

3.14.25



Dear Students,

When you return from Spring Break, there's an amazing opportunity waiting for you! In late April, we have the honor of welcoming the legendary dancer and choreographer [Twyla Tharp](#) to our campus as a Community Meeting speaker and guest artist.

Ms. Tharp is celebrated for her groundbreaking work in which she beautifully blends different styles and expands artistic boundaries. Her book, [The Creative Habit](#), is an excellent read for anyone interested in the creative process, and I can't recommend it enough — perfect for your spring break reading list! I also highly recommend watching the ["Twyla Moves" documentary](#) to learn about Ms. Tharp's incredible career, and to start thinking of questions for the Community Meeting! I'm thrilled for our community to engage with such a true icon in the arts.

It's been such a wonderful year so far. Congratulations on all you've accomplished. I can't wait to see what you do next.

Have a fantastic spring break. You'll receive your next edition of *Provost News* on March 28.

Announcements

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: "IMAGINE US: CELEBRATING AMERICA250"

As we prepare for our 2026 Tour, we are inviting student responses inspired by the legacy of America's past and the future we envision together. All students are encouraged to submit a written response.

The work you submit for this prompt will help inspire the multidisciplinary performances accompanying Charles Ives's Symphony No. 4, which will be performed during next year's tour celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States and launching Interlochen's centennial celebration (we turn 100 in 2028!). Excerpts from your response may also be included in the 2026 Tour program book. Please read the [prompt and submission details](#) and submit your response by Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

ACT FOR ART GIVING DAYS

Calling all parents & students! Interlochen's fifth annual ***Act for Art Giving Days*** are coming up May 7-9 and we need volunteers! *Act for Art* gifts provide funding for student scholarships and experiences. This digital-forward campaign allows you to participate from home—no tables to buy or cookies to bake. Contact the Annual Giving Team at actforart@interlochen.org with questions. [Sign Up To Volunteer.](#)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Interlochen is launching its inaugural chapter of the National Honor Society. Eligible sophomores and juniors will be notified and prompted to complete an application. To be eligible to apply, a student must have been in attendance at Interlochen for at least one semester and must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their time here. Additional criteria include leadership, service, character, and disciplinary/attendance records. Selected students will be inducted in May. Freshmen are not eligible but will be considered in their sophomore year.

Reminders

MORP - SIGN UP!

Our 2025 MORP (our Prom!) will be held at Jacob's Farm on May 17. All Interlochen students are welcome to attend. [Sign up here!](#)

APPLICATIONS: SPRING BREAK 2026 IN COSTA RICA

For Spring Break 2026, thanks to a generous donor, we will embark on a 7-day, all-expenses paid trip to [Tirimbina](#), Costa Rica. [Applications](#) due Thursday, May 1.

RUN FOR THE ARTS 5K

May 3

Join us for the Run for the Arts 5K race! Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to stay active, this is an event you won't want to miss. Proceeds from the event go toward scholarships that help students continue their artistic journey at Interlochen. [Register here.](#) For questions, reach out to [David Tanis](#).

CALL FOR PERFORMANCES: LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY MEETING

On April 2, we will host a special community meeting celebrating the impact of LGBTQ+ artists. We are seeking performers and visual artists to showcase their work, with a special interest in art that embodies pride and resilience. All students are welcome to apply. [Submit here.](#) For questions, reach out to Instructor [Sage Mitchell](#).

CALL FOR PERFORMERS: EARTH DAY COMMUNITY MEETING

Share your love for the earth by performing at our Earth Day community meeting on April 23. [Submit here.](#)

Preparing for Break

SPRING BREAK

- March 14: Last day of class before spring break
- March 15: Spring break begins. Residence halls close at 2 p.m.
- March 29: Residence halls open at 2 p.m.
- March 31: Classes resume

Reminder to families visiting campus: Dogs are not permitted in any residence hall or campus building, except for service dogs.

