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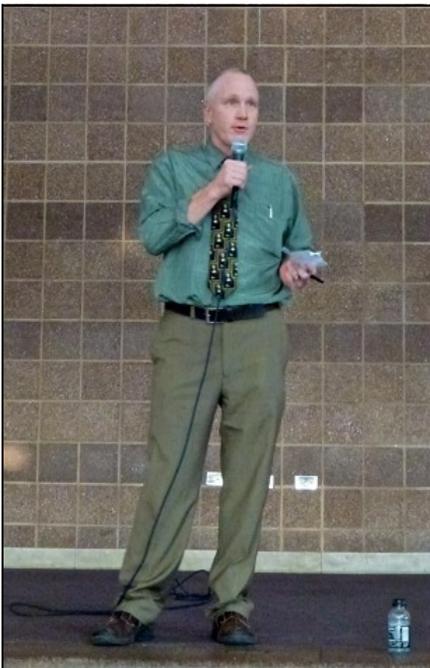
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## DCHS IB Welcomes the Class of 2016!

On the sweltering evening of August 16th, current IB Parents and upperclassmen provided refreshing ice cream novelties to incoming IB students new to the program. The annual information night and social is a way for families new to IB to meet and interact with experienced IBers.

IBPO Board Members were introduced to the group and Dr. Fleet gave a welcoming speech.

Current IB Juniors and Seniors formed a panel in the Commons taking questions on IB from new students while parents adjourned to the auditorium to have a separate session with Dr. Fleet and IB teachers.



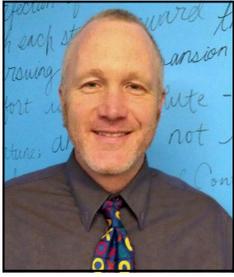
Dr. Fleet gives the opening address



Incoming Freshman IB students have their questions about IB answered by upperclassmen



Ice cream provides the draw to engage Freshmen



# Coordinator's Corner

## 2012 A Banner Year for Douglas County IB Programme

by Dr. Steve Fleet, DCHS IB Coordinator

2012 marks the first year that Douglas County has an International Baccalaureate Programme from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Emerging research indicates that the consistency of expectations promoted by the IB curriculum increases student confidence and correspondingly college success. May of 2012 also produced the highest Diploma score in our history. Kara Fong scored a total of 44 out of a possible 45 points toward her diploma. She is currently starting her first year at Stanford.

While both of these events provide cause for celebration, there is an extremely important element in our education and in our history that needs to be actively fostered. Success in education comes first and foremost from community. I had an opportunity to talk to Kara before she went to school, and the confidence that she is taking to Stanford comes more from the conversations she had with her teachers over her time at DCHS, than it does from her stellar academic record or from the curriculum she studied.

When I attended the Boettcher scholarship dinner for Jenny Park, another outstanding graduate from

last year, I heard each and every recipient of the Boettcher scholarship recall conversations and interactions with teachers that inspired them and informed their sense of success.

Personal interactions are the heart of meaningful education, and conversations are a cornerstone of democracy. I have written before about the dangers of imposing business models on aspects of human interaction that cannot be meaningfully measured in purely economic terms. Education is an idealistic enterprise, designed to empower and to inspire. I urge all members of our International Baccalaureate community to actively take steps to maintain the interactions that are essential to education. The risk-taking that is necessary to increase one's potential can only occur in an environment where we care for each other.

With rapid changes occurring in education and in our district, we must all be responsible for maintaining an environment that views relationships and genuine connections as the principal means to the futures we envision.

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## Wisdom Within These Walls

DCHS IBPO is excited to present a one night premier event

*Wisdom Within These Walls:  
Wisdom in Uniform*

**Friday, November 16, 2012  
7:00pm  
DCHS Auditorium**

This reader's theater presentation gathers the wisdom from oral history of local area veterans and shares the stories that capture the essence of our human condition when we commit to something greater than ourselves. Based on interviews conducted with veterans of all eras, these stories have been beautifully rendered into a theatre production. This very special production honors our veterans and provides moving, inspiring, sometimes funny and always touching stories that illustrate what one learns serving our nation.

