



IB INFORMED!



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KNOW YOUR COORDINATOR



Vickie Bandy

Vickie Bandy came to Ridgeview to coordinate the IB program in its second year in Clay County, 2000.

Mrs. Bandy directs IB students through their four-year odyssey, toward the goal of the almighty IB Diploma.

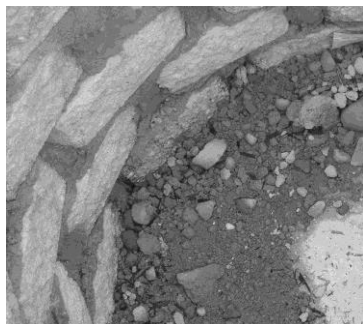
Part IB police, part mother hen, she takes as much pride in her students as their parents do. In this issue of **IB INFORMED!** You will find a four-year IB timeline she has created to help kids see the big picture. She also publishes pertinent information and forms on www.rhsib.org.

New students, Mrs. Bandy will know you by name soon enough, so say Hi when you see her.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Students...
“Will think for food?”

Be the first to identify this intimate glimpse of Ridgeview, and a \$25 Sonic card is yours.



Call Richard Morgan with your answer: 534-0173.

Answers to the last Mystery Photo:
Mrs. Guha's feet; Door outside of Mr. Lowry's classroom.
Winning answer: Kayla Hintz

KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR



Polly Partridge

Ridgeview High School has a guidance counselor dedicated specifically to IB students: Mrs. Polly Partridge.

Mrs. Partridge is the liaison between students and colleges. Her goal is to help students choose and get into the college they want, with as much money as possible.

Parents, your student may not yet recognize the importance of college preparation and scholarship pursuits. It is often in *your* best interest to glean as much knowledge from Mrs. Partridge as you can. Here are her tips for a MAJOR head start:

www.FACTS.org

For the latest information on colleges here in the state of Florida, career searches, Bright Futures Scholarship information, and other pertinent information.

www.collegeboard.com/collegesearch

For information on colleges nation-wide.

www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/majors_careers
For information on a long list of college majors and careers.

Saturday, October 14

2006 National College Fair

Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8

College Night for all Clay County high school students

Clay High School

7:00 - 8:30 pm

IB Booster Club

MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member of the IB Booster Club is as simple as sending in the registration form below, along with \$20. Membership dues provides the bulk of the funding for club efforts to support the Clay County IB program. As a paid member, you will receive e-mail updates on club activities, and your input and vote will be solicited for club decisions.

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IB Boosters Membership Registration	
IB Student's Name	_____
Grade	_____
Parents' Name(s)	_____
Address	_____
City, St, Zip	_____
Phone	_____
Parent's E-mail	_____
IB Boosters membership For 2006/2007 school year	\$ 20.00
Make check payable to "RHS"	
Mail to:	Ridgeview High School IB Boosters 466 Madison Avenue Orange Park, FL 32065

ANNUAL FUNCTIONS

July	Membership directory (\$200), carpool
August	Welcome Social
September	Assist Juniors' Pinning Ceremony (\$60)
October	Rummage Sale
December	Christmas Social (\$200) Gifts for teachers (\$800), Decorate school
January	Assist Orientation for candidates
February	Teachers' Valentines Day luncheon
March	IB medallions engraved (\$265)
May	Graduating class photo (\$300)
Year round	Board positions, Newsletter, Faculty assistance and supplies (\$xxx)

As you can see from the list above, the functions performed by the IB Booster Club usually cost money. If you appreciate the value these functions add to your child's IB program, please help us raise the money by donating items to our annual rummage sale. Collect sale items from now until November, drop them off at the cafetorium on Friday afternoon, then come back Saturday to shop.

RUMMAGE SALE

RHS cafetorium
Saturday, November 4, 2006
7:00am – 1:00pm
Drop off Friday 2:00pm – 7:00pm

THANK YOU



Carrabba's again showed their support for our IB students by serving a wonderful meal at our Welcome Social at a very discounted price, while feeding the volunteers at no cost.

Heritage Signs of Orange Park supported the IB program by donating four large, durable banners to advertise our Rummage Sale each year.

IB Boosters Board 2006/07

President	Richard Morgan	534-0173
Vice President	Anthony Epifano	282-4494
Secretary/Treasurer	Carolyn Magwood	269-4706
9th Grade Reps	Luis & Andrea	213-4482
10th Grade Rep	Stacia Asimos	272-2325
11th Grade Rep	Lynnette Chakkaphak	272-6420
12th Grade Rep	Daisy Podmeyer	278-6966
Teacher Liaison	Debbye Knotts	272-3669
Newsletter	Amy Howard	334-7380
Directory	Lynda Edwards	291-4100

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.

