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From the IB Parents Association

This fall, the IBPA has been busy recruiting students to the IB program. Director **Suzanne Geimer** with assistance from **Cora Neslin** and **Linda During** have visited or will be visiting Slavens, Grant, Graland, St. Anne's, and Stanley BPS, the Stapleton Education Event on Thursday, October 6, the 8th grade High School Expo on Wednesday, October 12 at the National Western Complex and the District Wide School Expo on Wednesday, October 19 at the Infinity Park Center. Also, the IB PA will be hosting two recruiting open houses at GW on Tuesday, October 25 and Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the auditorium.



Monthly Meetings

We had a good turnout for our September 13th meetings ~ Time Management / Organizational Skills and Introduction to Naviance Presentation. We appreciate **Drew Sarmiere**, Peak Solutions President and **Michael Jennings**, Future Center Counselor sharing their time, talent and knowledge with us that evening.

You won't want to miss our next parent/student informational meeting: **The College Admission Process-What every parent and student should know and do** on Tuesday, October 11 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the auditorium. **Jay Murray**, Certified College Planner,



President, Solutions for Tuition, and Solutions for Tuition Education, a 501(c)3 and **Diane Schaefer**, Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Educational Planner and GWIB alumni parent. "The college cost cutting experts" will give us valuable and insightful information on

how to save thousands when it comes to paying for college.

Jay Murray, of Solutions for Tuition will be speaking about:

- How the college financial system really works
- How to determine which of the 5 family college profiles you fall within, and
- How to pursue only those strategies that will be effective for your family

This newly copyrighted information is specifically

designed for the IB student and Jay will present it for the first time at GW on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30.

Jay is the founder of Solutions for Tuition, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. His motto is, "The only family that should pay full price for college is the family that so chooses." Solutions for Tuition was nominated as 2007 Emerging Business of the Year by the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce and Jay has since been voted Best in Client Satisfaction twice by 5280 Magazine. He believes in opening the door of opportunity through education and regularly teaches students, parents, and grandparents strategies to cut the cost of college.

By using her time-tested methodology, Diane Schaefer, has passed a new professional milestone this year where she has now successfully served over 1,000 college bound students through the college admission process. Working in the field for over 2 decades, Ms. Schaefer also holds 2 professional licenses, that of a Licensed Professional Counselor as well as a Certified Educational Planner. Using her vast experience with counseling adolescents, she will present an overview of the college admission process with many helpful tips to handle the applications and timelines. Families will take away new perceptions of how to approach the college list, applications and essays. Learn about where you fit in the admission decision pools and how to help your chances for admission.

On another note, many of you have already sent in your voluntary dues—thank you! Your donation supports both the IB Parent Association and the IB Foundation. We welcome additional financial and volunteer assistance. I'm delighted to announce that **Kathryn Stieneker** has volunteered to chair the Spring Book Buy-back Sale, **John Murray** will join the board 2nd semester as Treasurer, and **Linda During** is returning as an alumni parent representative. Please consider joining the board. We are seeking committed parents to serve as **President, Freshman Orientation Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and Get-acquainted Picnic Chair.**

Your continued support of GW and the IB Program are greatly appreciated.

Kristi M. Butkovich

IBPA President

Communication Notes

College Readiness Week October 10-14

The centerpiece of this week is Wednesday, October 12, when seniors will hear from admission counselors and former students, as well as attend a college fair. Underclassmen will participate in national assessments, the ACT Explore for freshmen, the ACT Plan for sophomores, and the practice ACT for juniors.

College Night for Parents will also be on October 12 at 6:15 in the auditorium.

The *IB Broadcaster*, the GeorgeIB website, and telephone and e-mail notifications are the program's best means of informing families about important IB news and events. **Ms. Fisher**, the GW Attendance Secretary, oversees school-wide notifications, including automated telephone calls. If you are not receiving these, contact her at 720-423-8642 or Patricia_Fisher@dpsk12.org.

GW IB also maintains a separate opt-in e-mail list that you can register for via the www.georgeib.com home page using the green box on the right side of the page. While you're on the site, check out the great info and updates. School-wide announcements are posted daily at gwhs.dpsk12.org.

THANK YOU for taking the time to read the *Broadcaster*. If you have anything to include in the next issue, please contact **Paul Day-Lucre** at pkdaylu@gmail.com.

HELP!

Kristi Butkovich, IBPA President is the parent of a senior and will not be returning next year. The IB Parents Association needs to fill her vital Board position ASAP so that the new volunteer can take full advantage of working together with Kristi this year. Please e-mail Kristi, kbutkovich@comcast.net for information.

