts (including footwear, outerwear, uniforms, hats, jewelry, etc.) throughout history up to the present day. A general distribution of questions for this will be posted to the [bottom portion of the Syllabus shortly](#). Please [read here](#) for more information about the Scramble on its event description.

Please sign up for the Scramble through the Survey! We know that there was a Scramble sign up link on the original Event Selection Form, but we need you to reconfirm your interest in competing in the Scramble, now that the topic has been announced. And if you did not originally sign up, you are welcome to do so. **The**

Scramble sign up runs through July 15 at 11:59pm PDT (Los Angeles time). We will send at least one reminder email between now and then.

5. Adding Events

If you wish to continue to add multiple choice exams, that's fine, but for a few more days only. Field trips are solely on a case by case basis depending on availability. For other competitions, in most cases, we can still add you, though we cannot make guarantees at this point. If you wish to add events, please continue to use the **Schedule Change Form**.

Note that it will get increasingly difficult to add events, so if you wish to do so, please do this as soon as possible. And please note that with few exceptions, adding events at the Olympiad itself will not be possible!

And for those few of you who haven't filled in your [Event Selection Forms](#) at all, this is yet another reminder to do that as soon as possible!

6. Connecting with your Affiliation Teammates

If you'd like to be connected with your teammates from your affiliation prior to the Olympiad to strategize, find others to plan excursions with, or for any other valid reason, please indicate that on the Survey. Note that by definition, this means that we'll be sharing your email address with everyone else who opts in for this from your affiliation, so please only select this option on the Survey if you are comfortable with that.

7. Payments / Visas

As a reminder, no students (with the exception of students from EJM who are also staffing) will be able to take part in the Olympiad until and unless payment has been received in full. In an extreme case, we can accept cash (in US dollars or euros) in Paris, but we recommend paying by the usual check or wire transfer methods.

For students waiting on visa decisions, please hold off on submitting payments until you have received your visa or not.

8. Things to Bring

This advice was too long to post here, but [please do read this](#), particularly about the need for laptops for the computer game / Historical Debating competitions, and the advice on having a handheld fan.

9. Two Updates on Gameplay

- A. Please note that a full Official Rules file for the International History Bowl World Championships [has been updated and uploaded here](#). This contains information on three-way play which will be used in the preliminary rounds and potentially

some playoff rounds. The exact structure of the History Bowl will be determined only in the final few days before the Olympiad to account for changes in the number of Competing Students (e.g. students still waiting on visa applications) as much as possible. We will post this when available, along with the rosters for mixed affiliation teams, but those are not available yet.

- B. In Bee competitions (including the Bees in languages other than English, as well as the Scramble and the Blitz), we are instituting a rule that in the finals (though not the preliminary rounds), as many students as possible can attempt to answer a question. Three incorrect answers will thus NOT kill the question, but the question will go dead once three seconds have elapsed after the reader finishes reading, or the last buzz occurred. We will solicit player feedback on this change to see if it will become standard practice at IAC championship level tournaments in the future.

10. Other Various Updates

- A. Check out the amazing Olympiad Staff on the newly updated [Olympiad Staff Page here!](#) Some additional final updates will be made to this page in the coming week.
- B. If you are competing in Table Combined, yes, you may bring and use your own table tennis / ping pong paddle. Otherwise, we will have these available for use - you do not need to bring your own.
- C. Don't forget to follow us on Social Media! Frequent Olympiad updates and posts are made to the International Academic Competitions [Facebook Page](#) and [Instagram account](#).
- D. For students in the Historical Simulations, please note that while there will be no formal private directives for each delegate, as delegates will be encouraged to work with each other to come to solutions, there will be opportunities for delegates to exercise individual powers should situations call for them. The Simulation Staff will inform delegates of these opportunities when applicable. (Note: if this doesn't make sense to you, don't worry - this is meant for students experienced with Model UN and Historical Simulation crisis committees who have asked about this).

11. Next Emails

The next General Email will come on July 13 (if you are in the Americas or Europe) or July 14 (if you are in Asia or New Zealand). For students in the Music Program and participants on the Pre-Tour to Normandy and Brittany, additional emails with further details will be sent out tomorrow. Unaccompanied Students will receive an update email on the 12th / 13th depending on your part of the world. With the exception of

Until then, good studying, and greetings from Montpelier, Vermont, USA. We're off to Paris ourselves on Friday evening.

Bonne chance!

David and Nolwenn Madden