



Welcome Social

Hate saying goodbye to summer and your friends for a monstrous workload? Fret not. IB is not all doom and gloom you know. Sometimes, it's downright crazy.

You are cordially invited to jump start your school year with a lively dose of IB culture and enjoy a meal with your fellow IB families!

Thursday, August 4, 2005
6:00 – 8:00 pm
RHS Cafetorium

Send in the reservation below and \$10 per person by July 15. Or pay \$15 at the door.

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<u>Reservation / Membership</u>	
IB Student's Name	_____
Grade	_____
Parents' Name(s)	_____
Address	_____
City, St, Zip	_____
Phone	_____
Student's E-mail	_____
Parent's E-mail	_____
# of people over age	
6 attending social	_____ @ \$10 = _____
IB Boosters membership for 2005/06 school year (optional)	_____ <u>\$20.00</u>
Total	_____
<u>Make check payable to "RHS"</u>	
Mail to:	Ridgeview High School IB Boosters 466 Madison Avenue Orange Park, FL 32065

Boosters Schmoosters

By Mrs. Howard

Who are the IB Boosters?

Technically, any IB family that pays the \$20 membership dues in a given school year. Ideally, these families also participate in events and efforts.

What do we do?

Raise money and volunteer time to support and enhance the IB program at Ridgeview High School.

Why do it?

To make sure our children have the best possible high school experience. At the very least, membership gets you:

- IB Boosters Directory (a *must-have* for workgroups, homework questions, transportation, etc.)
- Invitations to Booster Club functions, such as socials, games, fundraisers, CAS projects.
- Information via club meetings and e-mail, regarding college admissions, important dates, reminders, program enhancements, carpool.

How do we join?

Fill out the Membership form (left), cut it out, and mail it in with your dues payment by July 15. You will be included in the Directory and a printed copy will be waiting for you at the Welcome Social. Club information will be provided via e-mail, meetings.

Ridgeview High School IB Boosters Mission Statement

The mission of the Academic Boosters for IB is to provide support to the Administration, Faculty and Students of the International Baccalaureate World School and to inform parents about the IB program.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mrs. Howard

Greetings from parent to parent (and student). I'm Amy Howard, and I have an IB Freshman and a Sophomore. I adamantly believe in being involved in my kids' school life, so when the first one started IB, I volunteered for the Booster Club. I soon learned that there are lots of things that could improve IB life at Ridgeview. But these things take volunteers and resources, which can be rare.

So it sounded like a tall order when I was asked to serve as president. I didn't think I could do it, until several other dedicated parents came forward with sincere pledges of support. These are now the current IB Boosters Board. Without them, there would be no newsletter, website, student directory, carpool assistance, socials, financial contributions, etc. Now with their help, it's looking like we'll be able to do lots of nice things for the IB families and faculty this year. I especially want this to be a fun and successful four years for all our kids.

That being said, I'd like to urge you to get involved to whatever degree you can afford. No contribution is too small. The more we work together, the greater the IB program, and our kids' high school experience, will be.

Thank You's

In addition to the gobs of time (and often personal money) contributed by the IB Boosters Board members, I'd like to express HUGE appreciation for the following:

- Mrs. McCabe for footing the bill for the printing and mailing of this newsletter out of the school budget. Also, for allowing us use of the school and resources for our meetings, socials and rummage sale.
- Mrs. Bandy, for taking time out of her busy schedule to round up and provide much-needed information to us.
- The administrators and students who are participating in our Welcome Social to make it a treat for the IB families.
- Mr. & Mrs. Shah, for offering a gift certificate to their *Seventh Wonder Day Spa* as an IB Boosters resource.

\$ RUMMAGE SALE \$

The Ridgeview High School IB Boosters will have a giant rummage sale in the RHS cafetorium on Saturday, October 22, 2005. All proceeds will become club funds for the support of IB faculty and students. Other clubs at school are invited to join us, creating somewhat of a one-day flea market.



Actually, the only way it will be giant is if we ALL start stockpiling things to sell, and begging contributions from family, friends and neighbors. If you are willing to do this, please label them with "IB" and bargain prices, and drop them off at the RHS cafetorium the day before the sale (after school). For exponentially larger results, distribute copies of this note throughout your neighborhood. If all goes well, maybe we'll be able to dodge all those candy and magazine fundraisers.

Other ways to help include pickup service, storage space, advertising, organizing items Friday afternoon, selling items Saturday, and cleanup afterward. Call Amy Howard at 278-0443 if you have any questions.

