



October Parent Meeting

Potential Pitfalls and Temptations: How to Help Our Students Avoid Being in the Wrong Place at the Wrong Time

IB students are bright, competent, clever and intelligent, right? Hard working, ambitious, dedicated high schoolers abound in GW's IB Program, and we know they love learning, enjoy feeling independent, and thrive in challenging situations.

Yet, life isn't always smooth sailing, and even our students face dilemmas at times. Come to the **October 9th IB Parents Association Meeting** in the **GW Community Room, 7:00pm-8: 30pm** for an informative, eye-opening and important evening featuring a panel discussion with Judge **Dana Wakefield**, attorney **Pam Wakefield**, and psychologist **Jill Miller** and go home with many new ideas and levels of awareness regarding our children's lives. With their combined experiences, these panelists will provide much to think about.

We hope to see you there!

IB EXAM FEES DUE October 12
Details on Page 6 (Director's Corner)

Thank you!

A very big thank you to Picnic Co-Chairs **Terry Brandl** and **Jan Sharoff** (and a nod to Mother Nature, as well) for organizing and hosting the **August IB Family and Faculty Get-Acquainted Picnic**. The food was fabulous, the company fantastic, and the evening filled with interesting conversations and discoveries! Thanks to everyone for bringing so many delicious salads, desserts, and drinks.



IB Family and Faculty Picnic

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Thank you also to Sophomores **Grace Kohn**, **Sade Moye Johnson**, **Gabe Rusk**, **Olivia Edwards**, and **Skyler Gallun** for graciously giving up an evening of homework to participate in the **Sophomore Panel at the IB Parents Meeting held September 11**. The five students did a great job sharing with IB Freshmen and parents their experiences and impressions of their first year in IB and at George! And thanks to **Suzanne Geimer**, who provided information about life in the IB program, and to **Dan Franklin**, IB Counselor, who gave upperclassmen and their parents the "low down" on the college application process.

You all help make GW's IB Program strong!



From the Board

For students, parents, staff, and our entire IB community, the new school year has taken off with great energy – from social events to academics to plans for college and the future. Our **Get-Acquainted Picnic** was followed by the first, very informative **Parents Association** meeting of the year. This meeting proved to be a very popular event, with over 100 parents and students in attendance. And as you will see on Page 1 in this *Broadcaster*, **our next Parent Meeting is scheduled for October 9—sure to be another great, informative evening.**

Many of you have already sent in the volunteer opportunity and voluntary dues forms that were enclosed with the previous issue of the *Broadcaster*. **We always welcome more assistance and financing**, so, if you’ve not yet turned in these forms, please know that we are always happy to accept them. If you’ve misplaced your forms, please feel free to join a committee by calling or e-mailing one of the committee chairs listed on the Board of Directors page.

You may also mail your voluntary dues (make checks payable to “**IB Parent Group**”) directly to IB Parents Association Treasurer **Janice Kemp Thomas** at **1634 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224**. She’ll make certain to give you credit – dues form or no dues form – for a regular membership of \$25.00 per student or a special membership at a higher level. Contributors at the three highest levels will be acknowledged by name in next month’s newsletter (unless you request anonymity on your dues form). IB Parents Association dues enable the Association to fund IB publications such as this one, as well as fund programs for our students, teachers, and the entire GW High School community.

We look forward to seeing you at the October 9th meeting and to hearing from you always.

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

P.S. We are seeking parents to fill the **Co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Freshman Orientation Co-Chairs** board positions. Please contact Debi or Andrea if you would like to hear more about what the positions entail. You will find contact information for us, and for all IB Board members, on the last page of the *Broadcaster*. Thank you!

Hot Off the Presses: IB Student Directory

Copies of the **2007-2008 IB Student Directory** will be available at the IB Parents Association Meeting on October 9th at a cost of \$2.00. Each IB student receives one complimentary copy of the Directory, but parents may want their own copies for reference. In addition to the student listings, the Directory includes the names and phone numbers of IB faculty and school counselors, as well as the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the IB Parents Association Board members. If you have questions, please contact Student Directory Chair **Laura Whalen, 303-300-4399, whale.mail@comcast.net**.



Volunteers do not necessarily
have the time,
they just have the heart.

- Elizabeth Andrew

People You Should Know

Students school-wide know where to find the room with the comfy couches, but it is Ms. Whitty who makes the room complete.



Leslie Whitty

As both a former student and current teacher at GW,

Ms. Whitty is an integral member of the George community. She is in her sixteenth year teaching at GW, and has taught for twenty-one years overall. Ms. Whitty teaches philosophy, Theory of Knowledge, and American history, a load that undoubtedly keeps her busy but is a mixture that she enjoys.

