



# THE FORUM



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

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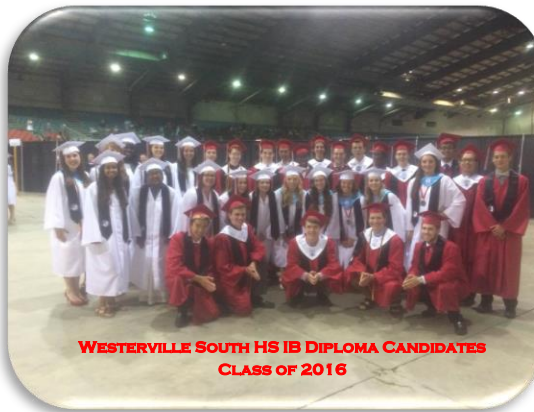
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## WILDCATS EXCEL ON MAY 2016 IB ASSESSMENTS!

Westerville South High School's IB Class of 2016 excelled on IB assessments!

Based on results published by the International Baccalaureate Organization in July, our seniors scored well above the inter-national average on their assessments.



WESTERVILLE SOUTH HS IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES CLASS OF 2016

In addition to their excellence in completing the academic requirements of the IB Diploma Program, our students made significant contributions through service to to our school, our district, our local community, and to various global causes.

This class has set a high standard that we can all be very proud of! We salute you, class of 2016. Below is a summary of their many accomplishments:

- 31 students received the IB Diploma
  - 94% passing rate~well above the 80% international average
  - These students logged nearly 5000 hours in CAS (Creativity, Action & Service) to better themselves and their community!
- 91 students were assessed in 258 IB Courses
  - 89% earned marks of 4 or higher



Students celebrate the end of May 2016 exams at a picnic sponsored by WSHS IB Boosters

**THE IB LEARNER PROFILE REPRESENTS THE ATTITUDES & TRAITS THAT WSHS'S IB TEACHERS AND STUDENTS STRIVE TO EMULATE:**



## OHIO IB COLLEGE FAIR TRIP PROVIDES WINDOW TO THE FUTURE FOR WILDCATS

On Thursday, April 21, 40 IB students from the class of 2017 and 2018 attended The Ohio Association of IB World Schools annual college fair in Dublin, OH. This event, geared specifically for Ohio's IB students, provided an opportunity for our students to meet representatives from schools across the United States and from abroad!



Kaleigh Rudge discusses college options with a representative from MIT



Lauren receives her WSHS diploma from Mr. John Laswell

We pay tribute to the memory of **Lauren Seitz**, member of the Westerville South HS Class of 2016. Lauren embodied everything that the IB Learner Profile describes. Our students, staff and school were made better by Lauren's presence here for the past four years. Everyone who met Lauren was touched by her compassion, her curiosity, and her ability to embrace and bring out the goodness in others.

Thanks to generous support from Westerville South's IB Boosters, students shared a meal and were provided transportation to and from this event. This is one of many excellent examples of how the IB Program opens many doors for Westerville's students!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- IB Information/Course Fee Meeting~Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**\*\*For all parents of IB Enrolled Juniors and Seniors**  
  
**\*\*WSHS Media Center.**  
  
**\*\*Course registration, fee payment, and other pertinent information about the IB Program will be shared.**
- IB Booster Meetings**  
**\*\*WSHS Media Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7 PM in Media Center):**
  - Thursday, September 8
  - Wednesday, October 12
  - Thursday, November 3
  - Wednesday, December 14**\*\*Come and join us at the IB Booster Meetings to learn how you can help support your son/daughter in WSHS's IB Program!**
- IB Fees Due October 14**  
**\*\*All families must submit payment or payment agreement for IB Fees by October 14. Details about registering and paying for these fees will be communicated at the September 22 meeting.**
- Socktober Fundraiser for Limbs International!**  
**\*\*Throughout the month of October (see the article bottom right of this page)**



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## IB WILDCATS SET TO COMPETE & SUCCEED IN COLLEGE



Westerville South's auditorium was filled with excitement on April 13 as several seniors revealed where they will continue their educational and athletic endeavors for the next four years. Of the 13 student-athletes who made their college commitments that day, six were students enrolled in Westerville South's International Baccalaureate Program. This is one of many achievements that exemplify the well-rounded students who make up our IB Program. Our IB students are involved in a diverse range of activities, including athletics, theatre, instrumental and vocal music, and a wide variety of other extracurricular activities!

## NEW IB COURSE AWAITS STUDENTS IN 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2016-17 academic year brings tremendous growth in Westerville South's IB Program. Course enrollment is up 50%, and the enthusiasm of students and faculty is high!

One exciting change is a new course being offered this year. IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science will be taught for the first time this year, and nearly 50 students are eager to begin!

This course is an excellent addition to our diverse menu of options which provides choices for multiple student interests. Whether a student chooses to enroll as a full Diploma Program Candidate or as a course candidate in one or a few courses, they can find a home in our program! Here is a list of our course options for the 2016-17 academic year:

*IB English Literature HL*  
*IB Spanish HL*  
*IB Spanish SL*  
*IB Spanish ab initio SL*  
*IB French SL*  
*IB Psychology SL*  
*IB Visual Arts HL*

*IB Business Management SL*  
*IB Business Management HL*  
*IB History of the Americas HL*  
*IB Chemistry SL*  
*IB Biology HL*  
*IB Biology SL*  
*IB Visual Arts SL*

*IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science HL*  
*IB Physics HL*  
*IB Mathematics HL*  
*IB Mathematics SL*  
*IB Mathematical Studies SL*  
*IB Music SL*

*\*SL = Standard Level*

*\*HL = Higher Level*



## WSHS IB PROGRAM TO PARTNER WITH LIMBS INTERNATIONAL

Westerville South's IB students are very excited to launch a project in partnership with **Limbs International**, an organization committed to providing low cost prosthetic legs for amputees in underprivileged parts of the world. This October is being officially tagged **"SOCKTOBER!"** For this cause! Our students will be selling 3-packs of socks for \$12.00. For every 75 pairs of socks sold, we will raise enough money to provide one prosthetic leg for an amputee to help them get "back on their feet again!" Additionally, for every set of socks sold, we will receive one pair of socks to donate to help keep a local homeless person warm this winter! What a great way to help our fellow citizens in our own community **and** around the world.



Click above to watch a video about the work of Limbs International