ACADEMIC CORNER

Our IB students at LHS are engaged in some exciting learning activities!

- IB Freshman have just finished up a unit in civics on political parties. For their final assessment, they were divided into groups and created platforms, and campaign speeches, commercials, and literature representing a political party.

- All Spanish II students have been reading authentic articles about Earthquakes in Latin America. They have been doing a great job applying critical thinking skills to work done in another language!

- The IB Business and Management class took a field trip to the IKEA store in Centennial, CO. Students toured the store and examined real-world marketing, merchandising, advertising, distribution, and pricing strategies. Students then completed an assignment on one of these respective topics.

UPDATE FROM THE IB COORDINATOR:

With May exams right around the corner, I thought I might share some information about what our IB seniors have been preparing for!

IB Exam Lingo

Papers – in the IB-world, when students take their exams in May, each test they take is called a “paper.” So, a student taking 3 exams in Math would “write” paper 1, paper 2, and paper 3.

Invigilate – possibly the most unique IB-related exam term. Invigilate is the term IB uses for our commonly used word “to proctor.” And, yes, someone who invigilates is an invigilator.

IB Final Scores

This is the score students receive after all of their IB assessments have been marked or graded. Final scores are based on a 7 point scale. Scoring a 7 is like getting a perfect on the SAT or having a perfect batting average. Scoring a 4, 5, or 6 is much more realistic, highly respectable, and attainable by the vast majority of IB students. The LHS website has information about IB-college equivalency scores for final scores of 4 or higher.

What Makes Up a Final Score?

Final scores are based on internal and external assessments.

External assessments are the papers IB students write in May. Students write 2-3 papers for each subject area they test in.

Internal assessments are completed by March/April of the students’ senior year. Examples of internal assessments are the historical investigation, individual oral commentaries, lab work, written assignments, and the math exploration or project.

Good luck to all of the IB Diploma students testing this May!

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UPCOMING IB EVENTS

4/25/2014 – Friday: Sophomores, your MYP Personal Project is due

4/30/2014 – Wednesday: IB Senior Breakfast, 7:00am
LHS Library

5/7/2014 – Wednesday: IB Parent Advisory Board (PAB) Meeting, 6:30pm, LHS Library

5/15/2014 – Thursday: IB MYP Personal Project Evening, 6:30pm, LHS Library

5/16/2014 – Friday: IB MYP and DP Picnic, 3:00pm-5:00pm, North Shore Park

5/23/2014 – Friday: IB DP Convocation and MYP Certificate Ceremony, 7:00pm, LHS Theatre

CELEBRATIONS!
Congratulations to our IB students who attended the UNC World Language Day State Competition with their French, German, and Spanish classes. Students participated in many activities showcasing their language abilities. German 3/4 placed first in the German Dramatic Cultural Entertainment Play, French 4/5 placed first in the French Dramatic Cultural Entertainment Play, and Spanish 4 placed second in the Spanish Dramatic Cultural Entertainment Play. Congratulations to all of our students!

FROM THE IB PARENT ADVISORY BOARD (PAB)

The PAB has decided to postpone this year’s trivia night. We look forward to hosting the event next year. Thank you for your understanding.

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Volunteer Corner

MYP 9th graders: Look for information from Mrs. Burch about ways to volunteer at the upcoming Personal Project night.

To the Parents of all IB students: Since two invigilators have to be present during each IB exam, I can use some help! You don’t have to be the parent of an IB senior to invigilate May Exams. If you are able to help out, please click on the link below to sign up for a slot. Exams start on May 5th. Thanks!
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544AE
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To the Parents of IB Juniors: The PAB group is looking for a few “junior” parent and student volunteers to help with the set-up and tear-down of IB Convocation. If you can donate a few evening hours on Friday, May 23rd, we’d love your help. Contact Charmagne, the IB Coordinator, at 613-5282 or charmagne.braden@thompsonschools.org to let her know you are interested in helping.