Despite Ms. Whitty's extensive tenure at GW, she didn't always have plans to teach. After passing her 10th grade English class (taught by Mrs. Geimer) and graduating, she faced a wide array of opportunities. She felt certain that she wanted to study history after a trip to Europe, but had no intention of becoming a teacher. Happily for her students, this history major was drawn to teaching as a practical way to use her knowledge. After five years at North High School, Ms. Whitty transferred to GW IB.

Now Ms. Whitty cannot imagine working anywhere else. Her favorite part of teaching IB students is that they are simply really nice people. "IB students care about each other and are willing to help each other out. I also love that I'm able to have intelligent conversations with students – sometimes I even forget they're not adults," she laughs. Although they may seem like adults, Ms. Whitty still has expectations for her students. "I hope that they will do their best, discover the joy of learning, and keep positive attitudes," she says. Ms. Whitty's best memory of IB so far is being kidnapped from her TOK class in a demonstration gone awry. What fun!

Ms. Whitty keeps just as busy in her free time as in school. She loves to cook Italian dinners for her friends (most of whom she's known since high school), work in the garden, read, watch the Broncos, and travel. Ms. Whitty hopes to travel around the world to China, New Zealand, Italy, and many more exciting places. She also has a few daring goals. If given the opportunity, Ms. Whitty would like to jump out of an airplane or drive a tank down the highway.

Ms. Whitty brings her love of work and fun to the classroom each day. She describes her classes as "a good kind of chaotic" with lots of interaction among students. Speaking from daily classroom experience, she wants parents to "appreciate what wonderful children you have," and students to appreciate their parents' support.

We appreciate you, Ms. Whitty, and look forward to another great year!

- **Caitlin Opperman**

The IB Broadcaster is thrilled to note that Caitlin Opperman, senior and IB student reporter, will be writing the "People You Should Know" article each month featuring an IB teacher or staff member. Please congratulate Caitlin on her outstanding contribution to this publication. If you know any other student who is interested in writing or taking photographs for the IB Broadcaster, please contact the editors, Joanne Irons or Barbara Tung. Good work, Caitlin!



Needed: Parent Volunteers, and Books, for IB Art Classes

Anna Wadsworth, our new IB art teacher, is seeking a **parent volunteer** to help arrange field trips. The job requires making phone calls to gather information, finding parents who will drive students, and going along as one of the chaperones (usually with free admission to outstanding exhibits and events).

Art classes also need the following **castoffs**:

- ❖ small tins that once held candies or cough drops
- ❖ corrugated sleeves used on paper coffee cups
- ❖ books (art books, yes; but also but also hardback books of any sort that can be used in the making of "altered books," an art form that transforms outdated books through the use of collage and other techniques)
- ❖ playing cards (do not have to be complete decks)

Thank you!

IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER



On September 11 Mr. Franklin met with all Juniors during class time to hand out and review the Junior Checklist of recommended college-related activities for this year. Ask your Junior to share it with you. If the handout has gone missing, you can find it in the Future Center, Room 128. Mr. Franklin will be available to meet individually with Juniors beginning in November. Juniors initiate these appointments by signing themselves up for a time in the appointment binder located in the Future Center.

Seniors and their parents received extensive information about the last stages of the college application process from Mr. Franklin at the Parent Association meeting on September 11. If you missed this opportunity, please look for the handout in the Future Center. Mr. Franklin remains available to Seniors for consultation on their college lists and other aspects of their applications. He will also respond to e-mails from students sent to collegehelpguy@yahoo.com; please put "GWIB" in the subject line.

Mr. Blackwell and the Future Center offer exciting new college planning resources for the entire school, including scholarship/funding information. All students are encouraged to create a profile on the Denver Scholarship/Future Centers web site. Go to www.denverscholarship.org and click on "Member Login to create an account if you have not already done so. Then click on "Students," "Future Centers," "George Washington HS," and "GWHS home page." Explore!

With respect to all testing and application deadlines, there is one universal rule: **Earlier is better.** Early submissions have a smoother path through our GWIB system and receive a better reading by college admissions officers. The closer we get to deadlines, the more stressful the process becomes for everyone and the greater the risk that some detail will go awry. Remember last winter's holiday blizzard?

Seniors should arrange to complete all required standardized testing ASAP. Please familiarize yourselves with what your selected colleges require and schedule accordingly. Details and online registration are available at www.act.org (ACT) and www.collegeboard.com (SAT). Juniors should consider what tests they might take in the Spring.

