

Choctawhatchee High School International Baccalaureate Department



IB

From Judy Kane, IB Coordinator

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Notes from the IB Coordinator



This school year is in full swing. Can you believe we are already into the 2nd nine weeks? The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the IB news, dates, and events at Choctaw. This is your newsletter so we welcome all suggestions.

Parents, I would encourage you to join the IB Foundation. The membership fees support student projects and teachers in the IB Program, including the teacher grants through the "Grant-A-Wish" program, the annual IB Student Art Show & Auction, cultural events, and social activities.

Our first pizza lunch was a success. Thanks to Dianna Riggerbach for organizing and to all the parents who helped.

The seniors are grateful to Angela Willard for planning the festive EE Party. Thanks also go out to all the board members and senior parents who sent food.

Just a reminder, as the holidays approach, don't neglect your work. Parents, we need your help ensuring if your student is absent, even for School Leave, that they make up all missed assignments.

Our IB class of 2008 Diploma Ceremony will be on December 18th at Choctaw High School. Graduates will be provided lunch and an opportunity to reacquaint at 11:30 p.m. The Ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Congrats to:

National Merit Semi-Finalists:

Robbie Keefe, Brandon Metra and Tyler Willard

National Merit Commended

Scholar: Nicole Dubose

National Achievement Scholar:

Jordan Morris

For information on universities and their acceptance policies regarding IB coursework visit the IB home site at www.ibo.org

- ⇒ Type university in the search box
- ⇒ Click on [university recognition](#)
- ⇒ Click [country](#) in the last paragraph
- ⇒ Select United States, click [Find](#)
- ⇒ Scroll to see universities that recognize the IB diploma
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Check out these websites:

collegeboard.com – PSAT / SAT /

College Admission /
Scholarship information

facts.org – Florida University Info

Check out a sampling of IB Class of '09 EE Topics

Catholicism in CS Lewis; Aviation; Autism?; Rocketry & Early Space Exploration; Uncle Tom's Cabin & Effect on Abolitionist Movement; Berlin Air Lift, Polish Solidarity; Muslin Brotherhood: Charity; Lord of the Flies: Book & Film; David Hockney & Pop Art Movement; Art and Oceans; Wyland, Gauguin?; Muscle Development; Endorphins; World War II-Omaha Beach; Hitler & Saddam Hussein; Carbon Fiber & Development of New Products; Athletic Development on a Soccer Team; Malcolm X & ML King; bin Laden & Massud: Comparison; Korean War; Graffiti as Art Form; Government's Role in Spending

Coming Events:

IB Class of 2008
Diploma Ceremony
Thursday, Dec. 18th
12:30 p.m.
Choctaw High School

College Test Dates

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT	Dec. 6	Nov. 5
SAT	Jan. 24	Dec. 26
ACT	Dec.13	Nov. 7
ACT	Feb. 7	Jan. 6

FYI...

When IB students apply to college, gold seals with the raised inscription "International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate" are placed on their transcripts. Copies of both the Choctaw HS Profile and Choctaw IB Profile are included so that colleges and universities are sure to see that the students are taking the most rigorous course of study that we offer. A copy of the IB Profile for this year is included.



Tutor Tuesdays and Thursdays

Students should sign up in the IB Office if they are in need of tutoring. Sessions are after school until 3:00 p.m. in the CHS Media Center.

Class Notes

Freshmen – Stay on top of your homework. Have you begun your 50 hour CAS requirement for the 9th and 10th grades? Also, is your Science Fair project well on its way to completion?

Sophomores – Study diligently for your classes. Students should be reading Voltaire's *Candide*. Remember, your CAS books will be due in May.

Juniors – Have you registered for SAT or ACT tests? You should also start educating yourself about the college admission and testing process. Plan college visits. Keep up with your studies.

Seniors – Continue your college application process. Work on CAS books and Internal Assessments, and keep up in your studies. Apply for scholarships. Register for "Bright Futures" Scholarships starting Dec. 1 at: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Be certain to register even if you are "sure" that you want to attend an out-of-state university. If your situation changes, you will have the option of attending a Florida school at a greatly reduced price, if eligible.

Seniors should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if they have any interest in participating in athletics at college – students have found they have opportunities to play a sport and have to scramble to complete NCAA paperwork. www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Senior College Applications - Get your applications in as soon as possible. Top universities have many more applicants than they can admit, and housing is limited. Register early. Apply on online. Universities prefer online applications. If a school has an admissions application deadline, try to get your application in before that deadline. If their admissions are rolling, spots are being taken. Some deadlines have passed. Be aware of dates. **INVESTIGATE!**

Mark your Calendars

Oct 31 – Senior EE Breakfast in the Choctaw Media Center

Nov 6 – Sophomore Game Nite

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day Holiday

Nov 18 – IB Parent Foundation Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., CHS

Nov 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break.

Dec 2 – Freshmen Science Fair Projects due

Dec 16 – IB Parent Foundation Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., CHS

Dec 18 – IB Diploma Ceremony

Dec 19-Jan 2 – Winter Holidays

Jan 5 – Classes Resume

Jan 13 – IB Parent Foundation Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., CHS

Jan 15 – End of Semester

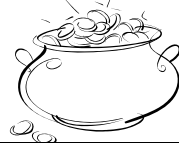
Jan 16 – Teacher Workday

Jan 19 – MLK, Jr. Holiday

Jan 21 – IB Pizza Party

A Matter of Policy

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with a teacher, as a courtesy please contact that teacher before speaking to Ms. Kane or to an administrator. To make an appointment or to ask a teacher to email or telephone you, call Ms. Clemmons in the IB Office at 833-3614 extension 657.



Scholarship Corner

Dell	\$20,000; needs based; apply by 1/15 www.DellScholars.org
Discover Card	\$2,500 - \$25,000; Juniors w/ minimum 2.75 GPA; www.discoverfinancial.com/community/index.shtml#scholarship
Helpful Web Sites	fafsa.ed.gov fastweb.com schoolsoup.com findtuition.com scholarships.com college-scholarships.com

When you have a change of directory information (address, phone number) you should notify not only Guidance, but also the IB Office.



IB Foundation News

We are off to a rousing start. We have had the first lunchtime pizza party and pinned the seniors. Plans are shaping up for the EE Breakfast, Diploma Ceremony and several class parties.



I hope that you have already noticed the enclosure that lists and thanks the contributors to the foundation. If your name is not on that list and you have the means and desire to help our cause, please do so – we understand about delays and intensions but frankly our needs are great and our coffers low. In particular, largest single line item is helping with the purchase of educational materials for IB teachers. This year's requests come to about \$5600 or more than twice our budget for that line item. Some prioritization is in order but I would like to fill more of the need. If you know of companies or organizations who might be interested in making a tax deductible contribution, please let us know about it. We will gladly help with supporting justification.

We offer a service to all IB parents (or students for that matter) whereby we send e-mail notices of CAS opportunities and other items of interest. If you would like to be added to the list, please send a note to Ned_Piburn@cox.net.

-Ned Piburn, IBPF President

"You don't pay back your parents. You can't. The debt you owe them gets collected by your children, who hand it down in turn." Lois McMaster Bujould