

# Granite Bay High IB Parent Update

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## Great News From the Parent Support Group

### Leadership Roles for Parents

We have restructured our parent group this school year. There are about a dozen roles that we have almost filled. These include the positions of President, Treasurer, Public Relations, Vertical Families, Fundraising, Parent Website, 2 leaders for the IB classes (grades 11-12), 2 leaders for the pre-IB classes (grades 9-10), IB Lunch Thursdays Coordinator, and Newsletter Coordinator.

### Restaurant Fundraisers

We just had an IB fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen at The Fountains on Oct. 26. We collected 20% of the proceeds for our IB Program. Our next location will be The Noodle Company at The Fountains on Nov. 18, so mark your calendars. We will email to you the flyers that you will need to present in order to receive the 20% donation.

These donations are being collected for two purposes: (1) to build a fund for students who need financial assistance in paying their yearly exam fees in October, and (2) to create a fund to award an IB scholarship to an IB Diploma graduate each May.

### IB Lunch Thursdays

Remember that every Thursday is IB Lunch Day during both first and second lunch in room 610. We have parents who bring in treats (brownies, cookies, etc.) for each lunch period. Lately we have been averaging about 25-40 students from all four grade levels dropping in each lunch period. Once the weather cools more we expect larger crowds and plan to collect some board games that students can play. If you want to donate a game to us, contact Ms. Colnar. Let's all support this event each week!

First lunch usually runs from 11:00-11:30 and second lunch is 12:30-1:00. All of you are welcome to participate or observe either lunch period and see how our students interact with each other. The hope is that the younger kids will have a chance to meet and bond with others in the pre-IB or IB programs. Freshmen especially do not interact with each other in many of their classes. Try to encourage your son or daughter to come in and eat lunch in room 610.

### IB Parent Meetings

Between these lunches (11:30-12:30) is a great time for parents to drop in to meet together and plan activities. We usually have great informal discussions and accomplish a bit of business along the way. Please feel free to drop in and join us. I reserve every Thursday from 11:00-1:00 exclusively for being with the IB students and parents in this way. So far we believe it has been very successful!

There is a special meeting for Pre-IB 10th grade parents only on Monday, Dec. 7 from 7-8 pm in the GBHS Library.

## IB Teacher List for 2009-2010

We are very proud to have these excellent and dedicated instructors who have offered to teach our IB courses. These teachers have high standards and continually strive for self-improvement and continued IB training in their various disciplines. All IB staff members meet on a regular basis to assure coordination of the IB curriculum.

**Scott Becker**, IB Math SL

**Sharry Colnar**, IB Coordinator

IB Chemistry SL-1, SL-2/HL-1, HL-2

**Judi Daniels**, IB English A1, HL-1, HL-2

**Chet Dickson**, IB Biology HL-1

**Abraham Ditman**, IB Spanish B, SL

**Brandon Dell'Orto**, IB History of Americas, HL-2

**Anna-Marie Gonzalez**, IB Spanish B, SL

**Tino Guzman**, Extended Essay (EE) Coordinator

**Naoko Iwasaki**, IB Japanese B, SL

**Stephen Miller**, IB Physics, SL

**Debbie Noyes**, IB Biology, HL-2

**Kitane Takagishi**, IB French B, SL

**Jenny Padgett**, Theory of Knowledge (ToK), 1 and 2

**Ann Simpson**, IB Math Studies, SL

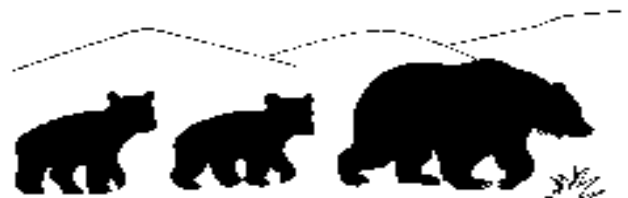
**Marcus Stevens**, IB History of Americas, HL-1

**KC Wachs**, Creativity, Action & Service (CAS)

**Mike McGuire**, Principal, Granite Bay High School

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One Family — IB students, parents, teachers

## Exciting Testing Results!

We are very proud to announce the results of our first testing session in May 2009. These exams are also called the external assessments (EA) and average about 75% of the final IB score that ranges from 1-7 for each IB course. Internal assessments (IA) account for the other 25% of the overall score.

