

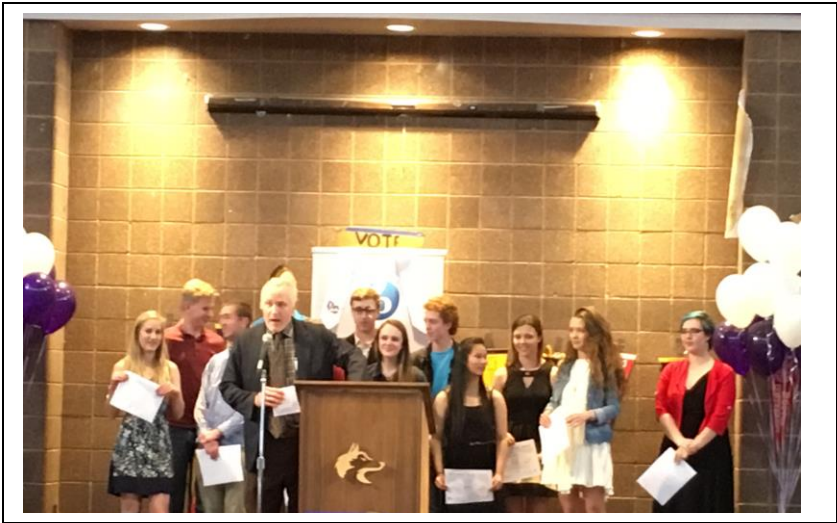


IB matters

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IB End of Year Banquet

On a beautiful spring evening DCHS IB students, parents, guests, teachers and staff celebrated the end of another successful academic year.



At the end of each school year, the teachers are asked to take a survey as to what senior exemplifies IB Learner. These are the results.

IB Learner Profile award winners for

the Class of 2017

Inquirer	Lukas Miller
Knowledgeable	Anton Kary
Thinker	Sebastian Vennard
Communicator	Aubrey Park
Principled	David Roney
Open-minded	Hannah Nordling
Caring	Emily MacLean
Risk-taker	Alena Clark
Balanced	Grace Wills
Reflective	Elyse Brueggemann
Outstanding IB Student	Gillian Steininger

IB Extended Essays:

A Big THANK YOU to the Teachers that were advisors for the IB extended Essays class of 2017

Teacher / number of students they advised for their Extend essays.

Amy Boyce - 1
Laura Bush - 3
Kim Clever - 3
Mike Craven - 3
Britany Ederveen - 1
Steve Fleet - 4
Lisa Gerios-Rohl - 2
Jill Goeken - 1
Courtney Hay - 1
Theresa Hemming - 2
Matt Schreiner - 1
Brooke Speegle - 1
Lindsay Travis - 3
Rick Umbach - 3
Vanessa Voorheis - 3
Leah Yates 5

Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.

Earl Nightingale



Coordinator's Corner

by Dr. Steve Fleet, DCHS IB Coordinator

Evil is the interruption of a truth by the pressure of particular or individual interests."

Alain Badiou, Philosopher and Professor

Welcome back to Douglas County High School. We continue to be blessed by the energy and talents of outstanding students and faculty as we undertake the essential steps of modern, international education. With diligence and open-minds, we can develop the confidence and perspective we need to prosper in a dynamic and changing world. Last year's seniors continued a tradition of excellence as reflected in their exams, their outlooks, and the challenges they have chosen to embrace.

For the 2017-2018 school year, International Baccalaureate teachers adopted the theme of "truth" to connect the classes and provide a common focus that links to Theory of Knowledge. Our goal will be to encourage students to consider what "truth" means in the disciplines they study, and to enable them to reflect on the relationship between education and truth. This will give them material to guide the construction of their internal assessments as well as their Theory of Knowledge presentations and papers.

The quest for truth, independent of superstition, became the focus of learning in the Age of Enlightenment and resulted in the expansion of science, the free expression of ideas, the end of witch trials and the questioning/elimination of irrational institutions including slavery. In eastern thought, truth has long been seen as an eternal force that simultaneously unites and creates. The human capacity to consider such concepts connects us to the power of hope and the energy of possibility.

As implied in the Badiou quotation above, the deliberate manipulation of truth unravels the good and weaves in its place webs of uncertainty and fear. From the systems of mathematics to the lively ambiguity of the arts, our understanding as we assemble the forms of knowledge prepares us to venture into an uncertain future armed with the confidence that we can recognize and align our thinking with what is right and what is true. If we abdicate this pursuit, we become vulnerable to the artificial values that serve only to promote the quest for power of the very few.

Our study of the mind in psychology, of expression in theatre, of equations in mathematics, of method in science, perspective in history, of rules in language, of poetry in literature, beauty in music, of ethics in business, of justice in philosophy and of the blending of all of these in all disciplines enables you to continue the human quest to elevate the mind in order to catch a glimpse of what we know to be the truth. Such glimpses help assure us that our free choices, assembled and reassembled in our minds and in our memories, produce lives worthy of admiration and emulation. This, we believe, is the goal of education.

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Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books - especially the Bible, build a shelter against a rainy day, give thanks for your blessings, and pray for guidance every day.

John Wooden

Heroes represent the best of ourselves, respecting that we are human beings. A hero can be anyone from Gandhi to your classroom teacher, anyone who can show courage when faced with a problem. A hero is someone who is willing to help others in his or her best capacity.