Test	2007-2008 Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late (additional fee) Registration
SAT & Subject Tests	October 6	Past	Past
ACT	Oct. 27	Past	Oct. 5
SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 1	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
ACT	Dec. 8	Nov. 2	Nov. 15
SAT & Subject Tests	Jan. 26	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
ACT	Feb. 9	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
SAT only	Mar. 1	Jan. 29	Feb. 7
ACT	Apr. 12	Mar. 7	Mar. 21
SAT & Subject Tests	May 3	Apr. 1	Apr. 10
SAT & Subject Tests	June 7	May 6	May 15
ACT	June 14	May 9	May 23

October is the busiest month for college admissions representative visits. Look for visit calendars on bulletin boards outside the Future Center and on the second floor. Or go to the GWHS home page on the Denver Scholarship site and click on "Calendar." Parents, remind your students that they must get passes ahead of time, to avoid unexcused absences. Before each visit a student should get a pass from Mr. Blackwell in the Future Center, fill it out and give it to him to sign, and then show it to the relevant teacher to REQUEST PERMISSION to attend the session. Students should be judicious in the number of sessions they attend, as they will not be excused from completing class work. Teachers expect that students will not miss the same class more than twice (with a few rare exceptions).

SENIORS! 2008 Graduation Ceremonies are scheduled for **Sunday, May 25**

October 9, Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 AM: GWHS will host an **In State College Fair**. Evening sessions of this fair are offered at several metro area schools (www.coloradocouncil.org).

October 10, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Monarch High School, Louisville, and **October 11**, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, J. F. Kennedy High School, Denver: **Out of State College Fairs** (www.collegefairsdenver.org)

October 13, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Cherry Creek High School: **Cherry Creek College Fair** (In- and Out-of-State, www.collegefairsdenver.org). This is the largest of the college fairs, with many schools represented and a wide variety of workshops and information sessions for students and parents. Juniors and even Sophomores can benefit from attending.

October 20, Saturday AM. All **Juniors** are urged to take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) at GW. In addition to being good practice for the SAT, it is the only way a current Junior can become eligible for National Merit recognition as a Senior. Registration is through the school, not online. Alternatively the test is offered on Wednesday, October 17, but not at GW. Complete information was given at school.

Week of October 22: If you are planning college visits this fall, please schedule them during this week. Since school is not in session October 24 – 26, faculty will assume that **Seniors** will be using the week for final **extended essay revisions and college visits**. If you can confine your travels to the end of the week, please do so.

October 15 – 31: Please plan to get **Early Decision and Early Action application packets to Mrs. Geimer** two weeks before each college's EA/ED deadline.

November 1 – 15: Deadline for **Early Decision and Early Action** at many colleges. Check your selected schools' timelines and requirements carefully.

November 26: Deadline for getting **Regular Application Packets to Mrs. Geimer**. Each Senior should turn in a folder with the list of schools being applied to on the front. The folder should contain a *correctly addressed* envelope and a completed half sheet for every college on the list, plus stamps. If any of the schools require supplemental school reports, please include those forms in the packet and make a note on the half sheet under "Special Instructions."

December 22 – January 7: Winter break, meaning no one will be available to process late materials. **PLAN AHEAD!**

January 1: Deadline for **Regular Applications** at many colleges. Again, check your selected schools' requirements carefully.

Mid-January on: Prepare your 2007 tax return ASAP, and then complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA; www.fafsa.ed.gov). Some colleges also require the CSS Profile and/or their own additional applications (some with December deadlines).

April 23: State-mandated **ACT** testing for all **Juniors**. The school arranges registration and fees, and the test is administered during the school day. Note: this version of the ACT does not include the optional Writing Test.

- **Linda During, College Counseling Chair**

Internships Available at

THE LOWRY NEWS

Can be used for CAS hours

Job Description:

- Cropping/Sizing Pictures using Photoshop
- Taking pictures for articles
- "Man" on the street articles
- Events and calendar pages
- Other articles possible
- Great opportunity to build a portfolio
- Some experience preferable, but quick learners will learn how to use InDesign and Photoshop, and how a community paper is put together

For an interview, contact **Joyce Evans** at: JEvans@LowryNews.com, or phone 303-341-6050
www.LowryNews.com

Articles or photos for the *Broadcaster*? **Next deadline is October 15**. We welcome your submittals! - Editors

Director's Corner



Suzanne Geimer

Here are details on some important IB events during October:

Parent Conferences will be held during the evenings of October 22 and October 23 by **appointment only**. I will be calling parents to set group appointments during 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on those nights, with the hours of 4:00-4:40 and 7:20-

8:00 for individual teachers to set their own conferences. We ask IB parents to request a conference **ONLY** if your student is earning a C or lower in a particular class. Time does not permit us to see every parent.

