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IB Parent Association News

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start for the IB Parents' Association. The get acquainted IB Picnic was a fun, well-attended family gathering. A big thank you to **Terry Brandl** for organizing it – Creekside Park is a beautiful setting for an evening of ultimate Frisbee, conversation and food. We appreciate the faculty taking time from their evening to come and meet the families.

The IB Parents' Association Board Members are dedicated to providing IB students and families with informative, educational, social and supportive meetings and gatherings so that all may gain more knowledge about the IB program and the unique IB experience. We want everyone to feel a part of the GW IB community. The IB Parents Association works hard to support our excellent IB faculty and staff by organizing teacher-appreciation events and coordinating volunteer time. There are so many ways to be involved as an IB parent – the more you're involved the better the IB program functions! The IB Parent Association helps to foster communication and the exchange of ideas: we are allies for the success of our IB students and our IB program!

Our monthly meetings this year will again be on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 8:30 P.M. IB Parents Association meetings are designed to be either educational and informative meetings, or social events to give IB families a chance to stay connected with other IB students and parents. The first IB Parents' meeting this year will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th** in the **GW AUDITORIUM**. Parents and incoming freshmen will participate in an information and question-and-answer session with a panel of IB sophomores. Upperclassman and their parents will attend an informational meeting with Mrs. Geimer and Ms. Lane to discuss the various phases of the college application process as well as other issues affecting our juniors and seniors.

IB life is exciting, all-encompassing, challenging and rewarding. The IB Parents' Association is a direct way to stay connected, to be "in the know" and to help our kids succeed not only as IB students, but also as 'citizens of the world'. We look forward to sharing time, ideas and thoughts with you during the year. Hope to see everyone on September 8th.

Kristi Butkovich, IB Parent Association President

Voluntary Dues

The voluntary dues fundraising campaign for the IB Parents' Association is well underway and the response of GW's IB families has been great! THANK YOU! Your generosity again this year ensures that the IB Parents' Association will continue to be a strong and active group, and that IB students, teachers, staff, and families will also continue to receive support and benefits. If you have not yet made a contribution to this year's dues campaign, you still have time to do so. **Please send your tax-deductible donation to:** Janice Kemp Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224. **Checks should be made payable to "IB Foundation."**



Give to Your Child: Volunteer with the IB Parents' Association

Whether they admit it to you or not, when you volunteer to help at their school, children notice. And it means a lot to them – and to the school! You can give a gift to both by volunteering to help with IB Parent Association projects. Keep in mind that we all know everyone is very busy, and as a volunteer you will not be called on to do too much! Your child thanks you, and GW thanks you!

**Register online with the
GWIB Parent Association
<http://www.georgeib.com/index.html>**

CAS EVENT PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR YEAR AHEAD

2009-10 CAS activity planning is already underway. For those of you new to IB, CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) activities are a requirement of the IB Diploma Program, "...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)

Activities already in the planning stages for this fall include a **CAS Fair** scheduled on October 16, 2009 for sophomores and juniors, designed to introduce the students to school and community clubs, classes and opportunities that could be the basis of their CAS activities. Information and demonstration in fields such as glass artistry, pottery, creative writing, dance, drama, cake decorating, cooking and knitting are some the booths planned around **Creativity**. Opportunities to joins groups that ski, recycle, mountain climb and sail have been offered to fulfill requirements for **Action**. Last year, representatives from Ronald McDonald House, the Alzheimer's Association, Children's Hospital, Easter Seals, Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic and Washington Park Cares attended the fair to tell students about volunteer activities that could count in the area of **Service**. Thank you to **Carolyn Faselt** for agreeing to chair the event again this year.

Incoming seniors turned in their first essay and hours last May. Thanks to **Janice Thomas** for her help over the summer reviewing essays and checking activities and hours.

The reflective writing technique will be introduced to juniors on November 9th or 10th. The spring semester promises to be just as full, including senior peer interviews in March, Freshman Service Day and a Sophomore CAS Introductory meeting in April, and junior follow up Q & A in May. We will also be setting out this year's criteria for the two CAS scholarships awarded at the Senior Brunch. With all this activity, **we need your help!**

If you are interested in volunteering, there are multiple opportunities. These opportunities range from a one-time get-together needing food and beverage, to on-going volunteer work on one or more of the events planned throughout the year. **In addition, I am looking for committed, engaged parents to transition the leadership of this committee in the next couple of years. A parent of a freshman or sophomore is ideal.** This is your chance to get more deeply involved in the IB committee devoted to educating the whole person and

fostering more caring and socially responsible attitudes in our students. I would love to meet with any of you interested in learning more. For more information, or to volunteer your time and talents to this great initiative, please contact me. Gail Sigman, gailsigman@comcast.net 303-388-1118

IB Art Program Receives Donation

Darla Schueppert of Evergreen, CO has donated a professional quality mat cutter, a large table with built-in storage, and an enormous quantity of mat board to the I.B. art program at G.W. We are grateful for her generous gift and for parent Leslie Lilly, who located and arranged delivery for Darla's contribution and has given many hours to help organize our workspace.

