



# Parents of IB Grade 11 Students

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

# Agenda

- ▶ Review of Diploma Programme
- ▶ Theory of Knowledge
- ▶ Extended Essay
- ▶ Creativity, Activity, and Service
- ▶ Assessment in IB classes
- ▶ IB Exams and Registration
- ▶ Questions and Answers



...Our programmes **encourage** students across the world to become **active, compassionate** and **lifelong learners** who **understand** that other people, with their differences, can also be right....



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# The Diploma Programme allows us to develop students who:

- ▶ have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge
- ▶ flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- ▶ study at least two languages
- ▶ excel in traditional academic subjects
- ▶ explore the nature of knowledge through the programme's unique Theory of Knowledge course

# The IB Diploma

**Broad** Rigorous Assessment  
Balanced  
Inquiry Community Service  
Reflection  
**Flexible**  
Critical Thinking  
Develops **Research** skills  
Choice within structure  
**Pre-university**



# The IB Diploma

- ▶ Requires that students complete 6 subjects from 6 groups, taking at least 3 HL, at most 4 HL subjects.
- ▶ HL refers to Higher Level consisting of 240 hours of instruction; SL refers to Standard Level consisting of 150 hours of instruction.

# The IB Diploma at PMSS

- ▶ English A: Literature HL
- ▶ French B SL, Spanish B SL, Japanese B SL, or Mandarin B SL
- ▶ History HL, Geography HL, or Economics SL
- ▶ Biology HL, Physics HL/SL, or Chemistry SL
- ▶ Mathematics HL, Mathematics SL, or Mathematical Studies SL
- ▶ Visual Arts HL/SL, Film HL/SL, or another subject from group 2 to 4.
- ▶ Theory of Knowledge
- ▶ Extended Essay
- ▶ CAS

# Theory of Knowledge?

- ▶ A course in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.
- ▶ Develops critical thinking, inquiry, open mindedness and perhaps just a little confusion.
- ▶ IB assessment is derived from a final presentation in Grade 12 and from an essay submitted to IBO for external assessment in Grade 12.
- ▶ Classroom assessment is based on assessment of quizzes, tests, essays, discussions, projects, etc, etc.

# Extended Essay



- ▶ An independent research project conducted under the supervision of a teacher that results in a 4000 word academic paper.
- ▶ Students will begin working with Mr. Haffner in October of Grade 11, will decide on subject area and be paired with a supervising teacher in the second half of Grade 11, and will complete the essay by the end of October of Grade 12.
- ▶ The essay is submitted to IBO for external assessment.
- ▶ A report card mark is produced based on student completion of the required components of the course.

# Creativity, Activity, Service



- ▶ Students need to be involved in all 3 strands of CAS, reflecting weekly on their experiences, growth and learning, as well as completing a project by the end of the diploma programme.
- ▶ CAS is an 18 month component that continues during the summer between grade 11 and 12, for approximately 3 hours of experiences per week.
- ▶ Assessment for IBO is pass or fail; we produce a grade for report card purposes reflecting the students achievement in meeting the learning outcomes of CAS.
- ▶ Students will reflect and record their CAS programme on ManageBAC, a secure, password protected online system with a server in Canada.

# Assessment in IB Classes

- ▶ Classroom assessment is conducted by the teacher using a variety of methods, and is used to produce grades for reporting to parents and to the BC Ministry of Education.
  - ▶ You should be getting 3 report cards each semester (1 informal and 2 formal)...
- ▶ A % grade will be reported as well as predicted or anticipated grade on the IB scale
  - ▶ We do our best to ensure that students are not penalized despite the often advanced content and requirements of the IB course

# Assessment for IB Grades

- ▶ IB courses are scored on a scale of 1 to 7.
- ▶ Internal assessments are graded by the teacher and then moderated by the IBO for consistency with the worldwide standards.
- ▶ External assessments are graded by the IBO and are also moderated for consistency with the worldwide standards.
- ▶ Diploma Score: 6 subjects x 7 plus 3 points for EE and TOK for a perfect score of 45 points.
- ▶ Minimum score to earn diploma is 24; our average has been 33 for the past two years.

# IB Exam Registration

- ▶ Students will complete registration for exams in October.
- ▶ In grade 11, students will typically complete 1 IB subject exam.
- ▶ A confirmation of registration will be sent home with an invoice for the registration and examination fee.
  - ▶ Registration fee: US\$172 + GST
  - ▶ Subject fee: US\$119 + GST
  - ▶ We will convert to CND\$ in October (hope for a better exchange rate)
- ▶ If there are any concerns or questions about payment, please contact me.