IB Exam fee letters were sent in early September to every student who may test. Students will register for their exams by computer in the IB Office from **October 15 through 23**. **Fees are due October 12, and students pay me directly.**

- Juniors taking 1 exam - \$220
- Juniors taking 2 exams - \$305
- Seniors taking all 6 exams in one session - \$645
- Seniors taking 5 exams - \$560
- Seniors taking 4 exams - \$475

College Applications – Early decision applications are due in the IB office November 1. All other college applications are due November 26, with addressed envelopes and stamps.

PSAT is October 20. Students register by paying Mr. Achbach or the treasurer starting the last week in September. PSAT cost is \$79.

Suzanne Geimer, IB Program Director
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Our National Merit, National Achievement Scholar Semi-finalists

Congratulations to National Merit semi-finalists **Thomas Gaisford, Marina Kucic, Amelia Powell, Matea Wasend**, and National Achievement Scholar Semi-finalist **Brenton Weyi**. Approximately 16,000 students who take the PSAT are offered the opportunity to continue in the scholarship competition to qualify for the 8,200 scholarship awards to be offered next spring. **GW has more qualifiers than all Denver Public Schools combined!**

Alumni News & Notes



Eric Lofgren

Congratulations to **Eric Lofgren** (Class of 2002), currently a PhD candidate in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina (UNC), who has two recent scientific publications and was a featured guest on National Public Radio's "Science Friday" program. Eric's first publication, "Influenza Seasonality: Underlying Causes and Modeling Theories," appears in the

Journal of Virology (June 2007, Vol. 81, No. 11). The second, "The untapped potential of virtual game worlds to shed light on real world epidemics," presents a computer game model of a viral epidemic and appears in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* (September 2007, Vol. 7, No. 9). It was this publication that resulted in Eric's invitation to speak on Science Friday. (Learn more about Eric's spot at http://www.sciencefriday.com/pages/2007/Aug/hour2_0831_07.html). After graduating from GW IB, Eric attended Tufts University in Boston before enrolling at UNC. His brother, Patrick, is currently an IB sophomore at GW. His sister, Kate, was an IB diplomat in 2005 and currently attends Smith College.



Hello everyone...You may or may not remember me, but I remember all of you...I graduated from CU in May (a year early thanks to the credit I earned for doing the IB Program), and now I'm a Corps Member in Teach For America... I am currently teaching 1st grade math and science in Houston...And my hat comes off to all of you; never before did I realize how much work teachers put in...Thank you for putting in all of your hard work...for educating me, and inspiring me to pursue education for the rest of my life...I would not have had the opportunity to learn as much as I have if it were not for you.

- David Lassiter, GW IB Class of 2004

Hello my beloved high school teachers! I hope all is well at GW (in the heat of the unair-conditioned school). I have been at the University of Evansville (UE) for about three weeks now and I am having such an amazing college experience...IB has prepared me so well for college. I honestly can't express how happy I am that I went through it. I am excellent at time management, my writing is great, and I am very inclined to doing community service and participating in every activity I can...Thank you for everything you all have taught me. I appreciate everything you have done.

- Lissa Brandl, GW IB Class of 2007

The *IB Broadcaster* welcomes your Alumni news, notes, and photos.



George Drama Update

The **George Drama Club** will put on three shows this year (instead of four, as in years past) to allow shows (with the exception of the musical) to run for two consecutive weekends. This will give families more opportunities to attend and provide students with more chances to showcase all of their hard work. This year, families will have the ability to purchase tickets for performances on-line as well as at the door.

Students and **Ms. O'Clair** are planning a trip to New York over spring break (March 22-26, 2008) to take advantage of Ms. O'Clair's extensive drama connections. Students will see shows, attend drama workshops, talk with drama professionals, and tour NYU and other attractions. Interested students will plan separate fundraising activities to help offset the cost of the trip. Continue to check out George's Drama website to get up-to-date info on all Drama happenings: <http://www.georgedrama.com/>

IB Drama Club officers for 2007-2008 are: **Amelia Powell**, President; **Kevin Fulton**, VP; and Members at Large, **Lauren Gross** and **Sofia Prado-Irwin**. IB Thespian Board members include **Alie Brandl**, **Skyler Gallun**, and **Eric Morrison**.