Freshman News

By Mr. and Mrs. Febus

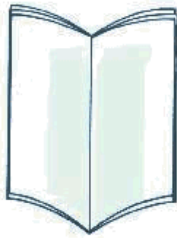
Sophomore News

By Mrs. Asimos

WELCOME TO RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL Home of the PANTHERS

Congratulations on accepting the challenges of the Pre-IB Program. You have embarked on the path of Camp IB. The next four years will develop your potential, and you will soon find yourself at a dramatically higher level, both academically and personally. But it's not a free ride; you must take charge of your school life.

TIME TO FOCUS



Is the book looking toward you...
or away from you?

8 Strategies for success in Camp IB

1. Study and work hard. Make this a daily endeavor and involve your family.
2. Don't be discouraged with set-backs. You may see lower grades than you're accustomed to; but where there's a will, there's a way to get the higher ones which are right for you.
3. Be patient and persevere. Three to six months of hard work should bring you to a level field.
4. Develop a positive attitude toward yourself. Focus on your positive points.
5. Set goals. Get a clear idea of what you want and where you are going. Clear goals direct your efforts into productive channels.
6. Get organized. Plan; designate study time; design an effective system; compile useful information; update your calendar often.
7. Energy and enthusiasm. Your peers are attracted to positive people.
8. Have FUN. It's what are you supposed to do, because Life is Good.

WELCOME BACK SOPHOMORES!

I know you have spent the summer doing your summer reading assignments and reviewing last year to be prepared for the upcoming school year (Yeah right...LOL). Fear not your upcoming year, for you have already survived AP tests, endless journal writing, animal dissections, and learning "time management" the hard way. If you can survive those, you can handle anything. My "reliable sources" tell me this year is the fun year – sandwiched between the shock of your freshman Pre-IB, and the serious IB junior year. You are no longer the newbies, and know what is expected. So enjoy it! It will go by fast.

REGISTER FOR THE PSAT

Every Sophomore should take the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, October 21 at RHS. This test is an important scholarship opportunity in the Junior year, and taking it in the Sophomore year is valuable practice. Plus, it prompts colleges to begin recruiting promising students. Bring \$15 to Mrs. Partridge to sign up.

Senior News

By Mrs. Podmeyer

Class of 2007

The fourth and final year of your IB career is upon you! You have already started on senior activities during the summer with senior pictures, extended essay writing, and possibly college tours.

The Extended Essay, CAS, Internal Assessments, IB Exams and College Applications are all an integral part of this senior year, along with some of the friendships that you will take with you for a lifetime! This year is very work-intensive; however, the faculty and the time management skills you have learned all play a major part in seniors reaching their goal of an IB diploma in May!

In the fall, everyone applies for college. This is the opportunity for senior students to 'showcase' their very best skills and activities in a resume type format, and in college essays to present to college admissions officers. This is what IB students work for....getting into a college of your choice! With IB not only do you receive a great education but you also acquire skills which prepare you for the workload you will undoubtedly face in college and in the future.

Junior News

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

IT'S A BIG YEAR

Now that the IB Pinning Ceremony is over and you are all official members of the International Baccalaureate World School, it is time to take a closer look at the important tasks that lie ahead of you this year. Ask any IB graduate which year was the toughest and they will invariably answer "junior year." In addition to diving into those HL courses and tackling TOK for the first time, you will need to get started on the planning and preparation for your college applications and entrance exams.

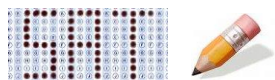


Register for the PSAT

Every Junior IB student should plan to take the PSAT/NMSQT which will be given on Saturday, October 21 at RHS. Registration will open October 2nd and the cost is \$15. The PSAT serves as the ONLY way for juniors to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program which awards over 8,000 scholarships worth \$33 million to the nation's most academically talented high school seniors each year. The PSAT is open to all students in grades 9 – 11, but only juniors will be considered for National Merit Scholarships.

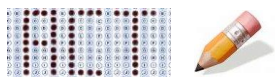
Register for the SAT and the ACT

All Juniors should be taking the SAT and ACT this year. The magic numbers are 1270 on the SAT (critical reading and math) and 28 on the ACT. These are the scores required to earn the 100% Bright Futures **IF** the IB Diploma is not earned.



The SAT should preferably be taken for the first time by January 2007 and will be offered at Orange Park High School on all the following dates. Register online at www.collegeboard.com. (Other dates/locations can be found at the SAT website.)

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee)
October 14, 2006	September 12, 2006	September 13-20, 2006
November 4, 2006	September 29, 2006	Sept. 30-Oct. 11, 2006
December 2, 2006	November 1, 2006	November 2-9, 2006
January 27, 2007	December 20, 2006	Dec. 21-Jan. 4, 2007
March 10, 2007	February 2, 2007	February 3-14, 2007
May 5, 2007	March 29, 2007	March 30-April 11, 2007
June 12, 2007	April 27, 2007	April 28-May 9, 2007



The ACT should preferably be taken for the first time by December or February. The exam will be offered at Orange Park High School on the following dates. Register online at www.actstudent.org. (Other dates/locations can be found at the ACT website.)

