



World School

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## College Anyone?

**Attention Seniors:** You are in the final stretch, but you need to finish strong. Remember, even if you are already accepted to a school, the acceptance is contingent upon your continued success at the same level. We have seen students slack off during second semester of senior year and then have their acceptance revoked. Don't let this happen to you! Make sure you give it your best during these next few crucial months. Mrs. Geimer and Mrs. Schmidt are here to support you and see you through, but you have to make sure you are doing your part by attending EVERY CLASS EVERY DAY! Many thanks go out to parents **Linda During, Alan Gottlieb and Debi Roads along with teacher Bill Achbach** for volunteering their time to help me get out the midyear reports for all students. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Attention Juniors:** There is a mandatory meeting for all IB juniors and their parents on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the college process and what we expect all juniors to be doing. All juniors should have already scheduled an appointment with Dan Franklin, our college counselor. If you have not done so, please stop by the office next to Mrs. Schmidt and sign up ASAP! Spring break can be a great time to visit some of the colleges that you have discussed with your counselor.

All juniors will take the ACT at GW during school on Wednesday, April 25. Please do not schedule any doctors' appointments for this day. Students will register for this test during school and it is free. Many juniors will also want to sign up to take the SAT in May or June. If you missed the college information night, please be sure to pick up a handout from Mrs. Schmidt.

Prep Associates offers testing preparation classes for both the SAT and the ACT. Pick up a flyer outside of Mrs. Schmidt's office or visit their website at [www.prepassociates.com](http://www.prepassociates.com) or call them at 303.474.8072 for more information.

**Attention Sophomores:** This is the perfect time for you to be making some summer plans. If you have a chance, stop by the counseling office and ask Mrs. Schmidt or Mrs. Geimer to see the summer programs binders in Mr. Franklin's office. They are full of wonderful opportunities that may turn into a great CAS opportunity. Many of these programs have deadlines, so don't delay. Both the University of Denver and Colorado College offer fun, engaging academic programs during the summer months and many of them are free. This is a great time for you to do something fun that helps you learn more about yourself. Also, all sophomores should be receiving emails from Mrs. Schmidt. If you aren't, please let Mrs. Schmidt know ASAP by sending her an email: [amanda\\_schmidt@dpsk12.org](mailto:amanda_schmidt@dpsk12.org).

**Attention Freshmen:** All freshmen should have completed their choice of studies for next year by now. Please see Mrs. Schmidt ASAP if you have not done this. Also, Mrs. Schmidt will be coming around to seminars after spring break to collect email addresses to communicate with you for many important items. Please create a free email account at either hotmail.com, yahoo.com or gmail.com if you do not already have one. If you do have an account, consider creating a more professional account using your name as opposed to [Ih8skool@whatever.com](mailto:Ih8skool@whatever.com) so that you can use this same account for applying for jobs and colleges as you get older. Just a thought... be ready!



## From the Board

Our February IB Parents' Meeting, featuring a presentation from a number of travel experts, reminded us of how small the world actually is, and showed how exciting and accessible it is to embrace the concept of "international" as our students venture through our IB program. The meeting certainly provided a rich array of travel and

study opportunities – many parents in the room wished they had had the opportunity to travel as high school students!

**Alexis Gradishar** from Just Go Global presented an overview of what is involved when high school students study abroad, from passports to flights to accommodations to financial considerations. After we had been thoroughly informed about international travel in general, we broke into smaller groups in separate classrooms and learned about many upcoming travels. **Catherine Bedard-Bayne**, IB parent and DPS French teacher, spoke to many students and parents about her exciting trip planned for June to France and Spain; **Leslie Foster**, proprietor of Common Ground International Travel, illuminated her audience about her upcoming summer trip to Costa Rica; GW art teacher **Suzanne Hewitt** shared information regarding her summer trip to Ireland; IB's English teacher **Tom Bancroft** is taking a group of students to Italy and his plans were shared through his travel agent **Sandy Wesoky**; and **Nathan Scott**, Director of the Sage Program, enlightened interested families and students about his program in India. We know all who attended the evening meeting came away with a new understanding of how easy it is to travel and see the world!

## Don't Forget to Attend the Welcome Fest!

March usually means the beginning of spring and we are excited not only for the potential weather change, but also for the annual **8th Grade Welcome Fest**, to be held all through the school on the evening of March 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful evening, filled with exciting information and happenings! All newly-admitted 8th grade students and their families are invited to attend the fantastic evening, filled with art, dance, sports, club, and academic information/presentations, AND food! Our intention is to help 8th grade students and their families feel very welcome. We invite all interested current parents to join in the fun. Perhaps you know an 8th grader who has been accepted in to our incredible program and wish to provide more encouragement or information .... we would love to see you there! There will be many students sharing information about their extra-curricular activities, and a parents' point of view is always welcomed.

