



LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Lions

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

IB Diploma Program Newsletter

October 2022

Hello IB Students and families. Fall semester is well underway and we hope you came back relaxed, rejuvenated, and ready to make this school year your best ever.

In May we said goodbye to our 32 senior diploma program candidates. Many of them have started school at colleges and universities around the country, from CU, CSU, Metro and Mines, to Auburn, Yale, Georgetown, George Washington, Dartmouth, Syracuse, and Kenyon.

We also welcome our 22 IB-bound freshmen to Littleton. We hope you have liked your first few weeks here. We also hope you will get involved in sports, clubs and other activities that make you part of our community of Lions.

Fees for May IB exams

For juniors taking one or two IB exams, and all seniors, IB exam fees are posted in Infinite Campus and are due by October 31, 2022. You can pay online or with the bookkeeper. If you qualify for free and reduced lunch and need assistance, or if you need to pay incrementally, please contact Ms. Anderson at ceanderson@lps.k12.co.us

CAS News

Juniors-In mid-September we met with Juniors for our CAS Kick-off meeting. Together we reviewed CAS requirements and learned the nuts-and-bolts of how to use ManageBac, our IB app that tracks many IB diploma components. The slides for the meeting can be found [here](#). Juniors you should have logged in and begun entering your CAS activities.

Seniors-you should be winding things up. All activities must be entered in ManageBac by December 31.

Communication

Parents and Students, make sure that you are reading your email from us. This is how we share information about exams, upcoming meetings and any service opportunities that come up.

Fall Retreat



In August, Juniors and Senior attended an overnight retreat at La Foret Conference Center in the Black Forest near Colorado Springs. We wanted this retreat to be a bonding experience for all students

participating in the IB diploma program, and that's just what we did. Students and staff tested their minds and bodies in an Amazing Race

challenge. They roasted marshmallows over a campfire, and reflected on their goals for their lives and their strengths as human beings. We had so much fun we are already planning for next year's retreat.



Who is Balanced?

IB Senior Kate Rutledge really embodies many of the IB Learner Profile Traits so we chose to focus on Balanced. Kate is a top student, has already finished her CAS, and is kind to all. Kate loves swimming, has been in the school play, tutors other students for NHS, attended the Continental Leadership Conference, and has volunteered with Mile High Equestrian Rescue.

In the ToK Classroom



This semester we are studying how knowledge is produced, acquired, applied and communicated in the areas of Art, History, Natural Science, Human Science and Mathematics. The 2023 ToK titles, or essay prompts, were just released and students are starting to decide their strategy for answering one of these questions. How would you answer these two (of the six) questions?

#2 For artists and natural scientists, which is more important: what can be explained or what cannot be explained?

#3 Does it matter if our acquisition of knowledge happens in "bubbles" where some information and voices are excluded? Discuss with reference to two areas of knowledge. The ToK essay titles could be some good dinnertime conversation fodder!

IB Biology

IB Biology seniors are learning about human anatomy and are dissecting cats in class. Mrs. Mann leads students through cutting through the abdominal wall in these photos. In the middle photo, Mr. Montgomery, couldn't help himself. He put on some gloves to help students find the kidneys. Gaining knowledge through first hand experience is one of the best ways for learning to last.

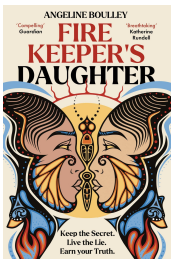


Links we love

Check out this [video](#) where universities react to the IB Learner Profile. Did they get it right?

[25 Scientifically Proven Tips for More Effective Studying](#)

On our bookshelves



[Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley](#)

18-year old Daunis Fontaine, a half-native, half-white former hockey player/aspiring scientist witnesses her best friends murder and is pulled into an FBI investigation. This one has even caught the eye of the Obamas and has been optioned by their production company. Read it before it comes to Netflix. There are a few copies available to check out in the library.

On our screens



Hocus Pocus 2 was released September 30 on Disney+. We haven't seen it yet but we hope it is as great as the classic first movie. Take a break and celebrate the fall season.

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