RESIDENCE HALL CHECKOUT

Before departure, students must have their residence hall rooms inspected. Your room must be clean and clear of garbage and food, and refrigerators must be emptied and unplugged. Please also remove all personal items from your bathrooms before you depart so that our Environmental Services team can sanitize the space. When you check out, you will turn in your room key for safekeeping.

MEDICATION SIGN OUT

Please sign out your medication from Health Services before leaving for break. You can begin this process 24 hours prior to your departure. Allow 15 to 20 minutes for this process. Avoid peak times such as 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

TRAVEL REMINDERS

As a reminder, all students who requested transportation to the Traverse City airport or bus station will be transported by Interlochen Transportation Staff. Please be sure you have submitted your travel plans with your flight information in the [Education Community](#). Students cannot be included in the transportation schedule if we do not know your travel plans. Please call the Travel Team with any questions: 231.276.7373.

Students do not need to worry about printing boarding passes in advance of their travel. Your boarding passes can be printed at the airport, or you may use a digital boarding pass on your phone.

Buses to the airport will load at Mott Rotunda. Don't forget your photo ID, and be sure to check out at your front desk, get travel money from the Business Office, and pick up Interlochen luggage tags from your front desk. If you need to pick up any travel documents for the upcoming break, please pick them up from the travel office as soon as possible (examples: Passport, Birth Certificate, I-20, Vaccination Record, etc.). The travel office is located in the Campus Safety building.

Cultivating Community

PURIM

Sunset on March 13 – nightfall on March 14

Purim is a festive Jewish holiday. The holiday is marked by various traditions including wearing costumes, exchanging gifts, telling stories, using noisemakers called groggers, and indulging in hamantaschen – a triangular pastry with a sweet filling.

Purim celebrates a story of triumph. In the fourth century B.C.E., Haman, prime minister of the Persian Empire, attempted annihilation of the Jewish people, as told in the Biblical book of Esther. The Jews emerged victorious, defeating Haman and those attempting to persecute them. With the victory, the Jews rested and then rejoiced, with the two days celebrated as Purim each year thereafter. On Purim, Jews celebrate the great reversal of fortune of the Jews of Persia and how the day, originally set for their destruction, transformed into one of great joy and celebration. [Learn more here.](#)

Play Reading: Echoes in Vilna

April 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Music Center 1010

We are happy to announce a reading of the play [Echoes in Vilna](#) with author Ken Newberry. Ken has supported the entire Interlochen Community for years through our partnership with Beth Shalom. The reading is supported by our JSU in partnership with Beth Shalom. *On Echoes in Vilna: "In the shadow of war, where oppression seeks to silence, the voices of Vilna's Jews rise in defiance. Echoes of Vilna is a riveting theatrical journey that transports audiences into the Vilna Ghetto, where poetry, music, and unyielding hope become weapons of survival."*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Observed on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, honors the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland and was enslaved. After escaping enslavement, he eventually returned to Ireland to spread Christianity. He established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends are associated with him, including that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity.

Over time, St. Patrick's Day evolved from a solemn religious holiday to a secular holiday of revelry and celebration of all things Irish. The holiday has become a symbol of Irish identity and pride. Today, it is widely recognized as a festive day with people of all backgrounds joining in the festivities to celebrate the rich heritage of Ireland.

Health and Wellness

BLUEBERRY CHALLENGE UPDATE

As a community, we traveled **40,064.86 miles!** The **average participant traveled 193 miles!** Thank you to all who participated! Team captains, please stop by the Dennison Center to pick up your shirts.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If you are feeling depressed, anxious, homesick, or just need to talk — here are 4 ways to get help now:

1. [Make an appointment with an Interlochen School Counselor](#)
 2. [Make an appointment with an Online Therapist](#) (free, confidential) - Students can access 8 free video therapy sessions with the provider of their choice through our partnership with [Uwill](#) (be sure to log in with your Interlochen email address)
 3. Call a Uwill crisis counselor anytime: **Call 833-646-1526**. This service is free and available to Academy students 24 hours a day.
 4. [Access a local area off-campus therapist](#)
-