Thank you so much for attending the IB Parents' Association meetings and for supporting our parent organization as you do – we have a strong and committed group of families and we feel fortunate to be a part of such a unique blending of ideas, activities and interests. The years we share with our high school kids are so special, and we hope you are enjoying every minute!

## Get Involved!

This is the time of year when the IB Parents' Association Board must begin thinking about filling the Board positions for next year. Please take a moment to look at the list of Board positions on the last page of this *Broadcaster* and consider volunteering for one of the positions. Contact Debi Roads, 303.399.8801 or Andrea Shea, 303.722.9033, if you would like information about any of these positions.

**Debi Roads and Andrea Shea, Board Co-Presidents**

## Our Teachers Are Appreciated Thanks to Some Great Parents

In late January, **Patricia Waksman** brought in some tickets for an Avalanche game. **Mike Epke** was the lucky winner. Thanks, Patricia! In February, **Cathy Stamp** brought in Valentine treat bags for all the IB teachers. Thanks, Cathy. And also, a big thank you to **Tom Waymire** and his committee (**Julia Dady, Helen Fulton and Cathy Stamp**), who finished the submission materials for **Bill Achbach** to win the Denver Teacher Award. Mr. Achbach is well-deserving. Thanks, committee!



## Update: Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Fundraising Campaign

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation wishes to thank again the IB families, alumni and friends for their generous contributions to this year's fundraising campaign. The names of those who have contributed to the Foundation this year are published in this issue of the *Broadcaster* on page 6. We are pleased that so many alumni and alumni families have contributed to the IB Foundation this year, which greatly helps to sustain the support the Foundation is able to provide for the IB program. If we have inadvertently printed the names of any donors who wished to remain anonymous, please accept our apologies for the error. We also want to thank the Running Deer Foundation for their contribution of \$250, and the Kohn Family Foundation for their contribution of \$1,000, which have been matched by an additional \$1,250 from The Ebrahimi Family Foundation, bringing the total from the Ebrahimi Foundation challenge grant to \$13,250, for total foundation contributions of \$26,500. IB families, alumni and friends have contributed an additional \$11,720, bringing the total fundraising for the IB Foundation this year to \$38,220. If

you have not received a letter acknowledging your tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, please contact our Secretary, **Linda During**, at [imd329@juno.com](mailto:imd329@juno.com).

The IB Foundation Board will be meeting in March to review grant proposals, and we will report on the grants made by the Foundation in an issue of the *Broadcaster* later this spring. Your contributions will make a real difference in the academic and educational excellence of the IB program this year and in the years to come.

Contributions can still be made to the Foundation this year. The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your gift can be tax-deductible. You may send your contributions to **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224**. Please contact me at home, 303.759.1176, at my office, 303.539.3159, or by email at [James.Kaplan@publicans.com](mailto:James.Kaplan@publicans.com), if you have any questions about the IB Foundation, or if you have any ideas for funding or fundraising. Thank you for your continued support of the GW IB program.

**Jamie Kaplan, President**  
**Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**

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**\*\*\* INAUGURAL RECEPTION\*\*\***  
**MARCH 19, 7 - 9 P.M.**  
**IN THE GW LIBRARY**  
**JOIN AS A CHARTER MEMBER!**

**COME HEAR ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, MEET OLD FRIENDS AND TEACHERS,  
PERUSE OLD YEARBOOKS, AND HAVE FUN.**

**COFFEE AND EXCELLENT DESSERTS PROVIDED BY THREE TOMATOES CATERING.**

**OUR GOAL IS TO INSPIRE GW ALUMS, PARENTS, NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS, FACULTY,  
AND FACILITIES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

**[HTTP://GWHS.DPSK12.ORG/IB/](http://gwhs.dpsk12.org/ib/)**

**SEND DONATIONS TO ALUMS AND FRIENDS OF GW, P.O. Box 201416, DENVER CO 80220.**

**Visit on the web: <http://gwhs.dpsk12.org/ib/>**



## Volunteers Still Needed for IB Welcome Fest

Parent and student volunteers are still needed for the annual Welcome Fest, set for **Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.** at George for incoming freshmen. We are looking for IB students who are involved in extra-curricular activities and are willing to share their experiences. Free pizza will be served before the event for participating students!

We would like to hear from anyone who wants to showcase their talents, clubs, competitions, honor societies, sports, and so on. This is a great way to recruit members! If anyone has art they would like to display or a performance they would like to try out, there is also room for you. We would also welcome any students who would be willing to act as general hosts and interact with the prospective students. We also need parent volunteers to help staff the event and/or provide baked goods. Please call me at 720.748.1492 or e-mail [jnnfrcara@earthlink.net](mailto:jnnfrcara@earthlink.net) to volunteer.

