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Coordinator's Corner

by Dr. Steve Fleet, DCHS IB Coordinator

What to do in IB in February...

Sophomores and Juniors: We will be taking our second annual CAS trip next October. This trip will be to Prague and Cracow. See Mr. Risner (room 110) for details

Juniors: It is time to start thinking about college applications. You are probably already experiencing the deluge of mailings and emails. Think about where (the region) you might want to go to school and what schools you might want to consider for early action/early decision. Many European schools begin accepting applications as early as June. Any work you can put into your college essays over the summer is time well spent. Good essays show schools not only what you have accomplished, but what you hope to accomplish and why that particular school is a good fit for you. Read their website including student profiles and reflections. This will let you know if the school is right for you and will give you some ideas for your essay.

It is also time to consider what teachers you want to write your recommendations. Most schools require two letters representing two different areas, generally math/science and humanities/arts. Choose a teacher who knows you well and can speak to specifics about how you work with others, face challenges and pursue learning. These do not need to be the classes where you received the highest grades. In general, teachers you have as juniors are preferred by schools as they know how you performed in upper level classes and know you better than your senior teachers will at the beginning of next year. Do not ask for more letters than are required. A good letter is time consuming to write and you need to honor your teacher's time. That is also why you should make the request this Spring so that you do not put the teacher in a time crunch where specifics might be forgotten, or they resort to a form letter.

Seniors: Start paring back your workloads so that you can focus on internal assessments and exam preparation. Make certain to attend all reviews. Do everything you can to build your vocabulary in your world language classes. This semester will go very quickly and the work you have put in up to this point will yield great results if you stay focused and do not fall prey to silly notions like senioritis. Reinforce information you have already encountered rather than cramming new information into your mind. Be confident, you are a talented group.



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IB Pancake Breakfast **Delayed !**

The Huskie IB Parent Organization of DCHS are fund-raising for IB events / programs / scholarships:

WHAT: Pancake Breakfast-all you can eat:.....\$10

T-Shirts that celebrate the IB program and its learner profile.....\$20 ((S, M, L and XL)

WHEN: **New date to be set – watch your email**

WHERE: Applebee's at 390 Allen St, Castle Rock

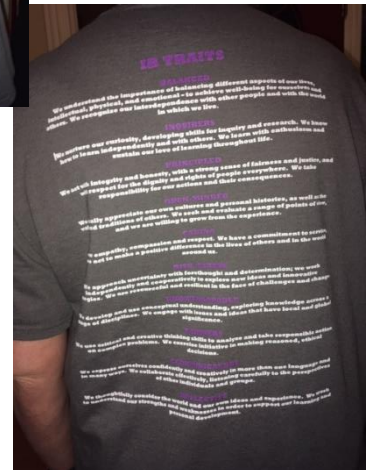
SHORT STACKS
FOR A
TALL CAUSE

Support DCHS IBPO at your neighborhood Applebees® located at 390 E Allen St., Castle Rock, CO.

Please use [this link to buy tickets and T-shirts online](https://ibpo.wufoo.com/forms/2019-dchs-ib-pancake-breakfast/) or browse to <https://ibpo.wufoo.com/forms/2019-dchs-ib-pancake-breakfast/>



as modeled here by the indefatigable Kathy Kramer.



TICKETS: \$10.00

New date to be selected

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An Ode to TOK

By: Evan Indge (Class of 2019)

Perhaps the largest effect that IB had on me was that which arose from Theory of Knowledge. As I reflect on my years of IB, what I have noticed is the world is more interconnected than I thought. Theory of Knowledge revealed this for me. The first days hinted that perhaps there was a deeper layer of understanding to all academic disciplines that connects them, and I was hooked. From independent research to Wednesday evenings where we could see applications of knowledge, I have learned a lot. I have become significantly more open minded. I recognize the importance of knowing a little bit from every discipline, even if physics is my primary major. I have had my mind changed about ideas, and I am someone who would rather have my mind changed than keep arguing even if deep down, I know I am wrong about an idea.

What I would encourage to other IB students is a little counterintuitive. However, from the time you enter the door to the moment you leave, forget everything you think you know. Listen to the ideas being presented from a critical ear. You will hear ideas that you do not initially like. However, listen with an open mind, and thoroughly try and understand the logic behind a claim. Simultaneously, play devil's advocate in class, even if you agree with an idea being presented- you may run into something you never imagined you would consider.

