

LHS IB Newsletter

August 2014



Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year.

Loveland High School has been offering students an internationally-minded inquiry-based academic experience through the IB programme for 7 years. With the increasing support and enthusiasm of our staff and students, we are certain this will be the best year yet.

-John Parks, IB Coordinator



Back to School Night IB Meetings Tuesday, August 26 5:15 - 6:00 pm

We are excited about the start of the school year and want to share with you some new approaches within the IB programme at LHS this year. We invite all IB students, parents and those interested in IB to attend one of two meetings just before the Back to School activities.

- **MYP Programme and Projects Overview**
 - in the Media Center
- **DP Juniors CAS (Creativity, Action & Service) kickoff**
 - in Mr. Jones's classroom C-69 (H300)

Immediately afterwards, Back to School night runs from 6-7:30, beginning with Mr. Ball's address in the auditorium and followed by classroom visits.

IB at a glance

What?	LHS IB Learner Profile Calendar We are LHS, We are IB!
Who?	New year, new coordinator, some new teachers, same great program
When?	Tues, Aug. 26 5:15-6pm Back to school night MYP and DP Jr. CAS meetings.



We are all **risk-takers** as we enter into new classes, programs, activities and friendships.

How are **you** a risk-taker? What new roles are you taking on?

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The LHS IB Learner Profile Calendar

We are IB learners. We are risk-takers.

As parents and educators we work to promote positive values in our students: being principled, open-minded communicators who are caring, balanced and knowledgeable risk-taking inquirers who think and reflect. That is the IB Learner Profile. This year, we will be adopting a calendar to encourage a different one of those traits every month. We can all explore how we exhibit and can foster these traits.

The year ahead

Here are the IB learner profile attributes we will focus on each month:

- August – **Risk – takers**
- September - **Inquirer**
- October – **Balanced**
- November – **Thinkers**
- December – **Caring**
- January – **Open- Minded**
- February – **Communicators**
- March – **Principled**
- April – **Knowledgeable**
- May – **Reflective**

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August



We approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. We are brave and articulate in defending our beliefs.

Mr.(Profe.) Parks has taken the reigns of the IB programme here at LHS and is so impressed by the level of enthusiasm and support of all of our IB Staff members. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Braden (now an LHS Assistant Principal) for her support in this transition. He has been a Spanish teacher at LHS for 7 years and will thoroughly miss the classroom, but is excited about the new challenges ahead.



LHS IB staff updates



Madame Theisen is one of only several North American educators serving on the 15 person IB DP Language Acquisition Curriculum Assessment Committee. She meets with this group of language teachers from all over the world regularly in The Hague, Netherlands.

Soy Señor Magagna. Soy de Rock Springs, WY. Seré uno de los profesores del español este año, ¡y estoy muy emocionado! He vivido en España para estudiar tres veces; en Cádiz, Granada y también en Barcelona. ¿Y qué más? Pues me encanta viajar y leer cuando tenga la oportunidad. Mi palabra favorita en español es "murciélago" porque tiene las cinco vocales. ¡Gracias!



Richard Hoberg will be teaching IB Literature 11, Theory of Knowledge, and Extended Essay this year. He taught IB Literature 11 last year and thoroughly enjoyed the student energy. This year he's hoping to include the learner profile in more direct ways and to balance rigor and student interests in literature and inquiry (ToK.)

Lee Freeman is teaching IB English 12, which is also called Language A: Higher Level or IB DP Literature II. Lee is a LHS alumnus, and is excited to return to his former stomping grounds where he first found a love for literature in the LHS AP program. Before teaching, Lee earned a wealth of experience in a prior career of retail management. He hopes to apply his combined expertise to secure IB English 12 as a culminating capstone to the program!

