



IB REFLECTIONS

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Coordinator Notes

By Patty Chaney

Registration Update

The official IB registration is completed. At this time, we have 116 registered students taking 340 tests.

IB Calendars

Calendar dates which you should have in your planners:

- November 7th -end of marking period
- November 8th -no school for students
- November 16th -report cards issued
- November 23rd- 25th -no school

Student Advisory Board (SAB) Members

All social studies classes have identified representatives for the Student Advisory Board. Please congratulate the following students.

Seniors

Kaitlyn Brooks	Kelly Carson
Chris Middleton	Shamia Moore

Juniors

Connay Bratton	Elizabeth Harrington
Alina Sanchez	Jay Sewer

Sophomores

Abby Cenname	Taylor Mickel
Charlotte Knipp	Michael Anderson

Freshmen

Kidist Degefa	Ann Marie May
Christian May	Carylssa LeBeauf

The first SAB meeting will take place in November.

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Does IB Prepare You for College? Results of a study by Strategic Technology Solutions

Question- Did IB help prepare you for college?

-96.7 % said IB helped with college preparedness.
 -73% said writing skills developed in IB helped
 -60% said study skills developed in IB helped
 -47% said IB was harder than college and they were ready for college
 -35 % said critical and analytical thinking skills developed in IB helped
 -26% said time management skills developed in IB helped.

Question- Did IB help you obtain college credit or advanced standing?

-83% of respondents received advancement in college (through credit or advancement)
 -74% of respondents received some credit for going into college standing or taking department testing)
 -23 % received sophomore standing
 -4% received second semester sophomore standing

Student Quote: *IB emphasizes a lot of reading and writing skills. IB also has a very well rounded curriculum with projects, papers, presentations. As a freshman, I was ready for the workload of college classes. I also was very prepared for the different types of assignments and group work. This is probably one of the biggest strengths of IB.*

IB Diploma Graduate from Minnesota

Quotes from IB Students at College on Credit Earned:

I received 18 credits, as well as was passed through Calc 1 with no credits attached. I was passed through lower level writing (3 credits I think), 5 credits of biology, 3 credits of history, 3 credits of literature, and something else I think.

IB Diploma Graduate from Colorado

Based on my exam scores, I was able to receive 36 credits going into my first year of school; essentially, I started my college career as a sophomore.

IB Diploma Graduate Colorado

I received 35 credits for my IB exams at VCU, so I came into the university as a sophomore. If I chose one major I could finish in 3 years, but the real gift of all those credits is having more room in my schedule to grow! I can have two majors, and still take electives to explore my specific interests. Since I came in with so many credits, I will actually graduate with two separate bachelors degrees, one in each major.

IB Diploma Graduate Virginia

CAS- Juniors and Seniors

Remember that you are expected to complete CAS paperwork every nine weeks. During the first nine weeks, you should have submitted your CAS plan and met with Ms. Chaney. **If you have not submitted your plan, do so ASAP!**

At the end of the nine weeks, you should be submitting reflections and supervisor forms for the activities you completed during the 1st nine weeks.

Ms. Chaney will be contacting you (and your parents) if she doesn't get a CAS plan from you by Nov. 4th. Turn in plans to the senior campus office. If you have lost your CAS booklet, the forms can be found on the WHS IB website.

Do you know students interested in the IB Program?

Enrollment in the International Baccalaureate program is open beginning in December to students who are seeking a more rigorous curriculum governed by international rules for the next school year. Students in good academic standing who complete the application process and are accepted are enrolled in the fall in college-level courses which lead to examinations in May of the junior and senior years.

Applications are available on the WHS IB website. Applications are due by January 13th, 2012. Five teacher recommendations are required.

In February, 2012, we will require all current IB students to re-apply for the following year. At that time, we will ask you to reflect on your enrollment, your goals, and your progress in making the decision of whether continuing in the program will best benefit you.

It is particularly important for students out of zone to renew their transfer application as well.