Ricky Martin

DCHS IB Welcomes the class of 2021!

The IB Parent Organization organized an ice cream social for all new IB freshman entering Douglas County High School. The annual information night is designed to be a social for new families and existing IB students. The teachers and parents meet to ask questions they might have for this IB high school diploma.

Dr. Steve Fleet, IB DCCHS Coordinator, IB Parent Organization welcomed the students and families.



Of course, ice cream was served and enjoyed!

When I have bad days, I just eat lots of chocolate ice cream and dance to the 'Lion King' soundtrack. It's really odd, but it's true.

Blake Lively

IBDP Class of 2017

Where did they go?

American University	Arizona State University (Barrett Honors College)
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines	Colorado State University
Creighton University	Gonzaga University
Hastings College	Hofstra University
Iowa State University	Lake Forest College
Metropolitan State University of Denver	Northern Arizona University
The College of Wooster	The Ohio State University
The University of Texas, Austin	University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver	University of Colorado -Colorado Springs
University of Northern Colorado	University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego	Utah State University- College of Eastern Utah
Western State Colorado University	

IBO Registry for Alumni

To Sign up for IBO schools. Students can sign themselves up. If they are under 16 their parents will receive an email to verify.

<https://registry.ibo.org/>

CAS

Visit the IBPO website for the handbook on CAS or it can be found on manageBac.

"LET'S GO!"

Opportunity for upper level (Honors Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Spanish 5) Spanish students for Spring Break Study Abroad in Spain.

This trip is being organized by Sra. Georgina Quintana (parent of IBDP student at DCHS) AP Spanish language and culture teacher at HRHS. She has extended the invitation to upper level Spanish students to participate. If interested email Sra. White: wwhite@dcsdk12.org, so she and Sra. Quintana can schedule an information meeting for anticipated participants.

The anticipated itinerary (subject to some changes) --Mar. 15-Mar. 25, 2018

Day 1 Travel to Madrid

Day 2-3 Madrid

Day 4 take AVE to Sevilla and meet home stay families

Day 5-Day 7 4 days of classes AP/IB prep-language and culture classes (3 hours morning), organized tours and cultural experiences afternoon/evening

Day 8 cooking class--Sevilla

Day 9 Granada

Day 10 Travel to Denver



The program also includes:

+3 hours per day of classes, with all materials included. We will custom-design one class for the advanced students, and another for the Pre AP/IB students. We will also take one day where we visit a local high school as part of the classes and can meet local Spanish students and practice speaking.

Spain Trip continued:

+Spanish family homestays with all meals included (3 per day). Students can choose their own roommates (2 students per family). We have developed an extensive network of families in Seville, and tend to work with the same ones since the inception of our program in 2005.

+Cultural / social / sports activities with all entrances, tips, etc. We will split the group in 2, with a special MundoLengua coordinator for each level (advanced and Pre AP/IB). This will allow us to make the activities even more dynamic and interactive. We run our activities as "mini-classes". These are not simply "see things and take pictures".

+Day excursion to Granada.

+Full health insurance for all participants.

+Supervision and 24 hr support.

NUMBERS: Prices:

10 students - \$2400 12 students - \$2210 15 students - \$2050

Total *estimated* price to students - \$3050-\$3650

***WITH 15 STUDENTS, THE ESTIMATED PRICE IS \$3050.

Numbers for IB Pre Diploma and Diploma

Grade Level	Total	Course Students	DP Students
9 th	73	-	73
10 th	83	-	83
11 th	56	4	52
12 th	75	10	65
Totals	287	14	273

Percentage of Students Per Fall Sport Enrolled in IBDP

Sport	Total Number of Team Members	Number of IBDP Students	Percentage of Sport
Girls' Volleyball	56	5	8.9%
Boys' Soccer	42	13	31%
Cross-Country	62	9	14.5%
Girls' Softball	23	1	4.3%
Football	109	7	6.4%
Cheer	33	3	9.1%
Poms	21	4	19%
Boys' Golf	21	2	9.5%
Gymnastics	3	0	0%
Boys' Tennis	21	4	19%

KUDOS

Congratulations to **David Roney** IBDP Student has signed with The College of Wooster for Golf.

Congratulations to **Aubrey Chambers** for winning all her matches at the Junior Team Tennis State Championship and her team placing second overall. She also won the Girls 16 Singles Fort Collins Lewis Summer Championship tennis tournament.

When you do something best in life, you don't really want to give that up - and for me it's tennis.

Roger Federer

HELP WANTED

The IB Parent Organization is a group of dedicated parents of IB students at DCHS that organizes events and activities throughout the school year. The IBPO is looking for parents to help out with various activities. Several IB parents have students graduating this year. See the IBPO website for the date of our next meeting. If interested, contact Randy Chambers at cohomeconnection@yahoo.com.

DCHS IB Calendar

NOVEMBER

Thursday, Nov 9

8th Grade IB Information Meeting – North Commons- 5:30pm

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec 7

8th Grade IB Information Meeting – North Commons- 5:30pm

JANUARY

Thursday, Jan 11

10th Grade Mandatory CAS/TOK/EE Grad Panel Meeting – Auditorium- 5:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 17

8th Grade Freshman and New Family Orientation Night. (All school event)

FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb 4

Princeton Review/Practice Act Testing

APRIL

Tuesday, Apr 24

IB Year End Celebration – North Commons 5:30

MAY

IB Exams begins



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