



IB INFORMED!



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IB BOARD 2008/09 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

Believe it or not it's time to start thinking about the 2008/09 school year. Board members will be nominated at our spring meeting in March. 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, please consider volunteering. Here is a brief run down on our Board positions for next year. Please contact me to learn more.

President

- Communicates information about the IB program and IB events to parents and students.
- Coordinates IB Booster events with the assistance of other IB Board members and parent volunteers.

My son Paul will be graduating so we will need a new President!

Vice-President

- Assists in coordinating IB Booster events.
- Seeks volunteers to support IB Booster events.

Secretary Treasurer

- Handles all financial responsibilities for the IB Boosters.
- Coordinates the IB Booster Directory.
- Prepares and distributes flyers for all IB Booster events.

I think if we are lucky we can convince Lynda Edwards to return to this important position again next year. She has done an outstanding job this school year!

Grade Representatives: One for each grade level

- Helps with IB Booster events.
- Submits a newsletter article with information pertinent to their grade level (for example "Senior News"). There are 4 newsletters per year.

Newsletter Editor

- Puts together four editions of the IB newsletter each year.
- Adds photos, clip art and creativity to make the newsletter extra special.

CAS MEETING

There will be an important CAS meeting conducted by Mrs. Bandy on March 18 to explain the CAS requirements, approval forms, and necessary documentation. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm in the RHS cafeteria with a brief presentation by the IB Boosters. Mrs. Bandy's presentation will follow at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

IB BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP A REALITY

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

One of the goals we set for ourselves in the 2007/08 school year was to establish our first ever IB Booster Club Scholarship. Thanks to your support it looks like the scholarship will become a reality. We will be ironing out the details of the scholarship application process in the coming weeks, and the application forms will be distributed to interested seniors as soon as possible. Mrs. Bandy has agreed to assemble a scholarship committee of teachers and administrators to review all applications and select the winner.

If any IB parents are interested in serving on an advisory committee for the development of the scholarship, please contact me.

IB Boosters Board 2007/08

President	Lynnette Chakkaphak	272-6420
Vice President	Debbye Knotts	272-3669
Secretary/Treasurer	Lynda Edwards	291-4100
9th Grade Rep	Stacia Asimos	272-2325
10th Grade Reps	Luis & Andrea Febus	213-4482
11th Grade Rep	(needed)	
12th Grade Rep	Daisy Podmeyer	278-6966

Other's assisting the Board include:

Carolyn Magwood	Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer
Amy Howard	IB Newsletter Coordinator
Sam Rogers	IB Website

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.

IB BOOSTERS SOCIALIZE

...and lend a hand for the holidays!

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

On Saturday December 1, IB students and parents gathered in the cafeteria for the IB Christmas Social. It was a great event with potluck foods brought by the parents and tasty party platters provided by the IB Booster Club. The students enjoyed signing holiday cards for all the IB teachers and the parents enjoyed chatting with each other.

The event also provided an opportunity for the IB Boosters to lend a hand to someone less fortunate from within the Ridgeview High School community. A tag was selected off the Angel Tree in the RHS lobby and those attending the social donated the funds to provide a special Christmas gift for our angel in need.

My thanks to all of those who attended for their help and their generosity! Special thanks is certainly due to Lynda Edwards, our Secretary/Treasurer, and her daughters who made all of the teacher cards and purchased, wrapped and delivered our Angel tree gifts. You are wonderful!

VALENTINE'S DAY TEACHERS LUNCHEON

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

The IB Boosters will honor our teachers on Valentine's Day again this year with a potluck luncheon. The IB teachers have truly appreciated the delicious meal provided by our parents in the past, and it has become an event they all look forward to each year. It is a great way to say thanks to our teachers for all their hard work; and what better way to their hearts on Valentine's Day than through their stomachs! So please mark February 14th on your calendars and I will be getting back to you with a reminder in the near future.

PHOTO COLLECTION

By Mrs. Howard

The IB experience is a foundation students will look back on throughout life. I am collecting photos of RHS IB life for a memory CD to distribute at the end of the year. We'll also use the photos in a slideshow at the year-end social. Usually, only a few people contribute, so those people have a dominating presence in the pictures. Please make this memory CD more representative by sending your digital pics to amyjace@bellsouth.net.