After class, reflect on the ideas presented. Do not take them for granted. I personally maintain that truth will withstand scrutiny. So, criticize your belief, and the new idea at hand. Even if your idea was presented, consider it from the other side as well. You can learn a lot out of Theory of Knowledge. It gives you a greater understanding of the big picture, and how ideas interact to shape our world. Question constantly, and it can be highly rewarding.



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DCHS IBDP Alumni Grad Panel



Gigi Peccolo- Class of 2011

I graduated from DCCHS in 2011 and within 3 years, I graduated from the **University of Denver**. At DCCHS, I took IB English and Spanish and pursued a major in college in Journalism as well as Spanish. I now work in corporate marketing for CSG Denver (Communications Strategy Group) in the Denver Tech Center where I write marketing content for the web, blog, create marketing collateral and work on content strategy.



Sebastian Vennard- Class of 2017

Since graduating from DCCHS in 2017, I have been working towards a Computer Science Degree at **Colorado School of Mines** specializing in data science. Mines does not accept many IB classes for credits so I did not get to skip many classes. I did gain some free hours by skipping Calculus I and II, which has potentially set me on the right track to graduate one semester early.





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Kashmiere Dotson- Class of 2014

I graduated from DCHS in 2014 after involvement in IB Council, Student Council, Art Club, Winter Percussion, Amnesty International, Speech & Debate, and various leadership and college preparation conferences. I attended **Spellman College** in Atlanta where I majored in Sociology and Comparative Women's Studies; minored in Spanish with a concentration in Film. I was able to get college credits for Psychology and English with my IB diploma. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Spelman College in 2018. I currently work as an Educational Assistant at the Douglas County Student Support Center and as a Site Coordinator for Innovation Learning. I am using these experiences to prepare for my upcoming volunteerism with Peace Corps. I was inducted into 6 honors societies, studied abroad in Brazil and the Dominican Republic, created and showcased my documentary at the Midtown Art Cinema, won Best Sociology Interdisciplinary Thesis, and worked as the first Sociology and Women's Studies peer tutor on campus.



Isabelle Heinitz- Class of 2018

During high school, I was an officer for National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society as well as the boy's soccer manager for three years. After graduation in 2018, I enrolled in **Creighton University** where I major in Nursing. I am also part of the Spanish Club and the Student Nurses Association.





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Anton Kary- Class of 2017

Since my May 2017 graduation from DCHS, I have been pursuing a Biology major with minors in Math and Chemistry at **Colorado State University Mesa**. I received 31 credits from my time in IB, which saved me a year of college. I have spent my free time volunteering for medical school and tutoring in math.



Abby Kimball- Class of 2013

After my 2013 graduation, I attended UC Boulder from 2013-16, earning a degree in Evolutionary Biology. I have worked as a researcher at Anschutz Medical Campus in the Dept of Microbiology and Immunology. I am currently interviewing at various prestigious microbiology graduate programs and I plan to begin my PhD this fall. Science blog: <https://darwinsfinch.wordpress.com>



Lukas Miller- Class of 2017

I graduated from high school in May 2017 and have been pursuing a Software Engineering degree from the **University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**. I have received an offer for an internship and plan to work for a company that works on spacecrafts.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

IBO Registry for Alumni

Sign up for IBO schools. Students can sign up themselves. If they are under 16 their parents will receive an 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 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's**
3 March 2019
- **EE Workshop at Auraria Library (Trip)**
9 March 2019



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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

- Saturday, Mar 2 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's

April

- **Thursday, Apr 25** IB Year End Celebration – North Commons
(note: new date)



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DCHS IB Diploma Program

CAS – Creativity, Activity and Service *Presenter - Kim Clever*

TOK - Theory of Knowledge *Presenter – Dr. Steven Fleet*

EE - Extended Essay *Presenter – Kelse Risner / Theresa Hemming*

Graduate Panel *Presenter – Rick Umbach*



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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:

- IB Secretary
- IB Huskie IBPO Website Master

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

We want to hear from you!

For Newsletter Comments, Suggestions, Articles please email Leo Alvarez @ huskieibpo@gmail.com

On the Cover

Our IB students after the IBPO Princeton Review SAT ACT PSAT Practice Exam IB on the 2nd February 2019