LHS IB Newsletter
October 2014

DP Exam Registration Time
The IB programme is entering its eighth year at LHS. Due to the dedication of our teachers and past coordinators, it has grown and developed each year. This year will be the best yet for -

John Parks, IB Coordinator

IB DP Exam Registration
The IB exams are the culmination of the IB Diploma Programme as well as the MYP and PYP programmes. Students receive grades ranging from 1-7, with three and higher being passing grades. Universities across the nation and around the world accept these grades for admission and credit. Students graduating with the full IB Diploma, which includes 6 exams, the Extended Essay and completion of CAS, are guaranteed 24 university credits at CU Boulder and CSU. At CSU, this is a value of more than $6500.

The IB registration process happens months before the AP registration mainly because the IB exams include internal assessments throughout the year, giving the students multiple opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Unique opportunities abound for graduates with the IB Diploma. For example, the University of Nebraska is offering a $50,000 scholarship for IB Diploma students who have scored a 25 or higher on the ACT, in addition to the 25-28 college credits they grant. The IB Alumni Network blog lists 41 scholarships for new IB graduates at colleges in the US and around the world.

So, go ahead and register so you can the credit you’ve worked towards!

IB DP Exams at a glance

Survey Deadline
Any student planning on taking an IB DP Exam must complete the online survey from Mr. Parks

Exam Payment Due
Make checks payable to LHS, turn in to Mrs. Young, LHS bookkeeper

Internal Assessments
Historical and Music Investigations, Written assignments, oral exams, Math projects & Science Labs

Exam Time
IB DP Exams in all areas
May 2015
May 4-22

We are IB. We are BALANCED. We value well-being.
What do you do to stay balanced?
Équilibrés - Balanced - Equilibrados - Ausgewogen
This is the month to find BALANCE

We are balanced.

October

We understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for ourselves and others.

INQUIRERS CELEBRATED

Our IB students across the spectrum delved into their classes and projects this month, demonstrating their inquirer nature. The inquirers who were recognized by their teachers include Jessica F. (Sr.), Rocky E. (Sr.), Jamie T. (Soph.), Alex H. (Sr.), Megan P. (Jr.), Payton W. (Soph.), Trent M. (Fr.) and Steven P. (Fr.). Way to ask the big questions and get everyone thinking!

In an effort to hold true to our creed of inclusivity, during the October 8 meeting, the IB PAB (Parent Advisory Board) officially changed our name to the IBPA (rhymes with YMCA). Key topics included: participating in the MYP evaluation process at LHS, IB programme updates, classroom visitations, and the IBSU’s mission of supporting student projects and building community. All LHS IB parents are welcome. We meet from 5-6pm in the LHS Media Center the second Wednesday of every month: Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15 and May 13.

Finding balance through the Approaches to Learning

The Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills are the skills needed to be a successful individual in today’s society. We focus on developing these skills in MYP classes and projects, and will expand our focus into the DP programme in the near future. The MYP project and course assessment criteria are based on these skills.

Communication Skills
Exchanging information, multilingualism

Self-management skills:
Organization, Affective skills (state of mind, perseverance, motivation, resilience) & Reflection

Thinking Skills:
critical & creative thinking, transfer skills

Research Skills:
Information & media literacy

Approaches to learning
The skills to succeed

DP Students develop these skills in their IB classes, the Extended Essay and CAS. This prepares them for college and beyond.