NAME THIS PAPER!

Hey IB students. You're clever. So give us a name for this newsletter. The IB Booster Board will choose a name from those submitted. We'll announce the winner at the Welcome Social, and award a \$20 gift card to AMC Theaters. Email your entry (and your name) to our webmaster: sam@scrgeek.com by July 31.
One entry per student.

Senior News

By Mrs. Williams

Class of 2006

Senior Year in IB

(Contributed by Natalie Haynes, Class of 2005)

For many IB students, senior year is the pinnacle of every thing one has been working for, and after a hard ten months, I can confirm it is just that. Extended Essay, CAS, Internal Assessments, IB Exams and College Applications are all things which play a part into the infamous senior year of high school. However, I can truthfully state that I wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Unlike junior year, the sleepless nights were few and far between, and the monotonous book work even more so. IB Senior year is defined by staying on top of "your game", and giving everything you have to make sure that the work you turn in is going to grant you that IB Diploma.



Although perhaps the most work intensive because you have all of the work for IB to do, the IB Faculty does a great job spacing it out to make the experience as pleasant as possible.

Senior year is not about getting homework done so you can make sure you get a 100 in every class, sometimes it is not even about getting the A. It is about working your hardest to make the work over the past three years pay off.

In the fall, everyone applies for college. This is where each student "shows off" his or her best aspects in order to be accepted by his or her school of choice. This is what IB students work for. It is college that I had in mind when I entered the program. Now that I have finished the program I couldn't be happier with the decision I made. I feel like not only did I receive a great education but also skills which will prepare me for the attitude and work ethic to make it through college.

Junior News

By Mrs. Podmeyer

ATTENTION UPCOMING JUNIORS!!

The first thing that comes up as soon as you start your Junior year.....you are promoted from Pre-IB

into the official IB Program!

This will take place at the Juniors' Pinning Ceremony on September 20.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Below are a few pointers for the rest of the year from Caitlyn Shaughnessy, a recent Junior....

There are a couple of things I would warn/tell the upcoming juniors about their first year in the IB.

- *Junior year is the first year you have to worry about CAS, which is a major part of IB requirements. I did not realize the amount of paperwork involved. I thought you had to submit only one paper and that was it; however, after the activity is done students are required to fill out a self-evaluation paper which is very, very important. If a student does not turn one in then the hours obtained from the activity are thrown out and they cannot be used for CAS!*
- *Throughout the year the work load and pressures of the tests and teachers are pretty much the same as sophomore year; however, the pressures of a junior really become apparent at the end of the year. This is when the pressures of the dreaded Extended Essay (EE) come into play. The key to this is just organization. Keep a folder with all your EE work and always make copies of everything, just in case.*
- *One aspect of being an IB Junior is the legendary Social Science Class. A person, who would normally get A's in everything, won't! Some pointers to good grades in this class are the online discussions, current events, and resubmissions. These things separately may not seem like a big part of the grade, but together they probably make up about 85% of the grading scale.*
- *The only other difference between sophomore and junior year are the abbreviations: TOK, EE, IA, and CAS. These can be quite intimidating but all they really are is a few UNF lectures, an essay with some research, another little essay, and volunteer hours.*

Sophomore News

By Mrs. Shaughnessy

Why Hello New Sophomores!

(Contributed by Eric Podmeyer)

Graduating from your freshman year, you are no longer at the bottom of the high school food chain. I congratulate you who have made it through your first year of Pre-IB.

As a sophomore, you are still in Pre-IB, and will not be considered to be fully in IB until you are a junior. The reality is that a number of your fellow classmates may never make it to the IB program, because they will either drop out or be asked to leave. Therefore, doing well in your sophomore year should be very important to you. The five mandatory classes you will take next year are:

- *Algebra II Honors (AIIH)*
- *Spanish or French II Pre-IB*
- *Chemistry Honors*
- *AP United States History (APUSH)*
- *English Pre-IB*

Then you are left with a choice of Drama, Band, Chorus or Art as your elective.

People think that, logically, sophomore year is more difficult than freshman year. This is a huge misconception. In my opinion, every class except History is actually easier in 10th grade than it was the year before. However, because you have already taken an AP History class and I did not, you might find that History does not get harder, and the majority of you should blow by sophomore year without a problem.

Also, sophomore year you should start considering what colleges you would like to attend. The various IB organizers will come to your English class and hand out pamphlets explaining what IB can do for your college education.



