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## IB CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Mrs. Gebhard



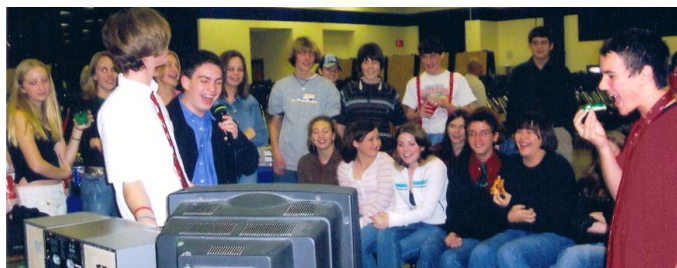
The Christmas party that the Boosters gave the IB students was a huge success. Around 50 students came, and boy do these kids know how to have a good time! They enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies and trimming the Christmas tree. They also signed Christmas cards for their teachers and administration faculty.

Chevy Chase's *NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION* played throughout the party, adding holiday sights, sounds, and humor, and was followed by a pop trivia game and two prizes.

Speaking of prizes, there were seven raffle drawings that were intermittently drawn during the party, including a \$25 Best Buy gift card. Some students even performed skits for each other, which was an unplanned surprise!

However, the highlight of the party, besides all the pizza you can eat and many wonderful holiday treats, was the karaoke sing-along. Many students discovered a hidden talent they didn't know they had! They did a fabulous job of singing and performing all night long!

Many thanks to everyone that helped plan, organize, set-up, take down, and chaperone during the party. All of you and the students that came for the fun made the party a success!



## FACULTY CHRISTMAS

This year, the Booster members voted to give the IB faculty \$25 gift cards for Starbucks. These were enclosed with the Christmas cards that the students signed at their Christmas party. We received MANY exuberant thanks from the recipients.

## THE GIVING TREE

Since we last wrote, IB faculty have made a few requests for helpful materials. We bought printable postcards for Mrs. Harvey. We also bought a DVD player, to be coupled with a TV donated by a generous IB family, for IB Guidance. These are for college catalogs and info now coming to schools on DVD rather than print copies. They also enable us to see video clips of campus that still photos can't provide. Another generous IB family purchased a paper shredder requested by Mrs. Spencer, our IB science teacher.

## NEXT YEAR'S BOARD

It's time to start thinking about the 2006/07 school year. Board members will be nominated at our March meeting, and voted into position at the April meeting. If you'd like to be more involved with your child's school life, and help make things happen for the Clay County IB program, come to the meetings below.



## BOOSTER CALENDAR

February 7, 2006	Booster Club Meeting
February 14, 2006	IB Teachers' Luncheon
March 14, 2006	Booster Club Meeting (CAS)
April 11, 2006	Booster Club Meeting (Group 4)

## Senior News

By Mrs. Williams

# Class of 2006

### “So, where are you going to college?”

(Contributed by Allison Williams)

*Every senior has heard this approximately twenty times a day for the past year. And, yes, it does get old. Most college applications are in, as the latest due dates tended to be early January 2006.*

*Early decision students have already heard their news, while regular decision students are waiting the arrival of their schools' replies. Some students have their hearts set on one university, while others are keeping their options open. Nonetheless, everyone should know something by April, and most final decisions are due in early May.*

*So that means, on top of studying for the grueling IB exams, prepping for graduation, and figuring out prom details, we seniors need to decide on our university of choice.*

*We have seen so many papers and due dates by this point that when we hear of another paper for IB, we tend to say, “hit me!”, or at least take out our planners while thinking some witty comment. The road has been long and hard, but we are more that 7/8 of the way done with our IB career.*

*Studiosly yours,  
Allison Williams  
IB Senior*



## Junior News

By Mrs. Podmeyer

Juniors, you heard how important this year is and you are right in the middle of it!! Remember: do your best and keep these very important “to do” items where you can see them.

- Make a master plan on when you're planning to take certain tests.
- Allot some time to start doing scholarship searches. There is money out there that is meant for Juniors, yes YOU Juniors, to have!! You just need apply!! It usually can be used for tuition, books, room/board, laptops, etc. It just takes a little effort from you!!