You will not want to miss this **one night only** special event.

Tickets available online now:

\$8/Students, Seniors, Veterans

\$10/Adults

<http://www.seatyourself.biz/huskieibpo>

## Underclassmen Online Mentoring Site

Sometimes, it's hard to be an IB Freshman or Sophomore. You don't understand IB course flows . . . What if you are not on track to take the High Level courses you want? . . . What if you just need to talk to someone who knows the "IB ropes?"

Fear not! We have a Schoology group called **IB Student to Student Connection** where you can post questions, ideas, and comments for other IB students to answer or comment on.

Log on to your Schoology account, click on "Groups" along the top, choose "Join" and enter this access code: 6GRVD-G7NMQ.



## IB Bulletin Board

### 10th Graders—take the PSAT for Practice!

### 11th Graders—take the PSAT for Real!

Sign up to take the PSAT on October 31. For juniors, this is the test for determining National Merit awards (see page 7 for details). For sophomores, this is good practice for the real thing (no, it doesn't count!) And if you check off the student search box, your mailbox will fill with college solicitation brochures to ponder . . . Sign up in the Counseling office now! This test is first come, first served! It costs \$20, with checks made out to DCCHS. (Sophomores: note that the PLAN test for sophomores will be administered on the same day. If you take the PSAT instead, you will be administered the PLAN test at a later date.)

### Juniors! See Extended Essay Info on Huskie IBPO Site

Start reviewing the IB essay timetable, and guidelines for allowable essay subjects. See some sample topics by past students. Read sample essays, and past Grader Reports, so you understand the final product.

All of this (and more!) is on the Extended Essay page on [www.HuskieIBPO.com](http://www.HuskieIBPO.com).

### Seniors! Give Thanks!

Remember to send thank you notes to the teachers and counselors who are helping you with college recommendation letters, and especially, your Extended Essay!

### IB Student Directory

Slightly over 50% of IB families have returned their contact forms for the IB Student Directory. The Directory is going to print on Oct. 1st. If you want to be included, please return your contact form (located at: [www.huskieibpo.com](http://www.huskieibpo.com)) ASAP.

### Thank You to . . .

. . . All parents who provided snacks for IB exams in May  
. . . Our exam proctors for the IB exams in May  
. . . All parents who helped with the ice cream social

### Parents!

Want to know more about IB? Subscribe to the IB World Newsletter at [https://store.ibo.org/create\\_account.php](https://store.ibo.org/create_account.php)

# Research and the Divination of Cheese

## Extended Essay Workshop 2012

This past June, juniors from IB schools around the Denver Metro area attended a workshop, sponsored by the DCHS IBPO, at the University of Colorado's Denver Auraria campus, to help with the research, planning, and drafting of the infamously menacing Extended Essay. However, once the workshop got rolling, it was clear to everyone that this so-famed monster was really nothing more than a tiny pussy cat. The workshop was filled with incredible sessions led by a variety of teachers and professors that helped break down the essay into bite-sized portions.

One session that stuck particularly in my mind, and I think we all remember fondly, was when the head of the library's research department came in to speak with us about how to use the library's research databases and look for relevant primary, secondary, and tertiary sources. Particularly, he taught us how to research Tyromancy, or divination by cheese. The professor was incredibly amusing, affable, and all around accessible. The lecture on Tyromancy taught us all how to get to the library's main database, how to search correctly for relevant sources in the library and at other locations also in the library's database.

I, like many students, picked the morning session

so that I could have time in the afternoon to do research and get an outline started. This turned out to be a really good strategy, and many of us ended up staying later than the session required so that we could look over sources and decide which were going to help, and which were just garbage. Many students found out the difference between an annotated bibliography, the works cited, and a criticism or analysis of history, studies, or literature this way. These are the really critical things to look out for when you look for what sources you want to use. If you're doing a literature essay, a bibliography is probably not going to help you.