For more information contact:

Patty Chaney, IB Director

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Important Information for Juniors and Seniors

Juniors and seniors who will be completing the course work of their IB courses are expected to sit for examinations in May. Students who do not complete the course criteria will be either withdrawn from the course and/or expected to reimburse NNPS.

IB Stress

The deadlines are coming one after another and the end of the quarter is on the 7th of November and the pages to be read are increasing. If you think you feel the stress of those IB blues, then it's time for the stress test. Do you want to shout, cry, laugh, hit someone, or withdraw from IB or school? If the answer is yes to any of the above, then you may be suffering from the "IB Blues". We find that the "blues" come down on you generally the first quarter of the junior year. After that we are able to give you the right "medicine" to get better or you may recover on your own. In many cases, the remedy lies in how you manage your time.

Seniors with good advice are asked to adopt a junior in need. Juniors who are feeling the stress and can't seem to get over it are encouraged to bring your blues to Ms. Chaney or Ms. Slagle.

Speak with your Student Advisory Board representatives to find out about fun activities planned for this year.

Celebrations

November Birthdays

Cory Mass	Rachel Ferguson
John Tartala	Chase Putney
Wade Hodson	Shelby Bradford
Andrew Rose	Rachel Brunt
Jamal Price	Harley Owen
Susan Roenne	Alina Sanchez-Cuellar
Chelsea Parker	Cameron Blandford
Debra Caldwell	Juan Gonzalez
Jillian Trabbold	Cynthia Menendez
Abigayle Cename	Grayson Hubbard

Interim Reports

Some students did not do as well as expected on interim reports. If we did not speak with you or your parents and you need help, please see me immediately. It is our intention to give you as much support as possible toward succeeding in the program. The end of the marking period is Nov. 7th, so you must make sure all your work is completed. Stay after school for tutorials or makeup work. Sign up for the homework club, which meets every Wednesday in room 311. The majority of the poor grades were due to missing assignments. Let's get those assignments in!

Remember that in PreDip classes, we encourage a minimum 3.2 GPA. Students who do not have the minimum GPA at the end of first semester will be placed on probation. Those students who remain below at the end of the year will be removed from the program.

Students with poor grades and/or lack of motivation will not receive a recommendation to continue with the program next year. Reflect for a moment on your academic goals. Are you meeting them? Do you have the right plan in mind?



Planners

I hope that every student in IB will continue the tradition of keeping a planner. We expect that each student has some means of organizing and recording activities of each day. Freshmen and sophomores were given a planner when they paid their students fees.

With the use of a planner you will be able to alert teachers if they are scheduling a major assignment on the same day when you have several other things already scheduled (other projects or major tests). Your organization can assist teachers with their planning. I also suggest that you use a portion of the planner for recording your grades in each class. Each time you receive a graded assignment, record it in your planner or notebook. You can also check-off assignments as you turn them in. Your parents can then view your grades and progress too.

In that way, you can be well aware of your progress. Your grade in a class should never be a surprise.

IB planners can be purchased in the Senior Campus office for \$1.00,

From the desk of Mr. Corrigan

Extended Essay

Seniors: While there are a few seniors who are doing final editing of their papers, the seniors have completed the extended essay. November 17 will be the day for the Viva Voce, when our best papers are presented before a panel of experts and professionals. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

Juniors: In November, the juniors will be embarking on the extended essay journey. Mr. Corrigan will be explaining the process to juniors in the coming days.

Computer Use

Many of you use social networking sites daily. As with all things, you must always approach everything you do as young adults making wise decisions. The possibilities are unlimited in terms of what you can choose to put out there. You must be prudent and cautious. **DO NOT SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE INTERNET.** Do not post pictures that you would not want everyone to see. Don't say anything over the Internet that you wouldn't say to the individual in person. Remember that there are laws that govern the use of the Internet.

In Virginia, you can be found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor for statements made online, if the statements are perceived as threatening or harassing, or if they are directed toward a minor.