Anna Wadsworth, IB art teacher

IB BOOKS



Any IB students who still need to purchase books for their courses should check the GW IB website for the booklist.

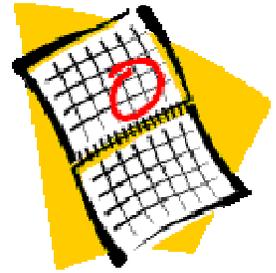
(A list of these books was available last spring. Some books are provided by the school, and others must be purchased by students.) Check the ISBN numbers carefully so that you order the correct edition, which may be a particular translation or may include important supplemental text. Order right away to allow time for shipping. **NOTE: Ordering is NOT being handled by the school. These orders will be individual between the student/parent and the book company.**



SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM AT 2009 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT!

(left to right): Michael Homiak, Dan Morgan-Russell, Sam Clark, Brendan Patrick, Lawson Williams, Miles Owens, Ryan Boyd, and Gabe Neslin.

2009-2010 Events Calendar



- September 5 Sat., 12:30—2:00 PM, GW Auditorium: **Mr. Haynes** will meet with seniors and their parents in preparation for the final stages of the college application process.
- September 8 **IB Parent Association Meeting** 7:00 – 8:30 GW Auditorium
- September 18 **NO CLASSES for Students**
- October 9 **Senior Photos** must be submitted to the yearbook by this date
- October 10 **Homecoming**
- October 12 **Payment due for IB Exams – Juniors and Seniors**
- October 15-27 **REGISTER for IB exams** in the IB Office as directed. This second step is essential!
- October 28-30 **Fall Break – no classes**
- May 21 **Graduation**

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The dates for **Mock Trial Competition** have been set as follows:

- February 12 & 13** Denver Regionals—Denver
- March 12 & 13** State Tournament—Location TBD
- May 6—8** National Championship—Philadelphia, PA

See NEW Colorado Mock Trial website at:

<http://www.coloradohighschoolmocktrial.com/index.cfm/ID/21303> or contact Mock Trial advisor Barbara Gale-Martinez for more information.

GW DRAMA NEWS AND DATES

Check out the new GW Drama website for all the news and information about upcoming events and shows:

<http://www.georgedrama.com/index.html>

- Sept. 8-11 Auditions for *The Tempest* 3:45-6:30pm
Rm. 226 / Priest Theatre
- Sept. 18 [Drama Game Night](#) 6pm - Location TBD
- Sept. 21-23 Dessert Theatre Auditions - Lunch - Rm. 226
- Sept. 25 [Dessert Theatre](#) 7pm - Priest Theatre
(Rehearsal @ 7pm 8/24)

SENIORS AND PARENTS

Don't miss out!
Come to GW's Auditorium on
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
12:30-2:00 PM

for an informative presentation by
IB's new college counselor
RUSTY HAYNES

COMPLETING YOUR COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS
AND LIVING TO TELL ABOUT IT

PARENTS:
WANT TO SEE WHAT COLLEGE REP
VISITS ARE ALL ABOUT?
Volunteer for one or more shifts as a
greeter during the school day,
October 5 – 9.
Contact Linda During
lmd329@juno.com or 303-694-9266

2009-2010 SEASON
THE TEMPEST
THE WIZ
SPRING ONE-ACTS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY THRIVING AT GW

Congratulations to the 2009-10 members of NHS: IB seniors **Henry Biermann, Julia Clark, Madelaine Czufin, Paige Dahlman** (Tutoring Co-chair), **Casey Federico, Aerik Francis** (Tutoring Co-chair), **Nadia Ghani, Chase Kernan, Grace Kohn** (Treasurer), **Natalie Lays** (President), **Leah Lieber** (Vice President), **Patrick Lofgren, Lark Maag, Emmily Pierce, Chelsea Proctor** (Events Coordinator), **Bryan Sullivan, Clara Troyer, Madeleine Winslow** (Secretary), and **Heather Yin**; IB juniors **Kathy Bui, Sam Clark, Amelia Kucic, Lizzy Nicholson, Kate Rowe, Marjie Ruby, Julia Sigman**, and **Meagan Swisher**; and traditional program students **Caroline Bringenberg, Chelsea Honea, Michael Hurst, Sara Rickli, Yadira Solis, Kyra Trimble**, and **Daniel Tuchler**.