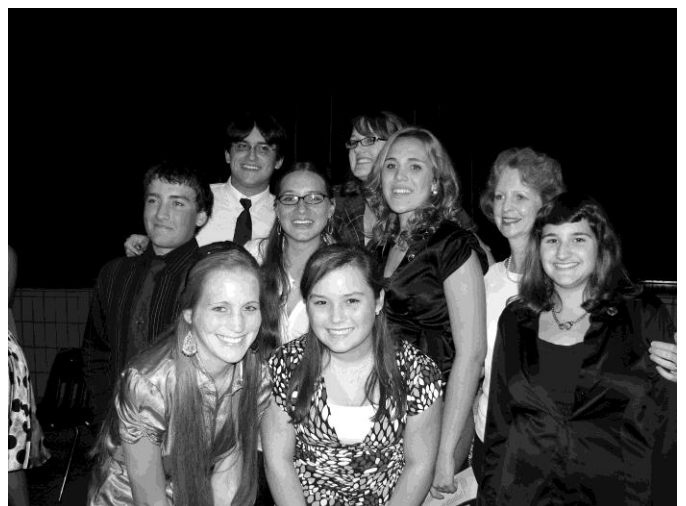
JUNIORS PINNING CEREMONY



Chester Viray and Kristopher Rose "Looking into the distance."



Adam Ruckersfeldt espouses senior wisdom (sans Star Wars?)



International Baccalaureate World Scholars.

AWARD-WINNING ACADEMIC TEAM

By Ms. McInarnay

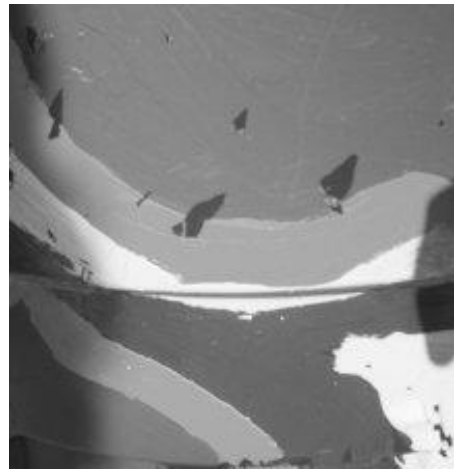
November 8th, eleven members of the RHS Academic Team competed in the Academic World Quest Competition sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville. There were 26 teams from 14 schools in Duval, Clay, and St. Johns County. Both of our teams were in the top 6 at the end of three rounds and both teams made it to the qualifying round after six rounds. The qualifying round consisted of teams with the top three scores. One of our teams further advanced to a 'sudden death' playoff between Stanton, Ridgeview, and Bolles. I am proud to announce that this team won 3rd place overall behind the two teams from Stanton. I was so proud of our students. Not only were they the best dressed team there, they were also the most humble when they won. Last year we finished fourth. Kudos to all who have had a part in their education here at RHS. All of the team members are students in the IB program here at RHS. If you have any of the following students in class be sure to congratulate them.



FROM MRS. BANDY:

Congratulations to all the RHS participants. They have represented our school so well and brought name recognition to RHS again in the area of academics. These students are a credit to their instructors, their parents, and to themselves. Thanks also goes to Susan McInarnay for giving of her time to prepare them for this. It would not happen without her strong leadership.

MYSTERY PHOTO



Kids, how well do you know your school? Look closely. Be the first to identify this intimate glimpse of Ridgeview, and a \$25 Sonic card is yours. Call Mrs. Chakkaphak with your answer: (272-6420).

The answer to the last Mystery Photo got messy. When the picture was taken, it was a unique sketch on Mr. Clark's portable. By the time it was used in the newsletter, the sketch had been duplicated all over campus. Rebecca Edwards won the Sonic card by being the first student to call with an applicable answer, "tattoo."

KUWAIT VISITS TOK

By Mrs. Howard



Senior TOK received a visit from Special Agent Margaret Maestas, who recently returned from a mission in Kuwait to investigate suspected corruption against the U.S. Department of Defense.

Maestas shared photos and cultural facts from Kuwait, examples of corruption, and her unlikely career path that led to such an assignment. She is happy to communicate further with any students who want to know more. You can get her contact information from Amy Howard at 334-7380.

Senior News

By Mrs. Podmeyer

Class of 2008

THE FOUR YEARS OF IB



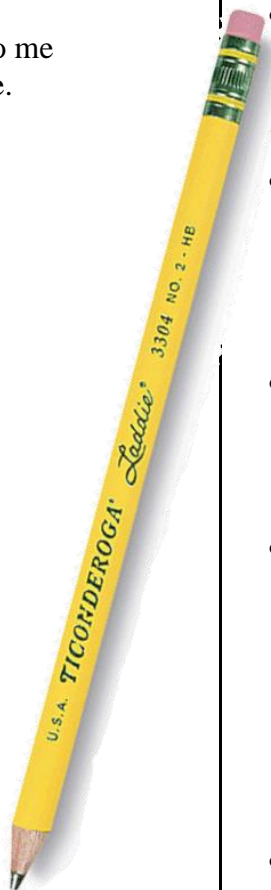
*in tune to
The Twelve Days
of Christmas*

In the first year of IB,
my parents gave to me
A Bandy in a lead role.

