



Annapolis High School

Welcome to the IB World

Welcome to our new MYP 9th Graders and welcome back to our 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders! We hope you had a relaxing summer and that your 2010-2011 academic year at Annapolis High School will be an engaging and worthwhile experience as you pursue your IB Diploma work. The IB team looks forward to help you fulfill your IB tasks successfully!

There are over half a million students worldwide of all ages, cultures and backgrounds studying International Baccalaureate programs (Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program, Diploma Program). The reason for the existence of these programs is stated in the IB Mission Statement: “The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessments. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”

The IB mission statement is not unlike the Annapolis High School one which: “The mission of Annapolis High School, an exceptionally diverse school community, is to advance academic achievement and unity among our students through mutual respect, trust and excellence in both teaching and learning.”

In order to assure the attainment of the goals articulated in the mission statement, IB has developed a program that:

- has a strong international dimension
- draws on content from educational cultures around the world
- requires study across a broad range of subjects
- includes both individual subjects and transdisciplinary areas
- gives special emphasis to learning languages
- focuses on developing the skills of learning
- provides opportunities for individual and collaborative planning and research
- encourages students to become responsible members of their communities.

We at Annapolis High School have established a caring and supportive environment where the IB goals can be attained and urge each student who has elected to join the IB program to be mindful that “**the achievement of your goal is assured the moment you commit yourself to it!**” (M.R. Douglas)

Contact Information

To facilitate contacting the appropriate personnel, please refer to the following listing as needed:

- IB Diploma Programme (DP) Coordinator - program implementation
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- MYP/ELP/IB Teachers – course outlines & expectations, classroom protocol, and homework policy
Please refer to listing posted on AHS web site for contact information
- Extended Essay Coordinator – EE procedures, and “Safe-Assign”
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- CAS Coordinator – Creativity, Action, Service procedure
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- Administrator - general academic issues, discipline
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- Business Manager - transportation, student parking, free and reduced lunch
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2010-2011 Academic Initiatives

We are also very pleased to announce the following initiatives to supplement the classroom experience and further support the IB students’ academic success:

For students:

- IB Saturday Academy Writing Workshop
- Study Skills, Time Management and Organizational Strategies Sessions
- Test Stress Management Sessions
- Extended Help Wednesday Sessions

For Parents:

- First Wednesday of the month coffee hour
- Opportunity to participate in monthly IB classes
- American Education Week class visits
- Evening information meetings

Details regarding these initiatives will be forwarded. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for the following scheduled activities:

IB Calendar Dates – Fall /Winter 2010

September

1 – First Wednesday of the Month Coffee Hour

109B

6:45 am

2 – Grade 10 Parents – Back to School Night	Auditorium	6:15pm
15 – Senior Exam Registration Meeting	Auditorium	6:30 pm
16 – Junior Exam Registration Meeting & CAS	Cafeteria	6:30 pm
22 – TOK Class* (Junior and Senior parents)		
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23 – Magnet Fair	Auditorium	6:00pm

October

6 - First Wednesday of the Month Coffee Hour	109B	6:45 am
13 – English A1 Class* (Junior and Senior parents)		
14 – English A1 Class* (Junior and Senior parents)		
26 – IB Expo	Auditorium	6:30 pm

November

3 - First Wednesday of the Month Coffee Hour	109B	6:45 am
9 – French and Spanish Class*(Junior and Senior parents)		
10 – French and Spanish Class*(Junior and Senior parents)		
15-19- American Education Week** (All parents)	Classrooms	All day
17 – Junior Extended Essay and College Information Night	Media Center	6:30 pm

December

1 - First Wednesday of the Month Coffee Hour	109B	6:45 am
8 – History of the Americas Class*(Junior and Senior parents)		
9 – History of the Americas Class*(Junior and Senior parents)		

January

5 – Alumni Breakfast and class visits	109B	9:00 am
12 – Biology, Chemistry and Physics Classes*(Junior and Senior parents)		
13 - Biology, Chemistry and Physics Classes*(Junior and Senior parents)		
26 – New MYP Registration Night	Auditorium	6:30 pm
28 - New MYP Registration Night – Snow date	Auditorium	6:30 pm

*Registration required (details will follow)

**Parents are invited to attend their children’s classes and follow their class schedule

Please note that even though some meetings will address specific students and parents, all are welcome to attend.

Welcome back and happy and successful new year!

Ms. Kristina Korona and Ms.Nancy Heiles