2007-2008 Main Stage Performances:

Show	Audition Dates	Performance Dates
Macbeth (gender reversed)	Sept. 10-14, 2007	Nov. 8-10 and 16-17, 2007
Musical: Once on This Island , a Jamaican Legend	Dec. 3-6, 2007	Feb. 27-March 1, 2008
War of the Worlds , a radio play	March 5-7, 2008	April 24-26, 2008 and May 2-3, 2008

IB students on the Macbeth production are:

Macbeth Cast List:

Gabrielle Biscaye, Alie Brandl, Jared Downing, Kevin Fulton, Marine Jardonnet, Emilie Josephs, Amie Kashon, Peter Lewis, Robin Monks, Amelia Powell, Taylor Webster, Sarah Zapiler

Macbeth Crew List:

Aala Abdelgadir, Christine Anderson, Sam Clark, Meghan Conner, Christina Crisswell, Z Dahlberg, Alix Efaw, Skyler Gallun, Teleri Gee, Lauren Gross, Elanor Powell, Emily Probst, Lindsey Reed, Eric Roads, Marjie Ruby, Michael Skeen, Nate Skeen, Kalyng Tung, Randy Waymire, Maddie Wolberg

<http://gwhs.dpsk12.org/ib/>

Committee News You Can Use

IB Ambassadors -- Our committee is responsible for attending the high school choice programs held at various public and private middle schools and generally promoting the IB Program. We would love to have parent help "bragging" about our wonderful Program, kids, faculty, curriculum, and school. The IB Ambassadors is a small group of parents who are dedicated to enlightening others about GW's IB Program, who enjoy meeting parents from many middle schools, and who feel strongly about reaching out to different groups of students in order to build a diverse IB Program at George. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please contact us! Thank you!

IB Ambassadors Committee Co-Chairs
Terry Brandl and Andrea Shea

Teacher Appreciation -- First, thank you to the families who signed up at the Sept. 11 IBPA meeting to help with Teacher Appreciation this year! Our IB teachers, counselors, and staff go far above and beyond the call of duty on our kids' behalf. We want to make sure they know how much we appreciate the time, energy, and talent they give our kids every day. This is a fun way to get involved!

Our first Teacher Appreciation event is being planned by the **new Patriot Parent Volunteer Office**. We will provide a **fabulous salad bar** for the teachers and staff for the first **Report Card Pickup Night on Thursday, October 4**. Food will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 pm as teachers will need to be in their rooms from 5-8 pm. One parent has secured a donation for the basic salad ingredients, and we need volunteers to prepare various salad toppings, seasonal fruit platters, and desserts. We also need paper products and cases of bottled water. Cash is welcome and will be used to pay for supplemental items that are not donated. You may drop off items all day in the Patriot Parent Volunteer Office, next to the main office.

We are planning on **four major Teacher Appreciation events this year**, mostly coinciding with grading periods, the ever-stressful CSAP testing, and perhaps a year-end event. We'd like to have the events planned by the end of October so that we can inform our Teacher Appreciation volunteers, and so parents can mark their calendars and plan ahead for which events they'd like help with.

Thanks in advance to everyone who would like to contribute. If you are already signed up, we will contact you. If you want to get involved, email the Patriot Parent Volunteer Office at gwparents@gmail.com or [Rita Gibson, rgibson57@earthlink.net](mailto:Rita.Gibson,rgibson57@earthlink.net).

Teacher Appreciation Committee Co-Chairs
Amy Efaw, Rita Gibson, and Helen Atkeson

IB Fall Sports Report

Good luck to our GW IB Athletes, who are participating this year in eight sports! If any names were inadvertently omitted, please inform the *IB Broadcaster* editors for inclusion in future Sports Reports.



Cross Country

Hannah Adler, Ashley Ajayi, Alexandra Bates, Matt Bell, Stephen Brizie, Tatiana Cary, Samuel Clark, Jane Culkin, Brittany Fernandes, Joanna Foote, Skyler Gallun, Cary Golterman, Teresa Hillsten, Isabela Hoyt, Austen Ishii, Anders Jeffery, Amelia Kucic, Patrick Lofgren, Leorah McGinnis, Kelsey Meyer, Grace Michaels, Natalie Millar, Gabriel Neslin, Caitlin Opperman, Connor Phillips, Emmily Pierce, Madeleine Pluss, Elanor

