



# IB DP INFO

FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND IB DP TEACHERS

Notre Dame Preparatory School International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Newsletter

October 2016

Dear parents, students and teachers,

Welcome back to the NDP DP class of 2017 and their families! Welcome to our 69 new IB juniors and their families! The school year is off and running and our Diploma Program students are working diligently! Throughout the semester, I will try to keep you all informed with what's happening within the IB Diploma Program through my IB DP INFO newsletter. Past IB DP newsletters can be found in your child's Haiku, under the IB Class of 2017 or 2018 tab. Now that parents have access to Haiku, I would strongly recommend that you check out some of the IB resources posted (college recognition, testing info, program updates, resources, etc.). As always, if you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to email or call. Have a great year! ~Mrs. Anderson

## Subject Area Updates

### Group 1 Language and Literature

IB Juniors are working on using metaphorical language in their memoirs, and examining the recent scary clown media craze through the lens of how social media affects these phenomenons, and what would have happened before social media.

Seniors are studying dark Macbeth just in time for Halloween! We are blending a critical study of theatrical and literary elements of the play with a visceral experience of the story in different forms.

### Group 2 Language B (Spanish and Mandarin)

Juniors in Spanish or Mandarin 7/8 or higher who are completing an SL requirement for language may be eligible to test in language during the May 2017 session. Please see Mrs. Anderson for more info.

### Group 3 Individuals and Society

Seniors enrolled in IB History HL have formed their Historical Investigation questions and have had them formally approved by Mr. Osiecki.

Juniors in the DP currently taking IB Psych and IB Econ are registered for the May 2017 IB testing session.

### Group 4 Science

Juniors in the DP currently taking IB Chemistry and IB Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS) are registered for the May 2017 testing session.

IB ESS and IB Bio will be going out to the nearby stream (Galloway Creek) for water sampling. Student will be analyzing soil and water quality, while also checking for biotic components (i.e. benthic indicator species) and checking the overall health of the creek. This lab will be the first practice internal assessment for IB ESS and will complete the seniors' IB Bio internal assessments. If the student/parent has large, water proof boots, or waders that they would be OK with letting their son/daughter borrow for a day or two, that would be appreciated. Also, their regular shoes might appreciate it too!

### 2017 IB TESTING INFORMATION

IB seniors will complete their diploma program testing this May 2017. All seniors and juniors testing for IB courses this coming May are registered. All students completing the IB Diploma program must complete the following requirements:

- Test in 3 Higher Level courses (HL)
- Test in 3 Standard Level courses (SL)
- Complete all CAS requirements
- Complete all Extended Essay requirements (lock down, Turn-It-In, upload, etc.)
- Complete TOK (course, presentation and paper)

September: Mrs. Anderson met with IB seniors during TOK/IB English to confirm their HL and SL testing schedule.

By October 13: Mrs. Anderson will meet with IB juniors for testing registration: IB Chem, IB Econ, IB Psych, IB ESS, IB Music and IB Language B SL.

For more information on all of the NDP IB courses, deadlines, college information and a complete testing schedule, please check Haiku.

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## Subject Area Updates (continued)

### Group 5 Mathematics

Our IB seniors will be the first group at NDP to complete HL Mathematics! Kudos also to those students in our first officially titled IB Math Studies course.

### Group 6 The Arts and Electives

IB1 Visual Art Juniors are beginning their 2 year journey with a study of self and dry media. They will produce 2 self portraits through research and media studies while researching Chuck Close and other artists who inspire them.

IB2 Visual Art Seniors have completed their Comparative Study portion of their external assessment. They compared and contrasted 3 different artists from 3 different eras all focusing on their own chosen theme. HL students have created art work that responds to their investigation. Seniors are currently building 3D assemblages and working on independent projects. Portfolio building continues!

## Remind!

Stay informed! Want text messages for updates, important deadlines, etc. within the NDP IB Diploma Program?

Class of 2017 Parents: Text @171d1 to 81010

Class of 2018 Parents: Text @8h786 to 81010

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## Core Update

### TOK (The Theory of Knowledge)

**IB seniors** completed their TOK presentations in spring of 2016. All IB seniors will start their final TOK paper in October. TOK papers will be due by the end of the semester and will be uploaded to the IB server along with TOK presentation grades. TOK papers are externally moderated and count 66% towards a student's TOK IB Diploma grade (not NDP grade). TOK presentations make up the remaining 33%.

### CAS (Creativity, Action and Service)

**IB Seniors** Students should begin finishing up their CAS projects and documenting their completion. Documentation and reflection should have been ongoing through this process. Students should be reflecting on the learning outcomes outlined for them by CAS and the Christian Service Rubric. Seniors are required to have two leadership level service projects complete by February 1, 2017. We will be meeting with them periodically through the rest of the semester to make sure the CAS requirement is met; much of what needs to happen is documentation and reflection.

**IB Juniors** should have their plan to complete CAS uploaded on their Haiku Wiki Page. The service portion of CAS must be completed at the leadership level for all learning outcomes on the Christian Service Rubric for both Junior and Senior year. Mrs. Zuccaro met with all junior IB classes last week to go over how to create a Wiki project and what and how to document CAS projects. All information and resources are on the CAS home page in your IB Class of 2018 on Haiku. Students may make an appointment any time to see Mrs. Zuccaro if they have questions or concerns.

### EE (Extended Essay)

**IB Seniors** have turned in a 2000 word Extended Essay rough draft after meeting with their supervisor to share their research note cards and outline from the summer. Now, they should be focusing on completing another 1200 words of their rough draft prior to Lockdown.

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (parent-teacher conferences) and Wednesday, October 19th (All-School testing day, the IB seniors will attend Lockdown.

What is Lockdown? Lockdown is an entire day devoted to the elements of the Extended Essay that are often more challenging for students including documentation, abstract, formatting, appendices, and writing the introduction and conclusion. By the end of the day, students have an essay formatted according to IB standards and ready to share with their supervisor for feedback before turning in the final version.

Attendance is mandatory for IB Seniors. We will meet in the Board Room at 7:30 AM. Students must have completed at least 3000 words of their Extended Essay (turned in to Ms. Moras on the Extended Essay PowerSchool Learning Dropbox) and \$10 to cover lunch and snacks. Please let Ms. Moras or Ms. Anderson know if your student has any dietary allergies or intolerances and turn in your \$10 to Ms. Moras ASAP.