My advice to this year's juniors for the 2013 essay workshop is to bring a positive attitude! This is an exciting part of your life. You are going to be doing research on a university campus. This is the beginning of your academic future. Soon, you'll be off to college and doing research for institutions that will publish you and will use your ideas to make the world a better place. You are going to do great things, so wear a smile and recognize that this is an important and exciting time of your life.

~ Bill Kakenmaster '13



Mrs. Clever assists Emma Reading with research



Jeff Buehler and Susheel Nalla work with Mr. Koppel on their Chemistry essay ideas

# Upcoming IB Events

## Juniors—Save the Date!

### 7th Annual Extended Essay Workshop June, 2013\*

The Class of 2014 is invited to attend this valuable workshop next summer.

Registration will be sent out March, 2013.

\*This workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 3-6, 2013.

Final dates will be confirmed in early 2013.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

P.S. You can already RSVP to this event on the Huskie IBPO Facebook page! Do you "Like" us?

## 8th Grade IB Info Nights!

Tuesday, October 30th & Thursday, November 8th  
6:00p.m., DCHS North Commons

Students and parents are invited to attend this session as  
Dr. Fleet gives an overview of the

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at DCHS.

**Please pass the word to any 8th grade families you know!**

*Hear details of the IB curriculum and guidance  
on applying to the program.*

*Teachers will be in attendance to explain their subject areas  
and answer individual questions!*

*This event is posted on the IBPO Facebook page.*

*Please share it with any potential IB families.*

*Do you "Like" us?*



## Schedule and Counseling Requests

DCHS has requested we ask all IB parents and students to remember the old adage when it comes to requesting schedule changes or general assistance:

*"You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar."*

Our counselors and the front office staff do the best they can with the limited resources available to them. This can be kept in mind the next time a bond measure is up for vote as we are dealing with the repercussions of two failed initiatives.

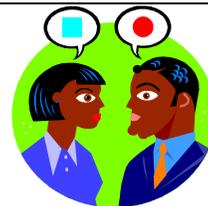
If you cannot find the solution you want at DCHS, remember alternatives are available:

- Check the IBO web site for possible online classes
- Check Arapahoe Community College for course options
- Check with other local high schools for course options
- Check other online resources

While no one will fault you for being your child's advocate, and, in fact, we encourage you in this role, remember . . . counselors are people, too!

## IB students are Involved Students!

### % of IB students in these groups!



Speech & Debate	72% (!)
Chamber Orchestra	60%
String Orchestra	54%
Marching Band	30%
FCCLA	28%
Concert Band	27%
Newspaper	22%
Symphonic Band	20%
Choir	12%
DECA	10%

### Athletic

Spirit Poms	57%
Boys Tennis	53%
Girls Cross Country	32%
Cheer	23%
Boys Cross Country	20%
Girls Softball	17%
Boys JV Soccer	13%
Girls Volleyball	13%
Football	10%
Boys Golf	7%

See! You're not the *only* parent driving your student everywhere!

## DCHS IB Students, Teachers and Parents—Past and Present “In the News”

Junior, **Kathryn Sexton**, finished fourth in the pole vault with a leap of 8 feet at the JAG Invitational on April 21st. Kathryn’s seasonal best was 8 feet, 6 inches.

(DC News Press 4/26/12)

Sophomore, **Elaine Cox**, finished fourth at the Class 5A tennis regionals in the May 3rd Continental League and is considered to have a bright future in tennis singles.

(DC News Press 5/10/12)

Graduating Seniors, **Victoria Weber** and **Tia Arnold**, both earned the highest Girl Scout award, the Gold Award, in May. Victoria used her CAS project of creating a band program to qualify for this award. Tia created a program bridging seniors and children planning and hosting multiple events between the two groups.

(Your Hub 5/10/12)

Former IB teacher, **Andy Caldwell**, hosted a solar eclipse party at DCHS on May 20th with three telescopes set up. Approximately 30 people joined the event. Mr. Caldwell hosted a farewell planetary party on June 5th at the north end of the soccer fields for the transit of Venus. DCHS misses Mr. Caldwell this year as he now teaches at Front Range Community College.

