



LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Lions

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

IB Diploma Program Newsletter

October 2021

Welcome to fall semester 2021. We are so happy to have everyone back, full-time in the building. We love seeing all of your smiling, curious eyes over your facemasks.

In May we said goodbye to our 26 senior diploma program candidates. Many of them have started school at colleges and universities around the country, from CU, CSU, Metro and Mines, to Cornell, Tulane, Southern California, and California Polytechnic. A few graduates are taking a “gap year” before they matriculate to their chosen universities.

We also welcome our 15 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. If your freshman is interested in the IB diploma program, please see our website for application information for current students.

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, 2021. You can pay online or with the bookkeeper. If you need financial assistance, please contact Ms. Anderson at ceanderson@lps.k12.co.us

CAS News

We know that getting CAS service hours during the pandemic is more challenging. Therefore we have changed our requirements for our current juniors and seniors. The integrated project is not required this year, and we are asking for a total of 150 hours spread over C, A, and S. See the [CAS page](#) on our website for some stay-at-home CAS ideas. Remember many of the activities, sports and clubs you are already involved in count for CAS.

Juniors-you should have begun logging your experiences in ManageBac.

Seniors-you should be winding things up and be ready to be finished with all of your activities by December 31.

Please email or come see Mrs. Clapsaddle if you have CAS questions. tclapsaddle@lps.k12.co.us

Fall Retreat

We were so glad that our Juniors and Senior were able to attend 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 on a low ropes course. They used their creativity to compete in "Shark Tank", 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.



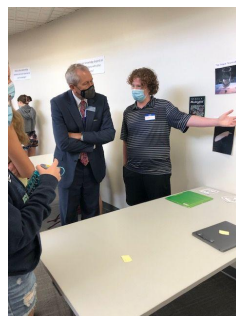
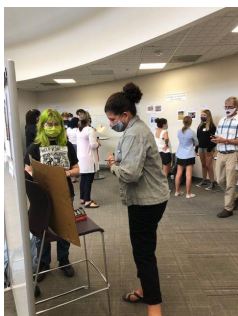
Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition

In Theory of Knowledge students tackle the question How do we know? This September they presented their TOK knowledge questions and artifacts at our first annual ToK Exhibition held in our newly renovated library. Parents, community members, teachers and other students were able to walk around and listen to the students and interact with the artifacts. These

presentations were personal, complex and showed the rigorous thinking that goes on in the IB diploma program.

A few knowledge questions:

- Who owns knowledge?
- Can new knowledge change established values or beliefs?
- Does all knowledge impose ethical obligations on those who know it?



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