Powell, Conrad Quade, Kathleen Shea, Connor Slagle, Christine Stewart, Ryan Stroud, Hana Toribara, Kalyn Tung, Donte Turner, Matea Wasend, Evan Webber, William Witwer, Sarah Wolberg



Football

Joseph Arora, Simon Monley, Augustus Ogu, Levi Peterson, Scott Sigman



Girls' Softball

Gabriela Biscay, Meghan Connors, Lauren Flynn, Laura Gabriel, Jillian Geib, Kelsey Gerlits, Lauren Josephs, Nicole McLaughlin, Michelle Peck, Ella Peterson, Sofia Prado-Irwin, Stephanie Satler



Golf

Sean Carlson, Paul Kolesnikov, Martin Leece, Eric Lutomski, Mickey Moulder, David Nowick, Andrew Sanford, Ross Smedley, Ralph Stage, Jamie Tran, Daniel Tuchler, Zachary Wehner



Gymnastics

Abigail Bowen, Olivia Edwards, Callie Hitchcock, Cam Nguyen, Jordyn Sample-Reif, Erika Tiemeier, Rachel Wilson, Rachel Yahn



Soccer

Joseph Arora, Andre Biscaye, Kevin Black, Benjamin Breyfogle, Joseph Chehour, Elliott Collins, Alexander Cossoff, Alexander Ghincea, Christian Ghincea, Dakota Gonring, Simon Hall, Matthew Keller, Shinji Kikuchi, Nikolas Makela, Simon Monley, Nickolas Nelson, Augustus Ogu, Pablo Pantoja-Quinones, Alexander Port, Colin Shepherd, Kyle Smith, Devon Stork, Matthew Symonds, Amel Topic, Fernando Torres, Lemuel

Vesselovskii, Randall Waymire, Matthew Webb, Connor Williams, Peter Witwer, Jason Yin



Tennis

Henry Biermann, Joshua Carson, James Downing, Thomas Gaisford, Mitchell Goudy, Nicholas Hailey, Theodore Hoff, Randall Hurst, Adrian Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Dexter Kemp, Alexander Loudon, Christopher Lowe, Parker Martin, Erik Morrison, Gabriel Rusk, Michael Skeen, Nathan Skeen, Bryan Sullivan, James Sze, Calvin Ward, Zachary Wehner, Peter Wright, Jackson Zeiler, Thomas Zeiler



Volleyball

Sarah Audino, Rebecca Barach, Amelia Bowman, Alissa Chesis, Christina Criswell, Alyssa Cudiamat, Hannah Fisher, Teleri Gee, Schuyler Gibson, Kalah Haley, Makeedra Hayes, Leigh Howard, Justice Kelley, Marina Kucic, Desiray Malone, Sitara Lian, Sophia Moore, Elizabeth Nicholson, Olivia Nicholson, Allison

Ortega, Morgan Padilla, Emily Probst, Aida Rogonich, Marjorie Ruby, Maria Sekyi, Camille Shortridge, Julia Sigman, Cara Stamp, Ashley Talebi, Haley Watton

Creativity, Action, and Service Program Planning Well Underway for Fall 2007

We have been busy planning events for the upcoming year. For those of you new to IB, CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service) activities are an essential requirement that must be completed to receive the IB Diploma. CAS is "...designed to involve students in new roles. The emphasis is on learning by doing real tasks with real consequences, then reflecting on these experiences over time." (IBO)

The International Baccalaureate Program places great emphasis on the CAS requirements, frequently audits the CAS activities, and expects all IB programs to comply with the intent and the letter of the requirements. Last year's CAS Board did an outstanding job of working with the IB office and the students to coordinate the efforts and to make sure that GW IB continues to fulfill the CAS requirements in ways that are meaningful to the students and that meet the IBO guidelines.

The activities planned for this fall include:

The Creativity Fair, Friday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 am (Location: GW Gym)

The Creativity requirement is often a difficult one for students who are not in drama or dance. The IBO is very specific that the creative activities students engage in should be group activities, and especially in new roles wherever possible. Nevertheless, individual commitments to learning an art form are allowed, when the student sets goals and reflects on progress. Therefore, passive activities, such as going to museums and films, or individual activities, such as writing poetry or learning to play guitar, do not usually count unless the student engages an adult sponsor (NOT a family member), sets goals for learning, and the learning culminates in an activity (a recital, a performance, etc.).