(DC News Press 5/31/12)

Mary Williams, mom of Sophomore, **Tucker Middleton**, unveiled her two-year in the making solstice sculpture on June 20th at Elk Ridge Park in Castle Pines. Her creation was inspired by the Anasazi Sun Dagger in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, which marks the extreme positions of the sun and moon during the summer and winter solstices and is believed to be an ancient calendar.

(DC News Press 6/26/12)

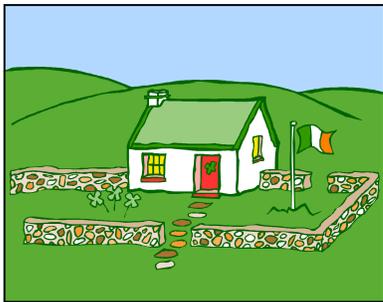
Sophomore, **Samantha Barker**, represented Douglas County as a 2012 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Princess during this year’s county fair. Samantha is an active member of Future Farmers of American (FFA) and has participated in 4H for five years. She was part of the DC Live-stock Judging team, as well as the Horse Bowl and Hippology teams.

(DC Fair Souvenir Program 8/2012)

Know of any IB Students making the news? Email us at: [newsletter@huskieibpo.com](mailto:newsletter@huskieibpo.com)

## IB Foreign Travel Adventures 2013!

### England, Ireland and Wales



A diverse three country trip to England, Ireland, and Wales will be held over Spring Break, 2013. This trip includes flights, hotels, surface transportation, two meals each day along with entrances to incredible local castles and museums.

For more information see:

[http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=SM-1192205&utm\\_source=RecCenter&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=SharedLink](http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=SM-1192205&utm_source=RecCenter&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=SharedLink)  
Faculty Participants: Lon Smith and Nicole Gambatese

### Costa Rica’s Natural Wonders!



See the stunning natural beauty of Costa Rica June 28-July 4, 2013. This trip includes flights, three meals each day, hotels, all surface transportation & comprehensive tours of Costa Rica’s national parks.

For more information see:

[http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=GA-1248623&utm\\_source=RecCenter&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=SharedLink](http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=GA-1248623&utm_source=RecCenter&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=SharedLink)

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## What is a National Merit Scholar?

In the fall of the Junior year, students at DCHS participate in the PSAT test. This national test is given to over 1.5 million high school students each year. Of the students tested, the 50,000 with the highest test scores qualify for the National Merit Scholar program. In April following the test year, these students are invited to name two colleges to which they would like to be referred by the program. In September of the Senior year, the students are notified if they are qualified as a "Commended" student or a "Semifinalist."

Commended students, making up 34,000, or 2/3 of the initial pool, are recognized for their academic achievement but do not continue in the competition for National Merit scholarships.

Semifinalists, 16,000 students, representing the highest scorers equally in all 50 states, can advance to the Finalist stage by completing application materials and other academic requirements.

In February, 15,000 students are notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. Winners are chosen from the Finalist pool based on abilities, skills and accomplishments. Scholarships are awarded to Finalists from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, 250 Corporate sponsors and approximately 200 colleges and universities. Scholarships awarded can be renewable for all four years in college.

DCHS IB is proud to have had many past National Merit Commended and Finalist students.

For more information about this prestigious program, see: <http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php>



## Attention Sophomore & Junior Parents!!

Now is the time to prepare for IB Exam costs!

The average cost of IB exams is **\$750** per student for a total of six exams. Juniors can take up to two exams, spreading the cost of the exams over two years. These fees are due in early fall of the junior and senior year and are not included in district registration fees. You will be invoiced by the IB office. A late fee of \$50 is assessed if the fee is not paid on time. This cost does not include any AP exams fees, which are due in January of the senior year.

While this fee may seem expensive, should your student gain their IB diploma and attend a public university in Colorado or Texas, they will enter college as a sophomore. Many other colleges & universities offer similar status for IB students. That's a 25% savings on college tuition & room and board!

**ESCAPE (Eliminating Student Cost for Advanced Placement Exams) is the federal AP/IB Exam Fee Program in Colorado.** Through this federal grant, the Colorado Department of Education will pay for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams taken by low income students.