Some scholarship web sites:

[scholaraid.com](http://scholaraid.com)  
[barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)  
[review.com](http://review.com)  
[salliemae.com](http://salliemae.com)  
[cashe.com](http://cashe.com)  
[college-scholarships.com](http://college-scholarships.com)

There are more scholarship links listed on the IB website!

### SAT Dates

Test Date		Registration Deadline
4/1/06	SAT only	2/24/06
5/6/06	SAT & Subject Tests	4/3/06
6/3/06	SAT & Subject Tests	4/28/06

### ACT Dates

Fleming Island High	213480	2/11/06, 4/8/06, 6/10/06
Orange Park High	186790	2/11/06, 4/8/06
St. John's County Day	161740	4/8/06

*Here's a little snack to help your searches and studying*

### PUPPY CHOW

1 box of Crispix cereal                      1 stick of butter  
1 cup of Choc chips                            1 small box of powdered sugar  
1 cup of peanut butter

Pour cereal into a large bowl. Melt choc chips, peanut butter, and butter in micro-wave; **do this a minute at a time so it doesn't burn.** Stir after every minute. Pour melted choc mixture onto cereal. Mix gently with large spoon to completely coat cereal pieces. Then pour cereal into large brown bag, and dump powdered sugar on top. Hold top of bag close and shake until cereal is well coated!

## Sophomore News

By Mrs. Shaughnessy

### *It's Never Too Early*

College is not something Sophomores are thinking too much about right now, but you should be thinking about scholarships.

Now is the time to start looking and applying for College scholarships. There are several scholarships that you can, and some that you must, apply for by the end of your Sophomore year.

There are more scholarships out there than you can imagine. They are being offered through McDonald's, Wal-Mart, maybe even your, or your parents, place of employment.

There are scholarships being offered for being a twin, for being tall (woman over 5'10", men over 6'2"), for being a certain nationality, for being a minority, for playing a sport, doing volunteer work....the possibilities are endless.



You can go to [www.webfast.com](http://www.webfast.com) or [www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com) and research all different types of available scholarships. It's never too early to start.

### **Conquer the U.S.A. !!!**

Don't forget your U.S. History AP exam coming up at the end of this year. A decent grade on that test is what gives you the college credit for that class. Get it now, or you'll have to repeat the same course later. Make history a priority.

## Freshman News

By Mrs. Freitag and Mrs. Jackson

### *The Exam Menace*

*Down with exams!!! Though many people might chant this at exam time, sadly it is something that we must deal with. We must take the blasted exams, so why not be prepared? Here's just a little advice on how to survive the exams (including the AP exam) from a sophomore who thinks he knows what he's talking about (though you can never truly be sure).*

*Have you started studying for exams yet? Pfft...study? Who does that? Well, apparently you do. You've been studying for your exams since the year started. Remember, exams are reviews of the wonderful knowledge gained throughout the entire year. Hopefully you've paid some attention during the year. If so, the exams won't be too hard because you'll already remember most of the stuff you need to know. If you haven't paid attention, I suggest you do. There is no need to torture yourself one (or two) nights before an exam trying to cram all the knowledge into your mind. You need that precious sleep time to be ready for the exam. Basically, you should be paying attention now so you spend less time studying later. Then, come exam time, you should just have to review your notes (yes, you should take notes) or other things.*

*Now, the AP exam is a little bit different (and more annoying). The AP multiple-choice questions are more difficult (and more sophisticatedly worded) than normal ones. But if you've paid attention to class and studied, once you've deciphered the question you should be able to answer it. The AP History exams involve these spectacular things called FRQ's and DBQ's. If you don't know what these are yet then I suggest you cover your eyes and run for your life. These essays are evil. They involve the recalling of some specific information during the year. Sometimes you get a whole essay topic on something that you studied the first week of school. This is why it's important that you know your stuff. But on the essays, as long as you make a valid point and support it with any knowledge at all on the subject, than you have a good chance of doing well.*

*It is my dream that I have given you at least one helpful statement here, if not than my dreams will be crushed and I will be very sad. Remember, pay attention now, study less later! That doesn't mean don't study at all later, just review. Feel free to ask any other IB student about the exams and how to prepare, hopefully they'll say the same thing so I don't feel like a loner. If all else fails, which it shouldn't, then simply, "Use the Force."*

*This charming little article was brought to you by, sophomore, Adam Ruckersfeldt.*



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