More importantly for you, colleges and employers are now checking social networking sites when they interview applicants. You don't want to risk not getting your dream job or school because of some comments or pictures you put on Facebook. Always be the smart, sensible students we know you to be.

Meet the IB Faculty

This month I would like to introduce Adria Strothers. Mrs. Strothers teaches English and is currently teaching the 11th grade classes. She is also the WHS Teacher of the Year and the NNPS High School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Strothers is also the English lead teacher. She is very active at WHS and so is her family. Her daughter is part of the IB program and her husband is the basketball coach. She is truly a RAIDER.

Scholars with Character

While a major goal of the IB program is to develop scholars, it is significant to note that as responsible global citizens there must be a high level of character as well. Do these 10 rules apply to you? (The following rules come from Character Counts—a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics.)

↻ **Be Honest**- Tell the truth. Be sincere. Don't steal, cheat, or defraud.

↻ **Demonstrate Integrity**- Stand up for your beliefs about right and wrong. Be your best self. Resist social pressures to do things you think are wrong.

↻ **Keep Promises**- Keep your word and honor your commitments. Pay your debts. Return what you borrow.

↻ **Be Loyal**- Stand by, support, and protect your family, friends, employers, community, and country. Don't talk behind people's backs, spread rumors, or engage in harmful gossip.

↻ **Be Responsible**- Think before you act. Be accountable. Set a good example. Be disciplined.

↻ **Pursue Excellence**- Do your best with what you have. Keep trying. Don't quit or give up easily.

↻ **Be Kind and Caring**- Show that you care about others through kindness, caring, generosity, sharing, and compassion. Don't be selfish, mean, cruel, or insensitive to the feelings of others.

↻ **Treat all People with Respect**- Be courteous and polite. Judge all people on their merits. Be tolerant, appreciative, and accepting of individual differences.

↻ **Be Fair**- Treat all people fairly. Be open-minded.

↻ **Be a Good Citizen**- Play by the rules and obey laws. Do your share. Respect authority. Stay informed. Report crimes. Vote. Protect the Environment. Conserve resources.

Are You Getting Ready?

As college-bound students there are several steps which you must take in the four-year period of your high school career to get ready for your academic goal. We expect that you will be successful in the magnet program and in college. However, you must remember that you are the chief determiner of the degree of success that you can achieve. We expect that you will take charge and make sure that you complete the following tasks:

1. Prepare yourself for the standardized tests by participating in workshops, using practice guides, mastering the skills taught you in math and English, and making use of the software available in the computer lab.
2. Take the PSAT in grades 9, 10 and, most importantly, in grade 11. Begin to take the SAT and/or ACT no later than grade 11. Take the SAT and/or ACT in your senior year to strengthen your score.
3. Take advantage of the expertise offered through your guidance counselor and the resources in the career lab and IB Resource Center.
4. Take college preparatory courses all four years and stay on the honor roll.
5. Make sure that you follow the educational plan prescribed to complete basic graduation requirements as well as magnet/IB requirements.
6. Seek assistance immediately if you need tutoring. Ask your subject teacher or see Ms. Chaney in the senior center.
7. Maintain a good working relationship with your teachers.
8. Keep documentation of your awards, activities, report cards, community service, etc. by starting to develop a resume.
9. Update (Start) your resume and personal statement.
10. Attend college fairs and participate in college visitations.
11. Get involved with extra-curricular and community service activities.
12. By the end of your junior year, make sure that you have narrowed down your college choices to at least five, requested applications, visited the campuses, taken the SAT and/or ACT, completed your resume and personal statement, and solicited recommendations.
13. By the beginning of your senior year, send your applications to the colleges of your choice early and investigate financial aid and scholarships.

From Ms. Slagle's desk

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Room 409A

PROFESSIONAL E-MAIL ADDRESSES!!!!!!