Please contact Tracy Hagan, IBDP Secretary, 303-387-1008 for more information on how to reduce your IB Exam Fees. Deadline to contact Mrs. Hagan for this is **OCTOBER 12, 2012**

Your student's college planning should include checking each university's web site for credit they give for the IB diploma *AND* individual IB test scores. If you cannot find the information on the web site, a call to admissions is warranted.

### Case Study in the "Value" of an IB Diploma IB Test Fees vs. One year at CU Boulder

2012-2013 Tuition at CU Boulder*:	\$9,642
Fees:	\$1,480
Room and Board:	<u>\$11,278</u>
One year total:	\$22,400
IB average test costs:	<u>\$750</u>
Your savings:	\$21,650

\*CU tuition, fees and Room and Board figures obtained from the CU Boulder web site. Figures do not include books or personal expenses. Tuition averaged from the four colleges offered.



## Universities Recognize IB Diploma with Scholarship Opportunities

Do you often wonder if IB is "worth" it? The International Baccalaureate organization keeps a list of universities, worldwide, who recognize and grant scholarships to graduates who obtain the coveted IB diploma. Many additional universities and colleges offer course credit for the IB diploma and test scores above a certain grade.

Charts are available by state. To view the posted information, visit:

<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/recognition/recognitionpolicy/index.cfm>



## Congratulations!

Most Boettcher Scholars agree they wouldn't be where they are today without great teachers.

That's why they created The Teacher Recognition Awards Program. The Trustees of the Foundation wanted to give their Scholars a chance to extend their gratitude to the counselors, principals, superintendents and, in particular, teachers who have dedicated themselves to providing the youth of Colorado with an outstanding education.

***Dr. Steven Fleet was awarded the 2012 Teacher Recognition Award recognized by Jenny Park***

"Energy and persistence conquer all things."

*---Benjamin Franklin*

## 2012 Scholarship Awards

Our 2012 DCHS IB Graduates were awarded an astonishing \$1.57M in scholarships!

The average award was \$43k per student.

Seven P.S. Miller scholarships were awarded to our 2012 IB graduates!

## College Standardized Testing National Calendar

### SAT Reasoning / Subject Tests

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Register by*

November 3, 2012	Oct 4
December 1, 2012	Nov 1
January 26, 2013	Dec 28
March 9, 2013+*	Feb 8
May 4, 2013	Apr 5
June 1, 2013	May 2

+ No Subject Tests that day; SAT I given only

### ACT Testing

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

October 27, 2012	Sep 21
December 8, 2012	Nov 2
February 9, 2013	Jan 11
April 13, 2013*	Mar 8
June 8, 2013	May 3

\* Test held at DCHS; registration still required

## Fall College Fairs

[www.collegefairsdenver.org](http://www.collegefairsdenver.org)

### Out-of-State College Night

Thursday, October 11th, 2012  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

John F. Kennedy High School  
2855 S. Lamar Street, Denver

### Saturday College Workshop

College Fairs of Greater Denver is holding a Saturday College fair and Workshop  
You'll want to put this on your calendar now!

Saturday, October 13th, 2012  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mountain Vista High School  
10585 Mountain Vista Ridge, Highlands Ranch  
*over 250 schools represented*  
*classes and workshops available on various topics*

*NOTE: These events are also posted on the Huskie IBPO Facebook page. Do you "Like" us?*