I also think, as sophomores, you are treated more like adults by your teachers and are given more respect and freedom. However with more freedom comes more responsibility, so be sure to write down your homework in your planner because some teachers will give homework two weeks in advance and not remind students until the day before it is due. This catches many students as they try to boost their grades by completing all of their homework.

So there you have it, a summary of your sophomore year... I hope I've helped you in your journey to become a part of the IB program.

Freshman News

By Mrs. Freitag and Mrs. Jackson



Oh the places you'll go
And the things you'll see
As you enter Ridgeview
And start on the path for IB...

Welcome to Ridgeview High School – home of the Panthers.

Congratulations on accepting the challenges of the pre-IB Program.

2005-2006 will prove to be an exciting year as you experience the rigors and independence of high school as well as the thrill of making new friends.

After much reflection, several sophomores had this advice for incoming freshmen.

- *Be prepared to receive lower grades than you are accustomed to earning. However, once you adjust to teacher expectations your grades will improve.*
- *Sports and clubs are a great way to meet people and feel more comfortable at school.*
- *Don't be afraid to talk to your classmates. Chances are that if you have classes together, you have lunch together.*
- *Don't get frustrated if you don't make friends the first day. Give people time to open up and relax. All freshmen are nervous.*
- *Don't put everything off to the last minute. Do a little every night.*

As one student said,

"In IB they do not push you to do what you cannot do, but they challenge you to push yourself."



WHY IB?

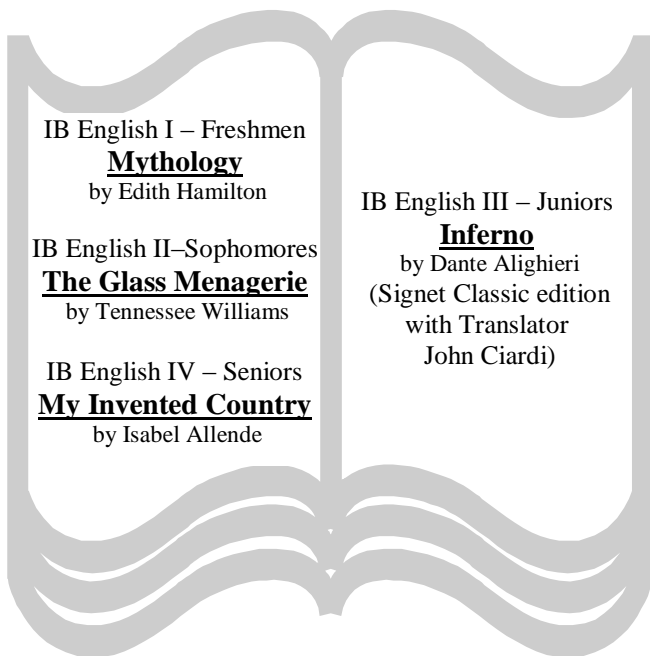
By Mrs. Jackson

Why should I work so hard in high school? I know the IB program is good, but is it really all that?

- 100% of our Ridgeview IB graduates attend four-year universities.
- The Class of 2004 was accepted to schools like Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, Cornell, UF, FSU, UCF and UNF.
- The Class of 2005 will be attending schools like the University of Chicago, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, NYU, VMI, UF, FSU, USF and UNF.
- All IB students are eligible for Bright Futures.
- 95% of IB students are eligible for Academic Bright Futures scholarships which cover 100% of tuition and fees for a Florida state university.
- Most IB students are offered multiple scholarships.
- Some colleges offer scholarships specifically for IB graduates, such as Oregon State, UF, UNF, University of Kansas, and University of Tampa.

In conclusion, if you put the time and effort in now, you may be able to open doors to a future of higher education, and opportunities that were not possible without the International Baccalaureate Program.

Don't Forget Your Summer Reading Requirements



TEST DATES

SAT	ACT
October 8, 2005	September 24, 2005
November 5, 2005	October 22, 2005
December 3, 2005	December 10, 2005
January 28, 2006	February 11, 2006
April 1, 2006	April 8, 2006
May 6, 2006	June 10, 2006
June 3, 2006	

SAT information is available at CollegeBoard.com.
ACT information is available at ACT.org.
Please verify all test dates.

Student Corner

*Kids, we know
there are fantastic
writers, journalists, artists and comics
among you.
Show us your stuff!
We want every issue of this paper
to feature a student's masterpiece.
It could be a
comic, sketch, poem,
song lyrics, commentary,
...you name it.
Look for the Student Corner link
on the IB Booster's web page
to submit your favorite
brainchild.*

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