



Diploma Programme

**Millbrook IB Junior Parent Meeting
Class of 2017
September 16, 2015**

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The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

These 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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MHS DP

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Please Be Aware!

- **External Assessments**

- Registration for all exams will take place in October.
- As of now, payment for exam fees and candidate registration is covered by the county and the state!
- Sitting for IB exams is a requirement for IB Diploma eligibility and for participation in the IB Graduation!
- Exam dates on the IB calendar! No makeups!

- **Internal Assessments**

- *IAs will keep students VERY busy during the months of January-March*
- *IAs are as important as May exams*
- Students have significant control over the quality of their IA submissions
- IA due dates are on the MHS DP website

- **Malpractice**

Stay In Touch...

Finding the right level of support can be a challenge. That said, help your student stay on track!

1. With your student's counselor!
They are THE experts on a variety of topics, especially college applications and admissions.
2. Teachers!
They have the best information for you regarding your child's progress in their class and they are there to support. Please contact them if you have concerns.
3. PowerSchools!
Help prevent senioritis and keep our kids healthy!

Classroom Concerns

Do you or your student have a concern about a particular class? If so, please follow the following procedures...

1. Have student contact teacher directly to address concern
2. Contact teacher directly to address concern
3. If the issue is an IB-related issue and you would like my involvement, set up meeting with parent, student, teacher, myself

And Don't Forget the Acronyms!

- **EE (Extended Essay)**
 - College level research paper in a discipline chosen by the student.
 - Spans 16 months, from Oct. 2015-Jan. 2017, culminating in Extended Essay Extravaganza!
- **CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)**
 - *Approximately 150 hours of Creativity, Action, Service*
 - *Activities range in type and are student driven*
 - Engagement and reflection a critical part of the process!
 - Due April 15st 2017
- **TOK (Theory of Knowledge)**
 - *Theory of Knowledge transformed into a "Core Course"*
 - *Extended Essay and CAS supported through TOK*

Creativity, Action(tivity), Service

- 150 total hours of CAS activity
- Due April 15, 2016
- Required for IB Diploma and DP graduation participation
- A tremendous opportunity to distinguish oneself
- The students are not alone!



It Will All Pay Off...

At UNC-Chapel Hill, The Truth About Grades
News Observer, August 30, 2014

**Why Grade Inflation (even at Harvard) Is A
Big Problem**
Washington Post, Dec. 20, 2013

The Economic Price of College Failures
New York Times, Sept. 2, 2014



Seriously! It Will Pay Off!

My daughter said "I want to do the IB program because it will help prepare me for college coursework", and it has. She felt confident going in to college that she had the time management, organization, and study skills she needed to be successful. She knows how to think and solve problems and she knows how to write a paper! It's not just about getting into college, it's about what you do once you get there.

Michelle Graves, IB Parent, Class of 2014

The IB program is a great preparation for the realities of college and instills much needed skills in the areas of writing, speaking, and time management. Due to its rigor, the program is very challenging and very demanding on its students, but the end result is a true advantage at the next level. At least one college even awards an automatic merit scholarship for IB graduates.

William Lane, IB Parent, Class of 2014

From CAS, to the Extended Essay, to the classes in general, the possibilities that come with the IB program are limitless. IB is more than just a set of courses to take. It's an opportunity to try something new or master something you've been exposed to before. So long as you seize these opportunities, the rewards that come in time will be well worth it.

Drew Navarro, IB Diploma Graduate, Class of 2014

They Can Do This!