# Where Did They Go?

## IB Graduates 2012

<b>Emily Andrus</b>	Univ. of Northern Colo.	<b>Allyson Medor</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Tia Arnold</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Richard Meyer</b>	Appalachian State Univ.
<b>Kendal Benzel</b>	University of Wyoming	<b>Shelby Moen</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Erin Braford</b>	Northern Arizona University	<b>Kalee Morris</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Julie Brunette</b>	University of Denver	<b>Jessica Ossareh</b>	Colorado State University
<b>Grant DeShazer</b>	Colorado School of Mines	<b>Camille Owens</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Bryan DiLaura</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Jenny Park</b>	University of Denver
<b>Macey Downey</b>	Colorado State University	<b>Matthew Park</b>	CU - Denver
<b>Angela Fang</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Allie Parrott</b>	University of Denver
<b>Joshua Fermin</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Valerie Partenheimer</b>	Hendrix College
<b>Kara Fong</b>	Stanford University	<b>Becca Pieseski</b>	Miami University
<b>Isabella Fry</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Sarah Platt</b>	University of Idaho
<b>Kayla Goodison</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Madeline Pluto</b>	Villanova University
<b>Makenzi Grandestaff</b>	Colorado State University	<b>James Romero</b>	University of North Dakota
<b>Lauren Hayden</b>	Northeastern University	<b>Brittany Rousseau</b>	Montana State University
<b>Kayla Hill</b>	Colorado State University	<b>Kristen Ruhl</b>	CU - Denver
<b>Andrew Huang</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Jean Luc Tandler</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Ricky Huang</b>	Duke University	<b>Hayden Tornabene</b>	Carleton College
<b>Samantha Jain</b>	CU - Denver	<b>Stephen Walker</b>	University of Kansas
<b>Kaila Kirchner</b>	Fort Hayes State University	<b>Victoria Weber</b>	University of Tulsa
<b>Athena Knudson</b>	CU - Boulder	<b>Carrie Whitelam</b>	Loyola Marymount Univ.
<b>Kameron Kranse</b>	Montana State University	<b>Tatiana Wilson</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Max LaRue</b>	Lewis and Clark College	<b>Kevin Xie</b>	University of Calif.-Berkley
<b>David Lee</b>	Brigham Young University	<b>Atticus Yondorf</b>	CU - Boulder
<b>Felicity Leonard</b>	Colorado State University		

## ...Also offered Admission to

*Our students were accepted  
at the following fine colleges, but chose not to attend:*

Auburn State University	Hofstra University	University of Arizona
Augustana College	Hope College	University of California-Davis
Baylor University	Indiana University	University of California—San Diego
Biola University	Johns Hopkins University	Univ. of Colorado—Colo. Springs
Carnegie Mellon	Kenyon College	University of Montana
Case Western Reserve University	Lawrence University	University of Oregon
Chapman University	Luther College	University of the Pacific
Colby College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Portland
Colorado Christian University	Massachusetts Instit. Of Technology	University of Puget Sound
Colorado College	New York University	University of Richmond
Cornell College	Northwestern University	University of Vermont
Creighton University	Pepperdine University	University of Washington
Drake University	Point Park University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Emory University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	Westmont College
Gustavus Adolphus College	Ripon College	
Hartwick College	St. Olaf College	
Harvey Mudd College	Southern Methodist University	

# DCHS IB Calendar



## OCTOBER

- 4-6 Rally Round the Flay Boys theater production (7:00pm)
- 9 Choir Concert (7:00pm)
- 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00pm-8:00pm)
- 11 Orchestra Concert (7:00pm)
- 12 **NO SCHOOL** (Professional Development day)
- 13 Douglas County Marching Invitational
- 15-19 **FALL BREAK**
- 26 IB Exam fees due
- 30 8th grade IB Prospective Student Info Session (6:00pm, DCHS North Commons)

## NOVEMBER

- 6 **NO SCHOOL** (Professional Development day)
- 8-10 I Never Saw Another Butterfly theater production (7:00pm)
- 9 End of 2nd 6-week grading period
- 10 8th grade IB Prospective Student Info Session (6:00pm, DCHS North Commons)
- 16 Wisdom Within These Walls IBPO production
- 21-23 **THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- 29 9th/10th grade curriculum night (6:00pm, DCHS North Commons)

## DECEMBER

- 11 Orchestra Concert (7:00pm)
- 12 Band Concert (7:00pm)
- 14 IB applications for new students 2013-2014 due
- 18 **FINALS:** periods 1, 2, 3
- 18 Choir Concert (7:00pm)
- 19 **FINALS:** periods 4, 5, 6
- 20 **FINALS:** periods 7, 8
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** (Grading Day)
- 24-31 **WINTER BREAK**



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