

# NHS IB NEWS

NOTES FROM MRS. GREESON, IB COORDINATOR  
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## **IB DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE**

### *IB Diploma and Certificate Graduates*

We are proud of our 2007 IB graduates who are planning to attend some of the most prestigious universities in the nation. As of submission deadline for this publication, we have not received the results of their examinations, but their academic stamina and fortitude brought them through a solid month of exams with as few complaints, moans, and groans as I have ever heard. They were pros! Congratulations to them all!

We sent the May '07 assessments and examinations to 24 different countries this year. I believe that we might call ourselves "World-Class"! Be sure to check out the list "Where in the world did they go?" that is posted on the NHS IB Webpage.

### *IB Diploma Program Orientation*

In May, all rising junior diploma candidate students and parents were invited to an informational meeting regarding the requirements and expectations of the diploma program. For those who were unable to attend that meeting and who did not receive the informational packet and your student's two-year plan, we are offering another orientation on Monday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the NHS Media Center. If you were not in attendance in the May session, please make plans to attend this meeting. Please email me if you did not attend the May orientation and will not be able to attend this session as well.

### *IB Advisory Committee*

We will be establishing an IB Advisory Committee this year in an effort to include parent and student voices in directing some of the decisions that we will make concerning the Diploma and Certificate programs and the Middle Years Program. The committee will meet bi-monthly with the meeting dates and times to be determined. If you would like to be part of this committee, please fill out the interest form on the NHS IB Website and return to Mrs. Greeson by Friday, August 24.

### *CAS Summer Activity for Diploma Students*

If your student is an IB Diploma student, then you should be aware of the CAS hours that are a requirement for the diploma and that some of the summer activities that your students may be involved in may count for CAS hour credit. Please check out the CAS link on the NHS IB Webpage for all of the information, forms, and dates regarding this requirement. Mr. James Glenn is the CAS coordinator for our school. If you have any questions concerning CAS activities or documentation, you may email him for an answer.

### *International Baccalaureate Club (IBC)*

The IBC was initiated last year in an effort to organize CAS activities for IB students and to provide leadership opportunities. Mr. Cicchetti and Mr. Weeks will be the sponsors of

this club. Students will be receiving information regarding membership, leadership opportunities, and meeting dates when classes begin in August.

### **MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP)**

Welcome to a new phase in the International Baccalaureate presence at Norcross High School. We have been offering the IB Diploma and Certificate options at our school for the past ten years. This year is our first year to implement the Middle Years Program in the ninth grade as we look forward to full implementation of the program in the ninth and tenth grade in the 2008-2009 school year. All ninth grade teachers have been involved in training this summer in preparation for the IB MYP strategies that will expand the teaching and learning into interdisciplinary connections . The GCPS AKS still guide the curriculum for all classes, but the dynamics of the MYP will mean that your student's teacher will be continually looking for ways to link classroom instruction to previous, present, and future experiences in their efforts to promote personal, community and global relevance and awareness.