



THE FORUM



Official Newsletter of Westerville South High School's International Baccalaureate Program

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A NEW LINE OF COMMUNICATION!

Welcome to *THE FORUM*, the official newsletter of Westerville South High School's International Baccalaureate Program.

This purpose of this publication is to shine a light on the tremendous opportunities and accomplishments of Westerville South's talented and dedicated IB students.

Publication of *THE FORUM* will occur quarterly (in January, April, August and November) and will be sent electronically.

If you have questions about the WSHS IB Program, contact **Bill Heinmiller, IB Coordinator**, by phone at **614-797-6086** or email at **heinmilb@wsoh.org**.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

Do you enjoy a challenge? Are you looking for a school experience that will help you to reach your full potential while opening doors for your future? Would you like to experience learning in an international context where you are connected with other students and educators throughout the world?

If your answer to any of these questions is **YES**, then the IB Program at Westerville South High School may be just what you are looking for!

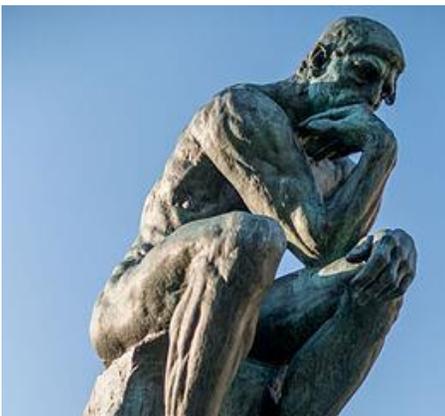
Whether it's the full Diploma Program, the Career-Related Program, or individual course enrollment, the IB program can meet the needs of many different types of learners. In most content areas, courses are available in either Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL), so students can cater a program to meet their individual strengths and goals.

The most important keys to your success are a desire to learn and a commitment to succeed. **Accept the challenge!**

*“Challenges make you discover things
about yourself that you never really knew”
– Cicely Tyson*

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 IS NOW UNDERWAY

With the turn of the calendar to 2016, it is now time to begin thinking about registration for the 2016-2017 academic year. Current sophomores should have received an “IB Intent Form,” and many have already submitted these forms to Mr. Heinmiller in the IB Office. If you are a current sophomore (or a parent of a current sophomore) and are interested in enrolling in IB courses next year, please stop by the IB Office in the WSHS Media Center, or call (614-797-6086) or email (heinmilb@wsoh.org) Mr. Heinmiller to learn more.



The Thinker, by Auguste Rodin (1840-1917)

The IB Learner Profile describe the characteristics and attitudes that are developed and fostered within the IB Program:



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Group 4 Interdisciplinary Science Project Symposium**
**WSHS Media Center (Friday, January 22~1:30-2:30 PM)



IB science students conducting an experiment for their Group 4 Collaborative Project

- **Information Night for Westerville 8th Graders and Parents** **WSHS Media Center (Wednesday, January 27~7:00-8:30 PM)
- **Deadline for application for administrative placement at Westerville South for 2016-2017 Academic Year**
**Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, March 15

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IB COURSE OFFERINGS

IB Courses are offered in 6 academic areas (groups). Additionally, there are courses for the “core” requirements in the Diploma and Career-Related Programs. Here is a list of the Content “groups” along with the courses within each group:



May 2015 IB Diploma Candidates

- **Group 1~Language and Literature:** English Literature HL
- **Group 2~Language Acquisition:** French (SL & HL), Spanish (SL & HL), Spanish ab initio (SL)
- **Group 3~Individuals & Societies:** Business Management (SL & HL), History of the Americas, Psychology
- **Group 4~Experimental Sciences:** Biology (SL & HL), Chemistry (SL), Physics (HL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL)
- **Group 5~Mathematics:** Mathematical Studies (SL), Mathematics (SL), Mathematics (HL)
- **Group 6~The Arts:** Music Theory (SL), Visual Arts (SL & HL)

SENIOR DIPLOMA STUDENTS CROSS MAJOR HURDLE!

The 32 senior IB Diploma Candidates completed a major milestone on Monday, December 14 when they submitted their final Extended Essay. The Extended Essay (EE), along with Creativity~Activity~Service (CAS) and Theory of Knowledge (ToK) compose the core of the IB Diploma Program. These core requirements play a major role in developing our students into well-rounded thinkers and inquirers who are ready to take on the challenges lie ahead in their education and careers. **Congratulations, seniors!**

WSHS IB BOOSTERS SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS, PROGRAM

In one of many ways they show our students and teachers how much they care, the WSHS IB Boosters presented every IB student and teacher with a semester exam “care package” on December 11. This kind gesture brought smiles to the faces of our students and gave them the needed boost to propel them into exam week. The WSHS IB Booster group meets monthly in the WSHS Media Center (2nd Tuesday of each month) and provides vital support for our IB students and staff.

WSHS TO LAUNCH PRE-IB PROGRAM FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES BEGINNING IN 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

Plans are underway to launch a Pre-IB Program for freshmen and sophomores who are planning for or considering the IB Program. The goals of the Pre-IB Program are **1)** Build a sense of community among students who will be our future IB Candidates, and **2)** Structure courses and assignments in ways that will best prepare our students for IB Courses. We are very excited about this venture, and we look forward to working with our future IB students in this new program!