**Jennifer Ostrom**



## Speech and Debate Team Travels to California for Invitational

Seven members of GW's speech and debate team recently traveled to the 2007 Berkeley Invitational tournament for three days of competition with more than 1,000 students from schools across the country. **Granger Atkeson** and **Ryan Stroud** competed in Congress; **Alex McClary** made his circuit tournament debut in Lincoln-Douglas debate. The policy debate (CX) team of **Aaron Bernhardt** and **Zafar Moosajee** completed eight rounds of debate; **Jordan Bernhardt** and **Gabe Stein** went nine rounds, finishing in the top 35 of 208 teams.

Next up for speech and debate: The state qualifying tournament followed by the statewide competition in March, and the national qualifying meet in April that determines who attends the national competition in June.

## 007-Themed Senior Brunch Set for May 6

Mark your calendars and comb your photo albums! Difficult as it is to imagine, IB Seniors will be graduating in only a few months. And Senior Brunch is the one opportunity for IB seniors and their families to get together and celebrate their years at GW in grand style. Be sure to mark your calendars and don't miss this memorable event. Your senior should have received a black and white bookmark in the shape of the James Bond tuxedo bowtie that highlights the date and time, **May 6 at 11:00 a.m.**, for the senior brunch. In addition, we need a baby picture, senior picture, and GW memory photo by March 12. E-mail scanned photos to [wayneL44@hotmail.com](mailto:wayneL44@hotmail.com) or place photographs in the basket in Ms. Schmidt's office.



## 35 GW Students to Participate in National History Day Competition

For the past eight years, GW's National History Day students have earned over 90 local, state, and national awards for academic excellence. We will continue our tradition of academic achievement when 35 of our GW Patriots represent our school at Denver Public Schools National History Day competition at Hamilton Middle School on **March 17**. Our freshmen, sophomore, and junior student entries include research papers, individual and group exhibits, individual documentaries, and an individual performance. The competition is open to the public, with the awards ceremony in the afternoon. The top four finishers in each category will move on to the Colorado History Day Competition on **April 28**. The top two finishers will qualify for the National History Day Competition at the University of Maryland **June 9-14**. Thank you, parents!

**Bonnie Guggenheim**





## Mock Trial Team Victorious Once Again!

On February 9-10, GW's Mock Trial team won the regional competition and will be representing our region at the State Level Mock Trial Competition once again. The State Tournament was Friday/Saturday, March 2/3 in Commerce City. Two years ago, the team also won the regionals.

Participants are **Zander Loudon, Connor Phillips, Tory Reiss, Sarah Zapiler, Elie Reiss, Aala Abdelgadir, Alex Bates, Rebecca Barach, Brenton Weyi, Brent Gaisford, Marshae Palmer, Donte Reynolds, Brinton Mitchell, Brian Trubowitz and Peter Wright.** Dennis Kaw and Linsey Rothrock serve as Attorney Coaches. Thanks to Barbara Gale-Martinez, Teacher Coach!

### More Freshmen and Sophomores Needed

The team is looking for a few good freshmen and sophomores, since most of the current team members are juniors.

## Parents Needed for Freshman Orientation

Freshmen Orientation is **May 8 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are able to drop off cookies or help answer questions for new parents, please contact Jan Sharoff at 303.331.0258.



## Help the Lacrosse Team and Enjoy a Meal on March 10

The GW Lacrosse team is having a fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse, 2066 S. Abilene Street in Aurora, on **March 10 at noon.** The restaurant has agreed to give 66% of the proceeds back to the team. If you are interested in helping out the Lacrosse team, please e-mail Coach Ike at [coachike@msn.com](mailto:coachike@msn.com) or Deb Roads at [dardenver@aol.com](mailto:dardenver@aol.com).

# Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Donors 2006-2007

## **\$13,250 Challenge Matching Gift**

The Ebrahimi Family Foundation (with an additional \$1,750 still available in matching funds)

## **\$10,000**

Anonymous Donor through The Denver Foundation

## **\$2,000**

The Grace R. and Alan D. Marcus Foundation

## **\$1,000 to \$1,999**

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# IB Parent Association Calendar 2007



- ◆ The Parent Association Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month (exceptions listed below)
- ◆ Parent meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (exceptions listed below)

## March

- 6 Board Meeting in Room 128
- 19 Alums and Friends Reception at GW
- 20 IB Welcome Fest for incoming Freshmen: **All students and parents are encouraged to attend and help answer their many questions!**

## April

- 3 Board Meeting in Room 128
- 10 Mandatory Juniors and Parents meeting -Community Room 7-9 p.m. **Seniors and anyone else interested can hear IB parent Anne Snead speak about preparing to let go of your college-bound high school senior. This should be a light-hearted, humorous and helpful presentation for parents and students alike. Light snacks and beverages — and tissues — will be provided.**
- 27 CAS Service Day

## May

- 6 IB Senior Brunch



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