College Corner

PSAT - FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

Freshmen: Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. (MC 1008)

Sophomores: Wednesday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. (MTCAL)

PSAT 9 (Freshmen)

Wednesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Music Center 1008

All freshmen will automatically be registered for the PSAT 9, which will take place Wednesday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Music Center 1008. We encourage students to look at the [Official PSAT 8/9 Study Guide](#) and explore the [PSAT 8/9 webpage](#) for more information regarding the exam. Please be sure to bring everything listed below.

PSAT 10 (Sophomores)

Wednesday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m.

MTCAL

All sophomores will automatically be registered for the PSAT 10, which will take place on Wednesday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the MTCAL (building next to Phoenix Theatre). We encourage students to look at the [Official PSAT 10 Study Guide](#) and explore the

[PSAT 10 webpage](#) for more information regarding the exam. Please be sure to bring everything listed below.

For everyone taking the PSAT, items to bring:

- Your fully charged device. You must have the [Bluebook app](#) installed and exam setup complete before test day.
- [An approved calculator](#). There's a graphing calculator built into the app, but you can bring your own if you like.
- Valid school or government issued photo ID
- A pencil or pen.
- Scratch paper will be provided—do not bring your own.

JUNIORS

- Visiting colleges during break? Here is a handy [checklist](#) of factors to consider.
- A Letter of Recommendation Survey has been assigned to you in SCOIR. You can find it on your home page. This important survey will help your recommenders write the best possible letter that describes you accurately. Please take some time to complete this SCOIR assignment.
- Students and families interested in learning about financial aid basics are encouraged to [register for a virtual financial aid presentation](#) provided by the MI Student Aid team.

SENIORS

- **SCOIR Survey:** Please check your SCOIR account for a “Scholarships and Awards” survey. Collecting this information helps us direct future students to colleges that provide substantial financial aid. When you receive an offer, please update this survey.
- Keep your SCOIR college list up to date. Whether you’re admitted, enrolled, applied, withdrawn, or on the waitlist — we want to know! If you need help updating your application status on SCOIR, contact your ACC.

Opportunities

Carnegie Hall is seeking pianists for their NYO2 Orchestra to perform this summer. NYO2 comes together alongside the National Youth Orchestra of the USA and NYO Jazz each summer for intensive training and performance opportunities. They are seeking a young pianist (age 14 - 17) to join the orchestra this summer, which includes

NYO2's European debut at the Edinburgh International Festival. Repertoire includes Prokofiev 5 and Shostakovich 1st Cello Concerto. Interested students should reach out as soon as possible to Carnegie Hall's Director of Artistic Training Programs Douglas Beck: dbeck@carnegiehall.org.

Regent's Youth Short Film Fest, hosted by Regent's University London, is seeking submissions. Submission deadline is March 21. [Learn more and submit here](#).

Accolades

Northwestern Michigan College's International Affairs Forum awarded Interlochen's team 3rd place in the Academic Worldquest competition. Congratulations to "The Thinking Blueberries" — **Elijah Ai, Oliver Chen, Alex Stillwell, Jimmy Teti, Leila Topi**, and faculty advisor **Brian McCall**!

Planning Ahead

FESTIVAL & GRADUATION

Our Academic year concludes with *Festival* on May 21-23. All are welcome! *Festival* concludes with the Commencement Ceremony for graduating seniors and post-graduates on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. in Kresge. [View the schedule](#)

SUMMER STORAGE

Please note that if you need to store your items over the summer, you need to use our official storage provider, [Dorm Room Movers](#). This is the only process available for summer storage. There are no on-campus storage options.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Review the [Academic Calendars](#) for this year, and next Academy year.

Have a great week.

Camille Colapostri