The Creativity Fair is designed to expose sophomores and juniors to the wide range of possible artistic and creative programs that can be used to fulfill the "creativity" requirement of the IB diploma. The presenters at the fair range from businesses offering classes (music, dance, cake decorating, flower arranging, landscaping, etc.) to artists in the community where your student can join others who share his/her passion (e.g., Weaver's Guild, Glass Artist's Fellowship and the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum), to opportunities for student to travel abroad over the summer, to demonstrations spotlighting how they use Creativity in their professions (such as Epicurean Catering.) There will also be representatives from GW clubs and activities, such as drama, and speech and debate team.

We will print a list of all participating groups and their contact information in the November Broadcaster. We encourage you to consider some of these activities for your

students, not only as a way to stimulate their creative thinking, but also as a way to thank these participants for giving their time and resources to our students. Parents are welcome to attend the fair as well, but remember to check in with the office first and get a visitor's badge!

A **BIG** thank you to **Lee Ann Huntington (chair)**, and **Jennifer Hulac, Mary Kohn and Carolyn Faselt** for all their help arranging for vendors and presenters. Several parents have agreed to help set up, work and take down the event on October 19th. If you are interested, please contact Gail Sigman.

Junior Writing Workshop, Friday, November 1, 2007

Another requirement of the CAS program is that each student submit one reflective essay per area (C, A and S). The essays are a way to reflect awareness of self-discovery, growth and application of this knowledge. These essays answers questions such as, "How are you different as a result of these experiences?", "What have you learned about yourself?" and/or "How did participation in these activities change how you think and behave?" The juniors will receive instruction on how to write this type of essay, and will be required to have one completed by May 2008.

Senior Check Up Day, November 2007

In order to meet the CAS requirements for the IB diploma, Seniors must have completed 150 total hours of appropriate activities; (50 hours in each category Creativity, Action and Service) and have written three (3) reflective essays to be included in a portfolio for review at an interview. Almost every junior turned in one essay and sheets reflecting 75 hours last May. We were very impressed with the caliber of their work. Essays and forms were returned to students with comments just after school began. Seniors will need to turn in their second essay and sheets reflecting an additional 50 hours. They will be notified when and where they need to turn in their work. The entire portfolio is due in early March.

If you are interested in volunteering for various CAS activities, there are multiple opportunities. These opportunities range from helping supply food at get-togethers to on-going volunteer work in one or more of the group's sub-committees

For more information on the Board, its activities, or to volunteer your time and talents to this great initiative, please contact either **Toni Latcham** or **Gail Sigman** via the contact information listed below.

**CAS Committee Co-Chairs
Toni Latcham and Gail Sigman**

Interpreting IB's Weighted Grades

With the distribution of the first 6-week report cards, IB students and parents (especially in the freshman class) should familiarize themselves with the "weighted" grading system. High school students enrolled in more challenging courses – including IB – receive more points on their transcripts than do students in regular courses for the same grade earned.

Weighted grade point averages and class rankings at GW are calculated based upon AP/X/PIB and IB courses. All pre-IB and IB courses are weighted with the exception of IB PE, IB seminar, and any assistantship. Also, please be aware that the grading scale (i.e., 90-100 = "A") is an individual teacher's decision and not a program- or school-wide policy. Each faculty member has the discretion to set the grading standard in his/her own class(es).

AP/X/PIB/IB Classes	Regular Classes
A=5.2 points	A=4 points
B=3.9 points	B=3 points
C=2.6 points	C=2 points
D=1.3 points	D=1 point
F=0 points	F=0 points



Mark Your Calendar for these Important Dates

IB Broadcaster editors receive and report Calendar information from GWHS administration (for school-wide events) and the IB Office/IB Board of Directors Committee Chairs (for IB-specific events). The editors are unable to answer Calendar inquiries. For questions about specific events, please contact the appropriate party directly (GWHS, IB Office, or IB Committee Chair). Contact information is located on the last page. Thank you!

Date	Event	Time	Location
October 1	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
October 4	Report Card Pick-up Night	5-8 pm	Classrooms
October 5	Student photo re-takes	All Day	Community Room
October 6	SAT Test	7am-1pm	2nd Floor, E Wing
October 9	IB Parents Association Meeting	7-8:30 pm	Community Room/Aud
October 9	College Fair	7:30-11am	Gyms
October 12	IB Exam Fees due to Ms. Geimer		IB Office
October 12	Homecoming Pep Rally	TBA	Gyms
October 13	Homecoming Game vs. North	12 noon	TBA
October 13	Homecoming Dance	8-11 pm	Gyms
October 15	CSC Meeting	6-8 pm	Community Room
October 15-23	IB Exam Registration		IB Office
October 17	PTSA Meeting	6:30-7:30 pm	Community Room
October 19	IB Creativity Fair	7 am - 12 noon	Gyms
October 20	PSAT		
October 22-23	Parent Teacher Conference Week		
October 24-26	Fall Break, No School		
November 1	Early Decision College Applications due		IB Office
November 1	Junior Writing Workshop (CAS)		
November 2	2nd Grading Period Ends		
November 3	SAT Test	7am-1pm	2nd Floor, E Wing
November 26	All Other College Applications due		
May 25	Graduation Day (Plan ahead!)		

