

IB Diploma Program Newsletter - November/December 2019

CAS news

Juniors: propose Integrated CAS Projects

All IB juniors turned in their CAS Integrated Project Proposals at the beginning of December. Mrs. Clapsaddle will approve the proposals within the next week and then students can begin logging them in ManageBac. So far we have some interesting ideas including making a LHS IB promotional video, leading art camps for children with illnesses or disabilities, creating a rock climbing club at Newton Middle School, and teaching disabled kids to snowboard and swim. *All projects must be completed before the first day of senior year.*

Seniors: log all CAS experiences by January 1

Before January 1, *all CAS experiences* must be logged and approved on ManageBac. Remember that the CAS completion deadline -- with all pieces of the program, including reflections and supervisor reviews -- is March 1, 2019.

CAS Trip to Edinburgh

We are excited to announce the opportunity for sophomores and juniors to travel to Edinburgh,



Scotland, July 20-25, 2020 to attend the CAS Trips Global Student Conference on climate change. The conference will be held at Fettes College where students will listen to **plenary speakers** and participate in **collaborative workshops** tackling one of the most important issues of our time. Students will also experience cultural challenges like the **Highland Games**, learn about the ancient **Scottish art of storytelling**, and participate in **community service** through the Edinburgh community center. The cost is \$999 which **does NOT** include airfare to Edinburgh.

CAS Trips is an educational tour operator that engages in voluteer projects inspired by the IB notions of Creativity, Activity and Service. CAS Trips provide an all-inclusive travel service including transportation, accommodation, food, and tours.

If interested please contact Ms. Anderson or Mrs. Clapsaddle

Sophomore lunch Tuesday, December 10

Sophomores, please plan to attend a pizza lunch and presentation next Tuesday, December 10 during A and B lunches in the forum. We will talk about the nuts and bolts of the IB diploma program. Teachers and students will also share their experiences and answer questions.

What's happening in the classroom?



The IB seniors completed their Theory of Knowledge presentations before Thanksgiving break. Pictured left is Addie Bouck talking about how



we value art, and pictured right is Ronan Baccarini discussing shared knowledge and perspective as it relates to reparations. Current juniors will be taking the first semester of Theory of Knowledge starting in January,

2020.

YAY - the extended essay is finished!

IB seniors completed their extended essays right before Thanksgiving break. They will meet one last time with their adviser and finish their final reflection on the extended essay research and writing process. Students wrote on a variety of topics. Here are a few of their research questions.

- Aidan White--What impact did the changes in immigration policy from the Obama-to-Trump administrations have on the refugee rights of Migrants from Central and South America?
- **Mac Flanagan**--What is the effect of vertebrate seed dispersal on the biodiversity of plants growing in a riparian floodplain of the suburban South Platte River Basin?
- Jaden Price--How does religion influence the Taliban's treatment of human life?
- Ethan Drake--What effect does Universal Basic Income have on Rural Populations?

Students share the benefits of IB with prospective families visiting at the LHS annual open house

Several juniors and seniors helped us spread the word about the benefits of the IB diploma program on our Lion Pride Preview night on November 12. A dozen students served on our panel and fielded questions from eighth graders and their parents in the audience. In addition, our French teacher Madame Anthamatten, math teacher Mr. Stutzman, social studies teacher, Mr. Gordon, and art teacher, Mrs. Jeannelle, shared what they love about teaching IB and IB diploma students.

Be sure to check out our new, revamped web site at

https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/littleton-high-school/ib-diploma-program

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