Membership application for the GWHS chapter of NHS is open to sophomores and juniors, who then serve in their junior and/or senior years respectively. Membership is on an invitation basis only with selection based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Interested sophomores and juniors can submit applications to GW's NHS adviser, **Ms. Gale-Martinez**, during spring semester. Definite dates will be determined by October and details will be provided via GW announcements and published in future issues of the IB Broadcaster.

GROUNDS & GATEWAY COMMITTEE NEWS *(formerly Landscape Committee)*



As you enter school from the parking lot this fall, note the transformation of the entry area, pictured here. Thanks to all the students, parents and teachers who gave up just a little

time to benefit us all with this lovely, sustainable landscaping. It's the first step toward the transformation of GW's north side, aka the **GW Community Gateway Project**.

See our web page for more information on the **GW Community Gateway Project**. From GW's home page, gwhs.dpsk12.org, click on "GW Community Gateway Project" on the right side of the page under "Quick Links". Find information on the project and a quick, meaningful way to contribute to our capital campaign.

We encourage you to join us - new energy and members welcome! – see meeting schedule below and/or email us at GWCommunityGatewayProject@gmail.com

Jennifer Janes, Grounds & Gateway Committee Chair

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Wed., Sept. 9	12:00 noon	GW, Community Room
Wed., Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	GW, Community Room
Tues., Nov. 10	12:00 noon	GW, Community Room

A NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR THE SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA

In May SHH (Spanish National Honor Society for you Anglophones) bid farewell to the graduating seniors and inducted new members from the sophomore and junior classes.

Congratulations to all the 2009-2010 members: IB Seniors **Henry Biermann, Trevor Cassidy, Phoebe Chidley** (Volunteer Events Co-Coordinator), **Julia Clark** (Co-Secretary), **Christine Collins, Neal Feldman** (President), **Betsy Haddox, Paloma Jimenez, Chase Kernan, Grace Kohn, Natalie Lays** (Co-Treasurer), **Lydia Loopesko** (Vice President), **Lark Maag** (Cultural Events Co-Coordinator), **Hannah McGehee, Erik Morrison, Patricia Park, Sara Park, Camille Shortridge** (Cultural Events Co-Coordinator), **Nate Skeen, Bryan Sullivan, and Evan Webber**; IB Juniors **Kyra Bebus, Keleka Blair, Bemnet Dechasa, Hannah Fisher, Izzie Gall, Isabel Hoyt, Maddie Hughes** (Volunteer Events Co-Coordinator), **Amelia Kucic, Nadira Matin, Leorah McGinnis, Julia Murphy, Rahwa Netsanet** (Co-Treasurer), **Audrey Mae Norlander** (Co-Secretary), **Kate Rowe, Katrice Ryan, Julia Sigman, and Matt Symonds**; traditional program seniors **Ahmud Naveed Akbari, Miriam Alvarado, Maria Ayala, Anita Egbune, Shanika Francis, Chukwu Fumnanya, and Brennan Harris**; and traditional program juniors **Chelsea Honea, Chelsea Small, and Sydney Small**.

Spanish National Honor Society is a student-run organization whose mission is to celebrate and cultivate Latino culture, and to be involved in the community with various volunteer projects. SHS membership applications are available to sophomores and juniors, who serve in the Society the following year(s) at George. Membership is only offered to those recommended by their Spanish teacher based on scholarship and passion for Spanish language and culture. Many thanks to chapter advisor **Ms. Shikes** for her continuing work with GW's Spanish honor students.