We gave four subject exams last May. Here are the average school grades compared to the worldwide scores for the Northern Hemisphere on the very same exams:

IB Subject	GBHS	Global
French B, SL	5.80	4.72
Spanish B, SL	5.77	4.69
Math SL	6.40	4.45
Math Studies SL	5.44	4.61

To give you an idea of the grade breakdown in each subject, here is a look at the percentage of students who earned scores of 4-7. No scores were lower than 4!

IB Subject	7	6	5	4
French B, SL	20%	40%	40%	0%
Spanish B, SL	8%	69%	15%	8%
Math SL	11%	33%	45%	11%
Math Studies SL	60%	20%	20%	0%

Our IB teachers did an outstanding job of preparing our students for these exams. IB is not only very challenging for the students but also for the teachers. The IB Program tends to take everyone out of their comfort zones and develop strong coping skills. Looks like our students compared super favorably with other students in the Northern Hemisphere. (All IB students in the Southern Hemisphere take their exams in November each year).

Next May we will increase our test takers from 22 to 62, almost tripling the number of students. We will also grow from four tested subjects to 11 subjects. Here are all the tested subjects for May 2010:

- IB English A1
- IB French B, SL
- IB Japanese B, SL
- IB Spanish B, SL
- IB History of Americas, HL
- IB Biology HL
- IB Chemistry HL and SL
- IB Physics SL
- IB Math SL
- IB Math Studies SL

Just as a reminder, every student enrolled in an IB course is required to participate in all the IB assessments. This is stipulated in the Program Planning Guide. The testing fees paid in October each year cover the IB expenses for creating, printing, mailing, scoring, and recording all internal assessments, the science Group 4 Project and all the external assessments. These fees run \$135 for a one-time registration fee and \$92 for each subject exam. This totals \$687 for students testing in six subjects over the two years.



## IB Roster Number Update

17 Certificate students	64 Pre-IB sophomores
17 Diploma seniors	91 Pre-IB freshmen
32 Diploma juniors	<b>221 total students</b>

## Extracurricular Involvement

One of the common myths or misconceptions about the IB Diploma Program is that students cannot participate in any activities outside of school. Recently I polled 50 of our IB Diploma juniors and seniors and asked them to list their top three most time-consuming extracurricular activities. Here are their impressive responses:

Academic Decathlon	Lacrosse
Babysitting	Library Volunteer
Baseball	Lifeguarding
Basketball	NCL
Bike Club	Photography
BizWorld at Ridgeview	Piano
Boy Scouts	Pink Ladies
Church choir	Roller Derby
Church youth group	Running
Coaching at Olympus JHS	Russian dance
C.R.E.W.	Russian language
Cross-country	Scuba diving
Cycling	Skiing
Dance	Singing
Diving	Ski Patrol
Drawing	Soccer
Drill Team	Softball
Drums	Special Olympics volunteer
Football	Speech and Debate
Girl Scouts	Speed-strength training
Golf	Starbuck's employee
Guitar	Sutter Hospital Volunteer
Hula	Swimming
Impact-A-Village Leader	Tennis
Indian Dance	Track and Field
Indian music	Tutoring
Jiu-jitsu	Violin
Journalism	Volleyball
Judo	Water Polo
Key Club	

Overall these juniors and seniors fall into these groups:

- 71% do sports and/or fitness programs
- 42% do the arts (music, dance, choir, art, photography)
- 37% do volunteering
- 20% do Academic Decathlon, Speech & Debate, tutoring