Coming GWIB Events

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- Oct 10-14 College Readiness Week
 - Oct 11 IB Parents and Students meeting: College Tuition
 - Oct 12 College night for Parents – 6:15 PM
 - Oct 22 Homecoming
 - Oct 24 Academic Awards – 6 PM
 - Oct 25 Parent info meeting for 2012 Freshmen
 - Oct 28 No Classes (DPS Parent-Teacher conferences)
 - Oct 31 Fall Break
 - Nov 2 Parent info meeting for 2012 Freshmen

Download the complete DPS Calendar at <http://www.dpsk12.org/calendars/>

IB Parent Association Meetings for 2011-12

- Oct 11:** **College Tuition.** Guest Speakers: Jay Murray, Solutions for Tuition, and Diane Schaeffer, LPC, CEP
- Nov 8:** Meeting for sophomores and interested freshmen students and parents. **Choice of IB classes and CAS introduction**
- Dec:** No meeting
- Jan 3:** **College Panel:** IB alumni come back from across the country to tell us how the IB program influenced their college experience and to share their college life experiences
- Jan 31:** **Welcome Fest** for incoming IB students (coincides with DPS choice deadline)
- Mar 7:** **“When Good Kids Make Bad Decisions”** Guest Speakers: Dana and Pam Wakefield – Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Apr:** Mandatory meeting for **sophomores, juniors,** and parents (date TBD)
- May:** **Incoming freshman orientation** (date to be determined by middle school graduations)
- May:** Buy-Back **Used Book Sale** (TBD)

**Donate to the Friends of IB
Foundation online!
Follow the
fundraising link at
www.georgeib.com**



Still Needed: New or used vacuum cleaner with attachments. I need the crevice tool and upholstery brushes. A few extra vacuum bags would be nice too.

Purpose: To keep the couches clean for Theory of Knowledge and Philosophy. Otherwise I will have to get rid of the couches.



Thank you,
Leslie Whitty



In Memory

GWIB Alumnus Andrew Wade was killed in a plane crash near Katmandu, Nepal on September 25. He had just completed a Master's Degree in Visual Analytics at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and was in India working on a project for SFU. A memorial service is planned for late October in Denver. The Denver Post item is here:

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_19014805



GIRLS SOCCER AND THE DENVER BRONCOS TACKLE HUNGER

The girls soccer team has joined forces with the Denver Broncos to Tackle Hunger. We are trying to collect the most boxes of non-perishable foods to earn a \$1,000 grant for our program. We are trying beat Arapahoe HS who has NEVER lost this competition (see arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net).

They think they need to worry about Heritage and Littleton HS. We want to show them that a DPS school has what it takes to win.

But it goes further than winning... food banks are at an all time low, and we want to help out the community. Please support us by donating canned or other non-perishable foods to the box located in the main office. We will be collecting food until Oct 28th. Contact Narissa Stahl (720.423.8640) or Aaron Betcher (720.423.8649) if you have any further questions. Thanks for your support.



I.B. Broadcaster

A Note from the Newsletter Editor:

The IBPA Board has decided to stop sending the *Broadcaster* via US Mail. The cost and logistics of printing and mailing 400+ newsletters each month were becoming obstacles to timeliness. There will be printed copies available each month at the IB office. If you or someone you know has no or difficult internet access and needs a printed copy, please contact the IB Office.

Please let other parents and IB community members know of this change and encourage them to visit www.georgeib.com where they can opt-in to our e-mail contact list (type the e-mail address and click "JOIN" in the green box on the right side of the page... then complete the Constant Contact form). Those on the contact list receive notice when new issues of the *Broadcaster* are online, and also many other informative e-mail messages.

Lastly, I apologize for this month's late issue. I spent considerable time around the first of the month with my mother in Pueblo after a minor accident put her in the hospital. She's back home and all is well. Thank you for well-wishes and for your patience.



From the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation President



Last month's college prep meeting for seniors was instructive for the valuable information presented by IB's college counselor, Rusty Haynes. We also witnessed firsthand the great value of the IB program for our kids and parents as Rusty guided them through the labyrinth of the college application process. Services of this sort ensure the highest standards. And they come at a *very* steep price. *Very*.

The IB program of excellence – and truly, it is the gold standard of excellence in the area – is *not* free. This year, as you know, the IB Foundation is funding many requests by teachers, financial aid for needy students, ongoing programs like National History Day, and such personnel as Rusty, Marjie Lane, and others. At the last IB Foundation meeting in September, Board members decided to retain this funding as an essential part of your kid's education.