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee)
October 28, 2006	September 22, 2006	Sept. 23-Oct. 6, 2006
December 9, 2006	November 3, 2006	November 4-16, 2006
February 10, 2007	January 5, 2007	January 6-19, 2007
April 14, 2007	March 9, 2007	March 10-23, 2007
June 9, 2007	May 4, 2007	May 5-18, 2007

Warning from Consumer Reports: SAT Test Preparation

The September 2006 issue of *Consumer Reports* has published a warning concerning websites offering SAT practice tests, customized SAT tutorials, SAT essay tips and promises of higher SAT scores. These sites can charge anywhere from \$0 to as much as \$500.

A study by *Consumer Reports Web Watch* found that free websites such as Number2.com were often as helpful as Kaplan and Princeton Review which charge \$399 for unlimited access.

With the availability of free websites, free practice tests at

www.collegeboard.com

and many good test preparation books, students should beware of high-priced prep sites.

How Do I Get There?

Timeline for International Baccalaureate Students

From the Desk of Mrs. Bandy

Among the keys to success in the IB program are organizational skills and the ability to effectively manage your time. This four-year overview is an attempt to help you navigate your journey with success.

Freshmen

Homework: It's time to change your concept of homework. No longer just something you must complete for a grade, homework is now studying, reading, re-reading and supplementing information discussed by your teachers. Parents should no longer have to ask "Have you done your homework?" Establish a study schedule and follow it. Usually one to two hours (the same time each night) is sufficient.

Time Management: Use a planner! Your planner will become your most important companion as assignments and projects begin to build. Sometimes it becomes necessary for students to look at their entire 24-hour day and schedule the many things they have to do. Don't forget your fun time also! Everyone needs some catharsis.

Tests: FCAT - February

Summer Reading: Will be assigned by your English teachers.

Community Service:

Now is a good time to begin involving yourself in community service projects. Find an area you enjoy and make it part of your schedule. It is not required at this point but it is good to begin building your resume for later.

Sophomores

You are now comfortable with the format of the Pre-IB program and need to continue with the things that bring you success.

Time Management:

Always essential. Use your planner!

Tests:

PSAT - Given in October at RHS. We encourage our Sophomores to take the test for two reasons. It's an excellent opportunity to experience the test for practice purposes (in the 11th grade it becomes very important) and it also gives the student an opportunity to see their strengths and weaknesses compared to other college-bound students throughout the nation.

Tests: FCAT - February
PLAN - TBD

**Summer is a good time to prepare for the SAT and ACT. There are many good books and CD-Roms available.*

Planning: The IB Counselor and Coordinator will meet with students to discuss each student's IB plan, including Standard Level, Higher Level, Sixth Area choices.

Summer Reading: You will be assigned a summer reading project! Hooray!!

Community Service:

Continue with your volunteerism. CAS begins after 10th grade.

Juniors

Welcome to IB! Homework and study time increases. Your planner is your friend.

Tests:

PSAT/NMSQT in October is an excellent predictor for the SAT, and can qualify students for National Merit Scholarships.

SAT - Juniors should take the SAT for the first time by January, review the results, practice and repeat the test in May or June.

ACT - Juniors should take the ACT by December or February, review the results, practice and repeat the test in April or June.

Standard Level Exams -

Many Juniors will sit for 1-2 standard level exams in May.

AP Exams - All Juniors will sit for the AP English Language exam in May.

CAS:

You should begin in the summer before the junior year. Appropriate hours can be used for both CAS and Bright Futures.

Extended Essay: During the summer after 11th grade. You'll get more information on this major project in the second semester of your Junior year.

College Planning and

Visits: Take advantage of the College Resource Room in Guidance to gather information about various colleges. During the summer it is very important that you visit the colleges you are interested in. You will apply to them in just a few months!

Seniors

Take a deep breath; you are coming down the home stretch!

CAS: You must complete the CAS requirements. Deadlines will be posted.

Extended Essay: Complete this major project.

Tests:

SAT You should have taken the SAT twice by now and may want to take it one more time (October).

SAT II Many colleges require the SAT II subject tests. The colleges you apply to will let you know if they are required.

Higher Level Exams Administered in May.

Standard Level Exams Administered in May.

AP Exams Administered in May

College Applications During the fall of your Senior year you will apply to the colleges of your choice. Two easy dates to remember are:

Halloween This is your target date for applications to be completed and sent.

Thanksgiving This is the typical deadline for college applications.

Scholarships October-December are the times that most scholarship applications are available. It's important to spend a designated amount of time weekly on this process. Many students receive scholarships.



Graduation!



I THINK, THEREFORE IB

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