Students: Whether you are in 9th grade or getting ready to graduate, it is time for you to have a professional e-mail address. beachbaby@.... Is not the way you want to get noticed! Colleges, scholarship committees and employers frown upon those types of e-mail accounts.

CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is located in room 101. Please stop by and peruse all of the college and career information at Warwick. Ms. Johnson is our College and Career Counselor. The Center is usually open from 10am – 2 pm. For other times, please make an appointment with Ms. Johnson. You can e-mail her: olive.johnson@nn.k12.va.us

COLLEGES VISIT WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Many college representatives visit Warwick High School. Please listen to the announcements for dates as well as read the fliers around school. If you are interested in attending one of these visits, you can sign up in the binder in the resource room (409) in the Senior Center or in room 101.

GUIDANCE ADVICE

Go on-line to Warwick's website, IB section, to Guidance Advice for time management skills and techniques, test taking strategies, and more!

CONGRATULATIONS**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**

Congratulations to the following seniors who have been accepted to college!!!

Shamia Moore	Hampton University
Tyla Morris	Hampton University
Jada Moss	Hampton University
Torrie Shepard	Hampton University

(When you receive your college acceptances and your financial aid award letters for all colleges, I need a copy. You can bring me the letters and I will copy them for you!!)

NATIONAL MERIT AND ACHIEVEMENT

Wade Hodson National Merit Semi-Finalist
Chris Middleton National Achievement Semi-Finalist

2012 SUMMER RESIDENTIAL GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL**Sophomores and Juniors:**

Information and applications are now available on-line for the 2012 Summer Residential Governor's School (SRGS). Recently I came to your English class to review the different programs and what is required to get admitted. Please make sure that you adhere to the dates and deadlines that we discussed (below). A student can only apply to one program and can attend only one of these programs during the sophomore and junior years. The application process is competitive but we highly suggest that if you have not only an interest in one of the areas but have experience, please apply! And please remember while the application is on-line you do not submit it on-line but you must print the application and turn it in to me. Page 1 is due to me by November 14 and the completed application by January 20. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the Newport News Public School System provides funding. There may be nominal fees depending on the program of interest.

High School Information for the Application:

Address: 51 Copeland Lane, Newport News, VA 23601 757-591-4700; FAX 757-596-7415

Contact: Louisa Slagle louisa.slagle@nn.k12.va.us

Division: Newport News Public Schools DOE Code: 117

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DATES AND DEADLINES:

Art, Dance, Music, Theatre

A good candidate for Visual and Performing Arts will possess experience in the area (this is not for novices), able to perform or present an art portfolio professionally, be in good standing, a strong student academically, and able to write a clear and concise essay.

11/14/11: Completed Page 1 of the application due to Ms. Slagle, room 409A

Mid December: Adjudication schedules distributed

1/07/12: Adjudication at Christopher Newport University (auditions for dance, music, theatre; art portfolio review for visual art applications)

1/20/12: ALL applications due to Ms. Slagle for screening and review

April 2012: Nominees receive letters from VDOE

6/4 – 7/21/12 School for the Arts: Radford University (200 students in the state of VA are accepted)

NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED

ACADEMIC AND MENTORSHIP DATES AND DEADLINES:

Agriculture; Life Sciences and Medicine; Humanities; Math, Science and Technology; Mentorship Programs in Engineering and Marine Science

A good candidate for the Academic and Mentorship programs will possess experience in the area (this is not for novices), be in good standing, a strong student academically (GPA of 3.5 or above), and able to write a clear and concise essay.

11/14/11: Completed Page 1 of the application due to Ms. Slagle, room 409A

December 2011: Academic testing for academic and mentorship programs.

1/20/12: ALL Academic and mentorship applications are due to Ms. Slagle for screening and review

April 2012: All nominees receive letters from VDOE

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Program	Dates	Location	Student Capacity (total for VA)
Agriculture	6/24-7/21	VA Tech	100
Humanities	6/24-7/21	Radford	200
Life Sciences & Medicine	7/1-7/27	VCU/MCV	26
Math, Science, Tech	7/3-7/30	Lynchburg College	160
Engineering – NASA	6/24-7/21	CNU	12
Marine Science – VIMS	6/24-7/21	CNU	6

If you are interested in the Academic, Visual and Performing Arts or the Mentorship Programs, or would like more information, please let me know.