Friends of IB Scholars Foundation Fall Fundraising Campaign



IB families should already have received, or will soon be receiving, this year's fall fundraising campaign letter from the **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**. Thanks to the generosity of IB families, alumni, alumni families, and other charitable foundations during last year's fundraising campaign, the IB Foundation was able to fund almost **\$40,000 in grants for the IB program**, many of which are benefiting the IB program this year, including:

- ✓ Our IB college counselor, **Dan Franklin**
- ✓ the summer enrichment program held this past summer for this year's freshman IB class
- ✓ The summer class for this year's juniors and seniors, emphasizing skills for IB English
- ✓ Data collection equipment, analytical balances, chemical sensors, orbital models and test kits for IB chemistry classes
- ✓ Dissection kits for IB biology classes; books and curriculum materials for IB French and biology classes
- ✓ Support for IB students and faculty for participation in the national finals of Model United Nations and National History Day
- ✓ Loans for IB exam fees and books for needy IB students
- ✓ Honoraria for IB teachers advising students on IB extended essays
- ✓ and many other benefits that enrich the GW IB program

Due to the tremendous response from IB families and other foundations to the Challenge Grant over the last three years, the **Ebrahimi Family Foundation** has agreed to fund a new **Challenge Grant** this year. While the exact amount of the Challenge Grant is still to be determined, the Ebrahimi Foundation has pledged to fund at least \$10,000 to match grants from IB families, and to match grants from other charitable foundations that are new contributors to the IB Foundation, in an effort to expand our pool of donors.

Please join us in support of the IB program at GW. Your donations remain a critical part of the continued success and excellence of the IB program. Please consider a contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more. Remember that the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and **your gift can be tax-deductible**. Please send your contributions as soon as you are able to **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224.**

Please contact me at home, 303-759-1176, at my office, 303-539-3159, or by email at James.Kaplan@publicans.com, if you have any questions about the IB Foundation. If you have any thoughts about other foundations that might contribute to the IB Foundation to help meet the Ebrahimi Challenge Grant, please let me know. Thank you for your support of the GW IB program.

- **Jamie Kaplan, President,**
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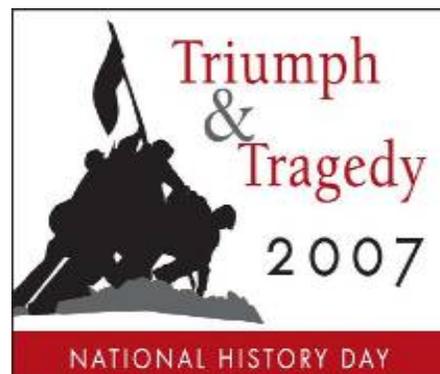
George Shines at National History Day 2007

National History Day 2007 was held at the University of Maryland June 9-14. More than 2,000 students represented 49 states, American Samoa, Guam, American Virgin Islands, and U.S. Department of Defense schools.



Of the 14 Senior Division entries from our state, five were from George Washington HS:

- Senior Individual Exhibit, "From Emancipation to Jim Crow: Triumph and Tragedy in Mississippi," by **Rebecca Chazin**
- Senior Group Exhibit, "Eirinn go Brach: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Irish War of Independence," by **Sophia Moore, Emily Berger, and Jennifer Berger**
- Senior Group Exhibit, "Hitler's Triumph, Germany's Tragedy, 1932-1939," by **Meghan Kleinsteiber and Schuyler Gibson**
- Senior Individual Performance, "The Meiji Restoration: Triumph of Cultural Identity, Tragedy of Militarism" by **Joanna Foote**
- Senior Individual Documentary, "United 232: Triumph and Tragedy in Sioux City," by **Che Reyes**



We are thrilled to report that Senior Group Exhibit "Hitler's Triumph, Germany's Tragedy, 1932-1939" by **Meghan Kleinsteiber and Schuyler Gibson** took **5th Place** in that category, and also was awarded **Outstanding State Entry** as the highest placing entry from the state of Colorado!

- **Bonnie Guggenheim, IB History**

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