So, I ask *all* of you to donate more to the Friends of the IB Foundation. Many of you have been so generous already, but please do more. Dig deeper in these times of economic uncertainty. For those of you who have not donated (or have not *paid your \$40 dues*), you need to step up and do so, please. Those who pay their dues should not be footing the cost of IB alone.

Donations can be made easily online, at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/?key=friendsofib>. Or, download the pdf form and mail it in: http://www.georgeib.com/pdf/GWIB_Donation_Form_2009_09.pdf. Or look at page 7 of this newsletter for a donation form.

There are other ways to contribute as well. Check out http://www.georgeib.com/ib_fundraising.html for all the options. Or, purchase everything from travel to toothbrushes through our partnership with MarketAmerica, at <http://www.marketamerica.com/>

If you've paid your \$40 dues, think of doubling that with a donation. If you've generously given \$100 in the past, why not \$250? Why not \$500 or \$1,000?

Parents of **seniors**: a donation indicates your appreciation to the program for its three years of education while also helping with Rusty Haynes' salary;

Junior parents: counseling and materials are costly in this first year of IB;

Sophomore parents: you now understand how wonderful this program is after the freshman year so please help;

Freshman parents: you've paid dues but those dues fund just a tip of the IB iceberg of educational resources your child will benefit from this first year.

Think of your kids, think of the teachers, think of the IB program. Thank you for all you've done already. And *dig deep* to ensure the *future* is as bright as the past.

Thank you,

Tom Zeiler, President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

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To donate:

https://secure.qgiv.com/cps_donors/index.php?key=friendsofib



THE IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

ACT Dates

October 22, 2011
 December 10, 2011
 February 11, 2012
 April 14, 2012
 June 9, 2012

Registration Deadlines

Passed
 November 4, 2011
 January 13, 2012
 March 9, 2012
 May 4, 2012

SAT Dates

November 5, 2011
 December 3, 2011
 January 28, 2012
 March 10, 2012
 May 5, 2012
 June 2, 2012

Tests

SAT and Subject Tests
 SAT and Subject Tests
 SAT and Subject Tests
 SAT only
 SAT and Subject Tests
 SAT and Subject Tests

Regular Registration

Passed
 November 8, 2011
 December 30, 2011
 February 10, 2012
 April 6, 2012
 May 8, 2012

Late Registration (a fee applies)

October 21, 2011
 November 20, 2011
 January 13, 2012
 February 24, 2012
 April 20, 2012
 May 22, 2012

College Fair Dates

October 12, 2011 – GW College Readiness Day & GW Parent College Night
 October 12, 2011 – Monarch HS (6:30-8:30)
 October 13, 2011 – Kennedy HS (6:30-8:30)
 October 15, 2011 – Cherry Creek HS (10:00-2:00)

Tele-Seminar Presentation

College Admission 101
 Landscape of Financial Aid
 Researching Colleges and Developing a List
 How to Prepare for SATs
 How to Prepare for ACTs
 How to Write Your College Essay
 How to Survive Your First Year of College

Date

October 18, 2011
 November 15, 2011
 December 6, 2011
 January 17, 2012
 February 21, 2012
 March 20, 2012
 April 17, 2012

Target Audience

All
 All
 All
 Juniors
 Juniors
 Juniors
 Seniors

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

**Friends of IB Scholars Foundation
George Washington High School
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**Donations to the IB Foundation support all of the items listed below.
We need 100% participation from our parent group!
One donation benefits both organizations and is tax deductible!!**

IB Parents Association

IB Scholars Foundation

<p><i>Strives to provide IB students and families with information, education, social and supportive meetings and social gatherings so that all may gain more knowledge about the IB program and the unique IB Experience.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Get Acquainted Picnic ▪ Guest Lectures ▪ Newsletter (Broadcaster) ▪ Teacher Appreciation ▪ Up-to-date Website (georgeib.com) ▪ CAS Activities ▪ Distinguished Teacher Awards ▪ Senior Brunch ▪ Extracurricular Activities 	<p><i>The objective of the Foundation is to fund educational programs directly related to the George Washington IB Program.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contracted College counselor ▪ Grants to Teachers for continuing education ▪ Equipment, books, and supplies ▪ CAS Scholarships ▪ IB Program – Assistant ▪ Securing Long term Financial Support
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Please indicate your level of tax-deductible contribution.

Amount Enclosed: *payable to:* **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**

_____ \$40 _____ \$60 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 Other \$ _____

Name:

Address:

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Student's Name(s):

Contributions will be acknowledged by name in the IB Broadcaster, unless you check here that you do not want your name published:

Thank you for Supporting GWIB

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