Foreign Language Academies:

Please contact Jeffrey Corrigan, room 231 or by e-mail Jeffrey.corrigan@nn.k12.va.us for information!

IMPORTANT DATES:**November 7, 2011, 6 – 8:30 PM**

For Juniors and Seniors, College Night in Virginia will take place in the Warwick High School's Cafeteria. At 6:00PM we will have pizza, and at 6:30pm the program will begin. Come out and listen to professionals speak on college, financial aid and scholarships. 4 \$500 scholarships awarded at the end of the evening. You must be in attendance to win!

November 7, 2011: Last day of the first marking period

November 8, 2011: Teacher workday – students do not report

November 14, 2011: Page 1, Summer Residential Governor's School due to Ms. Slagle

November 16, 2011: report cards issued.

December 5 – December 9, 2011 WHS

College Application Week: free applications for specific VA colleges if student applies during this week. Colleges participating to be announced.

January 4, 2012: IB Alumni Day

SAT:**collegeboard.com**

Test Dates	Deadlines for Registration	Late
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Dates subject to change, deadlines available soon

12/3/11	11/8/11	11/20/11
1/28/12	12/30/11	1/13/12
3/10/12	2/10/12	2/24/12
5/5/12	4/6/12	4/20/12
6/2/12	5/8/12	5/22/12

ACT:**act.org**

Test Dates	Deadlines for Registration	Late
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12/10/11	11/4/11	11/18/11
2/11/12	1/13/12	1/20/12
4/14/12	3/9/12	3/23/12
6/9/12	5/4/12	5/18/12

CLASS OF 2012!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our main focus this fall is applying to college. However, I want you to understand that you need to begin searching for scholarships as well. There will be many scholarships that are due this fall, and you can apply for those prior to the college application. The school system compiles a scholarship bulletin monthly and when I receive it I will e-mail you the attachment (please make sure that I have the right e-mail address for you) plus a copy will be on the bulletin board outside of my office.

Now that you have your college packets, you should be getting yourself organized for applying to college. Make it easy on yourself. Sit down and fill out the application checklists, transcript cards, counselor forms, and bring them in to me early (this takes little time). It truly takes a big weight off your shoulders. My deadlines are below. Just remember if you are applying on-line (which you should all be doing), you turn in the application checklist with accompanying materials to me by my deadline but you do not have to complete your part of the application until the college's deadline! Please see me if you have any questions.

I am already finding that a few of you are not adhering to the dates below for turning in your application materials to me. These dates are not just arbitrarily thrown together without thought or reason: I have deadlines because it is the only way that I can get all of the volume of applications out prior to the college's deadline. AND it is the only way that I can have the time to review the materials to make sure that everything is sent out properly and done well.

It is highly recommended that you apply on-line! The above dates are for my materials for your college application (see your packet, college application procedures). Please be kind and considerate by submitting to me your applications checklist with appropriate materials by the above deadlines! Any questions? Please see me! If you turn your paperwork in late, I may not be able to mail it by the college's deadline so don't delay! Also I will only accept materials that

are completed and attached to the application checklist. Don't forget the money! The first transcript is free, but after that it is \$2 per transcript (scholarship transcripts are free).

As we discussed the other day in your Theory of Knowledge class, many of you are rushing through this important paperwork. Please make sure you complete everything on the application checklist, transcript card (college, college address, deadline, and signature), sign and date everything, have all the appropriate forms. As always, if you have any questions, please come see me.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES APPLYING TO COLLEGE

<u>Application Date</u>	<u>Deadline for Turning in Applications, etc. to Ms. Slagle</u>
11/15/11	10/28/11
12/1/11	11/11/11
12/15/11	11/30/11
12/31 - 1/04/12	12/02/11
1/05/12	12/05/11
1/10/12	12/14/11
1/15/12 (Sun)	12/14/11
2/01/12	1/18/12
2/15/12	2/01/12
3/01/12	2/15/12

MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF: TURN IN ALL APPLICATIONS ON THE SAME DAY!

