

LHS IB Newsletter

November 2014



Developing our thinking skills

Information is everywhere. Processing that information in critical and creative ways, as well as transferring that information from one subject to another is a key component of the IB programme. The DP exams and MYP Global Contexts are two areas our students demonstrate these thinking skills.



In an effort to inform incoming students and parents on the benefits of joining the LHS IB cohort, we have several events coming up.

IB PROGRAMME OUTREACH

Wednesday, Nov. 12 is the IBPA from 5-6pm, followed by the Special Programs Night from 6-7:30pm. On January 7 and 14, volunteer LHS MYP and DP students will be visiting LEMS Advisory periods. Also, starting in January, we will have the first LHS IB parent classroom visitations.

Upcoming IB Dates & Deadlines

November 7	IB DP Exam Payment Due
	Historical Investigation due DP History of the Americas (12 th grade)
November 12	IB Parents' Association
5-6pm	LHS library meeting
6-7:30pm	LHS Special Programs 8th grade students and parents are invited to explore the IB, AP, STEM, GIC and AMPED programs
December 11	Community Project Open House
5-7:30	Freshmen share their service projects in the library
December 12	Final Extended Essay Due
	Seniors turn in their capstone research project

DP exam registration celebration



There are more IB students that registered this year for DP exams than ever before! If you registered for an IB exam, come to the IBSU meeting on Nov. 12 to receive your IB button. Put it on your letter jacket, backpack, or favorite hat to show you are a proud member of the IB world community. Buttons will also be available during our DP course registration celebration in January for Sophomores and Juniors and at the Community Project Open House for Freshmen.

We are IB. We are **THINKERS**.
What have you thought about today?
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We need to THINK critically and creatively

A Call for Input – MYP Self-study & Evaluation

We are thinkers.

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We exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

The IBO requires that every five years, each IB programme in each of its 4,000 schools worldwide do some serious reflection about the implementation of their programmes. Last year, Charmagne Braden lead the LHS Diploma Programme to a strong evaluation by the IBO. This year, LHS and LEMS are currently working together to refine, reflect and self-evaluate our partnership Middle Years Programme. This process, lead by John Parks at LHS and Tané Leach and Michelle Logan at LEMS, requires input from all IB stakeholders: students, parents, staff and administration. If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact John Parks at john.parks@thompsonschoools.org or attend the IBPA meeting on November 12.

BALANCE CELEBRATED

It has been a busy month, and many of us are struggling to balance school, work, family, friends, exercise and sleep. That is why we are lucky to have some balanced individuals in our midst. Staff and students alike nominated the following for being intellectually, physically and emotionally balanced: **Oliver B. (So.)**, **Tahya W. (So.)**, **Sophie H. (So.)**, **Shelby G. (Sr.)**, **Breanna Y. (Fr.)**, **Jessica F. (Sr.)**, **Evan B. (Jr.)**, **Evan S. (Jr.)**, **Nicole S. (So.)** and **Mrs. Clark**. Thank you for showing us the way to a balanced existence.

The MYP Global Contexts Improve Transfer Skills

Identities & Relationships

Exploring identity, belief, values, health, and what it means to be human.

The MYP Global Contexts provide a common language for powerful contextual learning. These global contexts encourage internationalism and global engagement within the programme. Every MYP unit and project are focused on one of these five global contexts. Learning in context is meaningful and relevant, as it connects to students' lives and the world in which they live.

Personal & Cultural Expression

Exploring the ways we discover and express ideas, feelings, beliefs, culture and creativity.

Scientific and Technological Innovation

Exploring the interaction between people and the natural world.

Fairness and Development

Rights and responsibilities; sharing finite resources with other people and living things; conflict resolution.

Globalization & Sustainability

Interconnectedness of human made systems and communities, impact of decision making on humans and the environment.