THE IB COUNSELING AND COLLEGE CORNER

The college process became very real for seniors recently, when they gave Mrs. Geimer major portions of their Common Applications along with lists of the colleges to which they will apply. In addition to support from the IB Office, seniors will be ably assisted through the coming months by IB's new college counselor Rusty Haynes, who is this month's Person You Should Know (please see article). All seniors and their parents should make every effort to attend Mr. Haynes presentation on Saturday, September 5. (See calendar below; others are welcome, but please respect the more pressing needs of current seniors.) Now is also the time for seniors to be scheduling an individual, hour-long meeting with Mr. Haynes on upcoming Saturdays, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, beginning September 12, either by using a soon-to-be unveiled online calendar, by e-mailing Mr. Haynes at rhaynes@css.org, or by calling him in the evenings at 719-576-9487. Parents are encouraged to attend with their seniors – a nice addition to our college counseling services. Additionally, seniors and younger students and parents should attend Mr. Haynes' Financial Aid presentation in December. Juniors may begin meeting with Mr. Haynes after Winter Break. He will provide a College Admissions Overview for juniors and younger students on a Saturday in January (TBA). Students who have inflexible conflicts such as religious commitments on Saturdays should contact Mr. Haynes about finding an alternate meeting day.

September begins the season for visits to GW by college admissions representatives. As we go to press, the calendar already shows upcoming visits from many schools to which IB students apply, including Amherst, Boston College, Boston U., Colorado College, George Washington U, Macalester, MIT, Pomona, Puget Sound, Swarthmore, Vassar, Washington U in St. Louis, Wesleyan U., and Williams. Mr. Jennings, the new director of the Future Center, is scheduling additional visits every day. Juniors and seniors, log on to your Naviance accounts early and often to sign up for "your" reps. If you don't know how to do this, see Mr. Jennings ASAP! Print out a pass and get signed permission from the teacher whose class you will be missing, and then MEET WITH THE REP. (All of these steps are needed to avoid an unexcused absence.) The greatest number of visits will come during the week of October 5, when parent volunteers become crucial helpers, greeting reps and guiding them to their meeting rooms. Interested parents, please contact Linda During at lmd329@juno.com or 303-694-9266.

September 5, Saturday, 12:30—2:00 PM, Auditorium: **Mr. Haynes** will meet with seniors and their parents in preparation for the final stages of the college application process.

October 1: CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, required for aid/scholarship consideration at many private colleges, becomes available for online filing. Seniors, submit at least 2 weeks before the first deadline.

October 8, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, J. F. Kennedy High School, Denver: **Out of State College Night** offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (www.collegefairsdenver.org)

October 10, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Cherry Creek High School: **Cherry Creek College Fair** (In- and Out-of-State), offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (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.

October 12, Monday, 9:00 – 10:30 AM: GWHS will host a **College Fair** run by Colorado Day/Night College Fair Programs. Evening sessions of this fair are offered at several metro area schools; see www.coloradocouncil.org.

October 17, Saturday AM: **Juniors** (and **Sophomores** who want a trial run) have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) at GW. Registration is through the school, not online. Alternatively the test is offered on Wednesday, October 15, but not at GW. Students will receive more information in school.

October 19: Deadline for Seniors to submit Early Decision and Early Action college application details to IB Office: completed half-sheet, addressed envelope, and postage for each EA/ED school; School Supplement form(s) if required, application fee/waiver (if a college wants it submitted with the school report).

Week of October 26: If you are planning college visits this fall, please schedule them during this week. Since school is not in session October 28-30, faculty will assume that **Seniors** will be using that week **to complete any final revisions to their extended essays and to visit colleges**. Planful **Juniors** may also want to visit some colleges while they are in session.

November 1: Deadline for Seniors to submit their portions of **Early Decision and Early Action applications** to many colleges. Check your selected schools' timelines and requirements carefully.

November 30: Deadline for Seniors to submit Regular and Rolling Decision application details to IB Office - see October 19. Complete your “Colleges to which I’m applying” list in Naviance now as well.

January 1: Deadline for submitting **Regular Decision applications** to many colleges. Again, check your selected schools’ requirements carefully. Some schools have earlier deadlines if you want to be considered for scholarships. The **FAFSA application** becomes available online and should be completed by aid applicants and their parents ASAP.

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

A reminder **Seniors and Juniors:** Find out what tests are required by your colleges, and to plan ahead so that all scores will arrive on time.