Please be kind and considerate by submitting to me your application check list, applications, transcripts, etc. by the above deadlines! If you turn in your packages late, I cannot guarantee that it will arrive to the colleges on time!!!!

SAT IIs – Seniors - make sure that you know the SAT II requirements for the colleges of your choice, if any at all. You don't want to spend the time and energy and money on an exam that you don't need, so double check. If the school says recommended and not required, I suggest that you take them.

Financial Aid: And don't forget that you need to not only think about college but about paying for college. Talk to your family about college funds and discuss different ways of financing. You need to contact each financial aid office of every college you are applying to find out what they require. Every school requires different information to be submitted and they all have their own deadlines (some of these deadlines are in the fall). All schools require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This cannot be completed until the first of the year because it is based on 2011 taxes. As the year progresses, you will receive more financial aid information (your college packets have financial aid fliers, so please share this important information with your parents). A Financial Aid Workshop called Super Saturday will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 9am until 2pm for students and parents at Thomas Nelson. Financial Aid professionals will be there to educate you and your family on the financial aid process and to answer questions. The computer labs will be available so that you can work on your FAFSA.

Please make sure you request your pin number from FAFSA in December. Your parents will need to request a pin number as well.

Class of 2013

Start gearing up to take the SAT and the ACT. It is recommended that you take the SAT two times and the ACT once during your Junior year. **DON'T** wait until your senior year to test. For more information, go on-line to: www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org

Look for upcoming dates in the Spring. I will be working closely with you beginning second semester on the application process, resume writing, and gearing up for the next level: College!

Juniors may want to start visiting colleges. Many colleges and universities have Open Houses (most of these events are on a Saturday). Go to the specific web site for the college, and you should be able to find the dates for these very important visits. Also you may want to start thinking about visiting colleges during Spring break!

Class of 2014

I just visited you during your English class. I hope that you will think about applying to one of the Summer Residential Governor's School Program (see above). If you have any questions, please stop by my office or e-mail me.

Class of 2015

With a marking period under your belt, I hope that each of you is adjusting to high school. If you need tutoring, please stop by Ms. Heartwell's class (room 311, senior center) to sign up. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

GET INVOLVED

Don't wait until your senior year to get involved in activities at WHS as well as in the community. You will prepare a resume your senior year which is an integral part of the college application package. With many of the colleges, your resume is more important than your college entrance exams. Plus statistics show, students who are involved in their school, most often perform better on tests, have higher GPAs, and are overall happier and more productive individuals.



Remember! The marking period ends November 7th! Turn in your makeup work now!!!! November 8th is a student holiday. Reports cards will be issued November 16th.

Congratulations!

Warwick National Merit Commended students

Kelly Carson

Michelle Shin



Congratulations to the debate and forensics team for all the wins so far this season!

Biar Raheem (11th) - 4th place extemporaneous speaking, 3rd place – Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Alex Finneran (11th) - 5th place extemporaneous speaking

Lori Lawson (12th) - 3rd place extemporaneous speaking

Aishlynn Channon (12th) - 6th place impromptu speaking

Christopher Middleton (12th) - 1st place impromptu speaking, 1st place extemporaneous speaking, 1st place – Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Jessica Jerrils (11th) - 3rd place impromptu speaking, 2nd place impromptu speaking

Ben Lambert – 9th grade – 6th place – Junior Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Unikqua Shannon (11th) – 1st place prose reading

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted as part of the SAGE group for 2011-2012. SAGE is the superintendent's advisory group on education.

Desmond Green

Ben Lambert

Lori Lawson

Jada Moss