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IB CAS Trip to Peru – Machu Picchu

*The IBPC wishes to all of you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

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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

The 2018 "The Best from Dr. Fleet's Corner"

Several 2017 graduates stopped by just before the holidays and they all shared the same messages. ***They acknowledged that it can be difficult to see beyond the day-to-day expectations of the International Baccalaureate program, but the experience is enjoyable and helpful in the long run.*** They successfully completed assignments that their fellow freshmen struggled with; they have become involved in their universities; and they are making connections with faculty and students.

Among the advantages of I.B., they pointed ***out how essential it is to learn study habits and stress management in the familiar environment of family and friends.*** I think this is a good message for parents, to remember that students are undergoing seen and unseen adjustments and that home has to be made, consciously, into a supportive environment.

IB Matters – January 2018 Issue

I urge all students to find time this summer to spend with friends and family in order to recharge for the upcoming year. ***Summer is one of the great benefits of our educational system, not just for the free time, but for the chance to put the hectic pace of the school year into perspective.***

Develop habits of exercise and good diet. Laugh and play. Read for pleasure. I am truly grateful for the talent of the students and staff at Douglas County High School and want to wish you all the most restful of summers and look forward to the adventures of the coming year.

IB Matters – May 2018 Issue

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.***

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IB CAS Trip to Peru

During the Fall Break, thirty IB students traveled south to South America to unearth the mysteries and wonders of Peru. For ten days, the students discovered the secrets of one of the most exciting countries in the world.

They students participated in Collaborative Service Projects with families at Cuzco Region's Sacred Valley and learned about their customs, farming, and the exquisite and extensive Peruvian Cuisine.

They also travel to Madre de Dios Region and visited the Amazon Jungle at an Eco Lodge outside the City of Puerto Maldonado. There the students experience the Amazon's spectacular biodiversity, and interacted with endangered animals, flora and fauna. Some of them even dare to swim with piranhas!

The highlight of the trip was the visit to Machu Picchu - one of the 7 wonders of the world. They overnight at Aguas Calientes, a small Andean town at the foothills of Machu Picchu. Early in the morning the following day, the students hike for three hours until they reach the top of the hill and experience one of the most beautiful, breath taking sights: Sunrise at Machu Picchu.

It was a great trip, very intense, very exhausting. When the parents went to greet them on their return at Denver International Airport, they all looked tired, but extremely happy!



Climbing to Machu Picchu!



After three hours...made it to the top!!!



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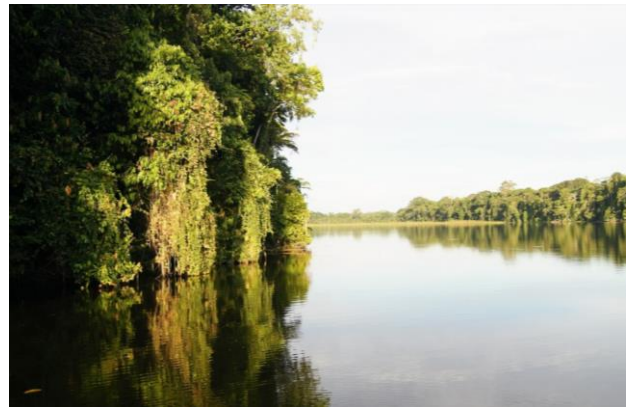
The Town of Pisac in the Sacred Valley



Learning to do adobe blocks!



Our Host Families



The Amazing Amazon Jungle



Walking through the rainforest



Swimming with the Piranhas



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IB Information Night!

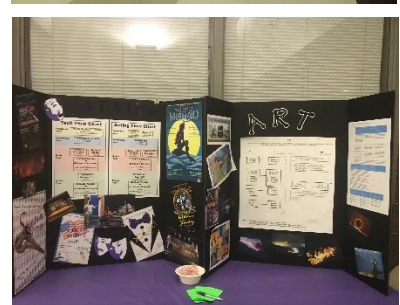
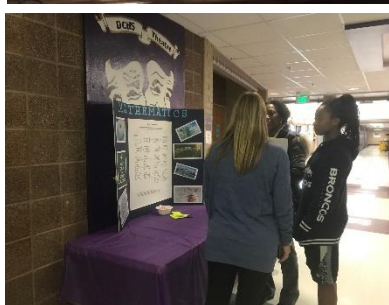
Last Tuesday, December 4th, The IB Program at Douglas County High had its annual IB Information Night. Dr. Fleet, DCHS IB Coordinator, welcomed all parents and entering freshmen and sophomores and presented an overview of the IB Program, what it really is and also talked about some of the myths surrounding the program.

The evening also had the participation of former IB students and this year IB seniors. We were able to hear from them the benefits and success they have had so far for embracing an IB Diploma.

After Dr. Fleet's presentation, the parents and students had the opportunity to enjoy refreshments, cupcakes and sweets while visiting with the IB Staff and further learn details of the IB Program's areas of study: Math, English, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, World Languages and Arts.

Each IB Teacher explain to the parents each IB area of study through a course flowchart, making it simple for the students to understand the requirements and the IB Program in general.

The IB office and the IBPO gives thanks to all the staff and IB Seniors that made this night fun and successful!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

IBO Registry for Alumni

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

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

Extended Essay and CAS

Visit the IBPO website for Extended Essay requirements and the handbook on CAS or Contact Mrs. Kimberly Clever at kim.Clever@dcsdk12.org.

Upcoming Events

- **IBPO Princeton Review SAT ACT PSAT Practice Exam IB**
2 February 2019
- **EE Auraria Library Trip**
9 February 2019
- **IBPO Pancake Breakfast AT Applebee's**
3 March 2019

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HELP WANTED!!!

The **IB Parent Organization (IBPO)** 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 www.huskieibpo.com for the date of our next meeting. If interested, contact us at huskieibpo@gmail.com

Current Open Positions

IBPO Secretary

IBPO Huskie IBPO Website Master

IBPO Member-at-Large (3)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact us at Huskieibpo@gmail.com

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2018-2019 IB CALENDAR

July

- Monday 30, Registration
- Tuesday 31 Registration

August

- Wednesday, Aug 22 Ice Cream Social – North Commons 5:30pm

September

- Thursday, Sep13 Jr. IB Induction Ceremony – Auditorium/North Commons
- Saturday, Sep 8 Princeton Review/ Practice ACT Testing

October

- Monday, Oct 8 Fall Break

November

- Thursday, Nov 8 8th Grade IB Information Meeting – North Commons

December

- Tuesday, Dec 4 8th Grade IB Information Meeting – North Commons

January

- Thursday, Jan 10 10th Grade Mandatory CAS/TOK/EE Grad Panel Meeting
- Wednesday, Jan 16 8th Grade Freshman and New Family Orientation Night (All school event)

February

- Saturday, Feb 2 Princeton Review/Practice Act Testing

March

- Sunday, Mar 3 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's
- Tuesday, Mar 12 Pie Night

April

- Tuesday, Apr 23 IB Year End Celebration – North Commons

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