STANDARDIZED TEST	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION(additional fee)
ACT	12-Sept	past	past
SAT or Subject Tests	10-Oct	9-Sept	23-Sept
PSAT/NMSQT	17-Oct	Registration through GW Counseling Office	
ACT	24-Oct	18-Sept	2-Oct
SAT or Subject Tests	7-Nov	1-Oct	15-Oct
SAT or Subject Tests	5-Dec	30-Oct	12-Nov
ACT	12-Dec	6-Nov	20-Nov
SAT or Subject Tests	23-Jan	15-Dec	30-Dec
ACT	6-Feb	5-Jan	15-Jan
SAT only – no Subject Tests	13-Mar	4-Feb	18-Feb
ACT	10-Apr	5-Mar	19-Mar
ACT without writing	late April(28 th ?)	ALL JUNIORS - registration through GWHS	
SAT or Subject Tests	1-May	25-Mar	8-Apr
SAT or Subject Tests	5-Jun	29-Apr	13-May
ACT	12-Jun	7-May	21-May

~Linda During, College Counseling Chair

Your Ideas Are Important!

Is there a topic you’d like the IB Parent Association to explore during its monthly meeting? Do you have an idea for a Broadcaster article or item of information? If so, let us know! Your ideas are important. For meeting topics, contact Kristi Butkovich, President, kbutkovich@comcast.net. For Broadcaster topics, please contact Laura Whalen, lewhalen@gmail.com.

GW IB Office – Marjie Lane

Office hours are:

Monday/Wednesday 9:00am to 3:30pm

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm

If you need to see Marjie for assistance outside of these hours, she is available by appointment and by email: Marjorie_Lane@dpsk12.org.



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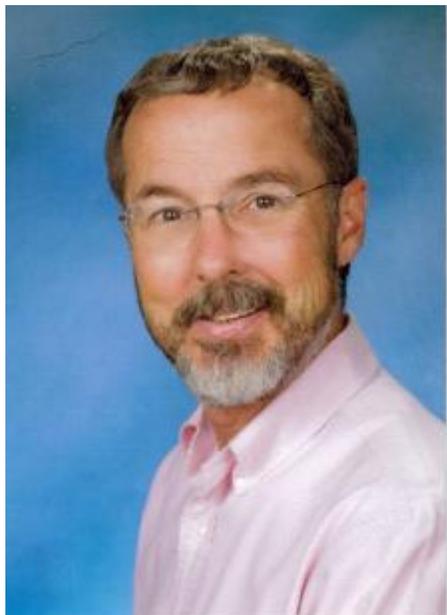
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PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW: RUSTY HAYNES

Since Mr. Haynes was not available for a face-to-face interview, we are publishing his introductory letter, a version of which was distributed to seniors in May. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Haynes to the GWIB family.



Dear IB Students and Parents:

My name is Rusty Haynes and I am a college counselor, an educational consultant, and a former recruitment coordinator with over 30 years of experience in college admission and counseling. Although I initially began my career in the mental health field, my experience spans roughly 20 years as a private high school college counselor and eight years as a college admission representative. My private consulting experience includes work with companies such as The Princeton Review, College Summit, USA Today, Time, TMP (i.e., monster.com, fastweb.com, etc.), and Peterson's (i.e., college guides).

I'm extremely excited about working with the George Washington IB Program. Friends of mine were actually involved in the creation of the IB Diploma Programme in Geneva many years ago and I had the good fortune of helping develop IB credit policies at both the University of Denver and the University of Colorado. I still believe the IB to be the best academic option offered in secondary schools today.

My personal philosophy to college counseling involves always seeking to help students find their best personal fit: academically, socially, and financially. My main objective is to help students prepare for the college admission process by literally transforming them into college admission experts, utilizing college counselor training methodology and resources. In other words, I provide them with the tools to help themselves and to develop the appropriate insight to view the process from the other side of the desk. I try to provide information regarding every aspect of the college admission process through one-on-one sessions, evening presentations, and an extensive library of documents posted on Naviance.

The services I will be offering to GWIB in the coming year include the following:

- Individual interview sessions with juniors and seniors primarily on Saturdays in order to encourage parental attendance and participation
- Evening programs on topics such as college applications, financial aid, college admission, and college entrance/standardized testing
- An in-depth subject-based handout series on Naviance
- Online and telephone follow-up during evening hours
- Ongoing e-mail communication

Hopefully, this information will prove helpful. I look forward to meeting each of you personally this upcoming academic year. Although I firmly believe that no one can replace Dan Franklin, I definitely look forward to following in his footsteps. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me this summer.

Warmest regards,

Rusty Haynes
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**Be sure to shop at the Tamarac Whole Foods
(7400 E. Hampden)
NOW!**

**Bring your own shopping bag and the bag credit goes to
the GW Community Gateway Project, but only through
the end of September, so support GW and get shopping!**

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