In the second year of IB,
my parents gave to me
Two Disney trips,
And a Bandy in a lead role.

In the third year of IB,
my parents gave to me
Three CAS projects,
Two Disney trips,
And a Bandy in a lead role.

In the Final year of IB,
my parents gave to me
Four IB Tests,
Three CAS projects,
Two Disney trips,
And a Bandy in a lead role.



SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline (\$43)	Late Registration (+\$22)
March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008	January 30-February 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 2-10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 7-15, 2008

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline (\$30)	Late Registration (+\$19)
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008	January 5-18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

Junior News

By Mrs. Chakkaphak

Class of 2009

Believe it or not, Junior year is already halfway over. With senior year just around the corner, it is essential that you begin to prepare yourself for college application time next fall. Here are a few reminders and tips that will help you to be ready.

- The SAT and ACT tests are only offered a few more times this school year (see charts below).
- The SAT and ACT exams are not offered in July, August or September, so you will not have another opportunity to take these exams until October of your senior year.
- If you are interested in applying to University of Florida, the deadline for applications will be around November 1, 2008. Don't wait until October 2008 to take the SAT or ACT exams for the first time.
- Consider purchasing an SAT or ACT review book and set aside a few hours each week to practice. Practicing for these tests definitely helps a student to improve their scores.
- Don't fool yourself into thinking that your scores on these tests don't matter. Sure colleges are impressed that you are an IB student, and they are interested in the activities you've been involved in outside the classroom, but your high school grades and your exam scores are the two most important pieces of information in your application.
- Based on past years experience, we know that not all of you will qualify for an IB diploma. If you do not receive an IB diploma, you will need to have an SAT score of at least 1270 or an ACT score of at least 28 to qualify for the 100% Bright Futures Scholarship.
- Register for the SAT exam online at www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

Freshman News

By Mrs. Asimos

TESTING, ONE, TWO, THREE...

Welcome back! I'm sure we all enjoyed the holiday break, but now it's back to reality. The first semester of IB was quite an eye opener as far as needing to organize your time and stay on your assignments. Now, as the second semester continues, the amount of work seems to build and the tests, quizzes and homework seem to happen more often. Don't panic! Grace Fleming on the website About.com has some tips to survive the rest of the year:

Answering Multiple Choice Questions

Some people are completely thrown by the "all of the above" and "none of the above" questions on a multiple choice. That is because these questions have an element of logic to them, and some people take longer than others to work out logic problems... If you find that some questions require a little extra concentration, you may need to treat them as a separate section. Skip the questions, keep an eye on the clock, and go back to do the confusing questions last.

Calming Your Nerves

Most people get nervous when they have to give a speech or take an oral exam. You've probably heard that it helps to imagine your audience in their underwear. I'm not sure that ever worked. Plus, do you really want to picture your teacher in his or her skivvies? If you're facing an oral report, interview, or speech this year, you might want to explore some other options for keeping your cool.

- Dry mouth: Prevent dry mouth by carrying a glass of water with you. Also avoid drinking carbonated drinks before you speak, since those tend to dry out your mouth.
- Shaky, nervous voice: The more you know your topic and the more confident you feel, the less trouble you'll have with your voice. If you start to feel short of breath or shaky, just pause to consult your notes or take a sip of water.
- Breath slowly and give yourself a moment to re-group. It won't look odd to the audience.
- Rapid heartbeat: It's not a good idea to eat a big meal before an event. The combination of jittery nerves and a full stomach can create a strong heartbeat, which will make you feel short of breath. Instead, eat a small but healthy meal before you speak.

I know you will all do your best! Others before you have survived, and so will you. Good luck!

Sophomore News

By Mr. & Mrs. Febus

Class of **2010**

Even though it looks like the 10th grade is a breather year, it still counts! And the year is passing fast.

The rummage sale gave us the opportunity to meet some of the other parents of IBER's. We had a great time not only selling junk, but getting some insight from parents who already went through the program and shared some survival tips. Next year we need more donations!

The college information night at Middleburg High gave good information about regional colleges. If you had not the chance to attend such fare, make it next time. It seems too early for 10th graders to look for colleges, but it is a dry run for the real thing in the coming years. It gave parents the opportunity to find out what is there and what questions to ask.

The Spanish class had a fun day singing before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Now is the time to complete any science projects for the competition in January.

Semester exams are coming up along with final regular tests. **STUDY!**

Be Alert!



As you have heard from Mrs. Newton, the teachers are already deciding on who will continue on in this program.

Since this is an easier year than last year, there should be no excuse for not improving grades and getting things done.



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