



THE FORUM, the official newsletter of Westerville South High School's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, is published electronically four times annually (January, April/May, August, and November). Please feel free to share this publication with others who may be interested in learning more about IB at Westerville South High School!

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IB STUDENTS SHINE AT CAS FAIR AND STUDENT SHOWCASE

Westerville South High School's iStudio was alive with energy on the evening of Wednesday, April 5th as students showcased their experiences in the International Baccalaureate Program. The evening included displays of art from the senior IB Visual Arts students and science experiment presentations.

Senior Anna McLean (right) discusses her CAS experiences.



Additionally, senior IB Diploma Candidates participated in a CAS Fair. CAS (Creativity-Activity-Service) is one of three core requirements of the IB Diploma Program (along with Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay). The CAS experience is an excellent example of IB's philosophy and practice of educating the entire student (intellectually-physically-emotionally) and encouraging and fostering experiences both in and out of the classroom to facilitate this philosophy.

Senior Ekow Ampah (right) discusses his CAS experiences.



During the CAS Fair, students shared their experiences and showed how these experiences demonstrated successful completion of the CAS Learning outcomes:

- Increase awareness of their own strengths and areas for growth
- Undertake new challenges
- Plan and initiated activities
- Work collaboratively with others
- Show perseverance and commitment in their activities
- Engage with issues of global importance
- Consider the ethical implications of their actions
- Develop new skills as they push the limits of their comfort zone

As can be seen from this list, and what was obvious from the discussions with students, Westerville South's IB Program is successfully helping students prepare for the complex world that awaits them!

2017 IB RESULTS ACCESS AVAILABLE ONLINE JULY 6TH!

All IB students received an email (to their Westerville City Schools email account) on Wednesday, May 24th or Thursday, May 25th with instructions about how to access IB Scores online. Please encourage your son or daughter to print this email for reference later this summer. Details available in "UPCOMING EVENTS" on page 2 of this newsletter!

THE IB DIPLOMA CORE:



One of the most rewarding aspects of an IB education is the opportunities/experiences provided in the core requirements of the IB Diploma Program.

A VIRTUAL TOUR:



IB Junior Diploma Candidate Megan Western takes a "virtual tour" of Paris, France in Westerville South's Virtual Reality Lab (located in the iStudio). Equipment for this lab was made available through a generous gift from Westerville South's Academic Boosters! (See accompanying story to the right)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **IB Exam Scores Available on Thursday, July 6**

**Students will be able to access IB scores beginning Thursday, July 6 at <https://candidates.ibo.org>

**Students will need their personal code and PIN number which was emailed to their school email account on May 24, 2017.

**Seniors...print this email NOW so you have it in July. It is very likely that your school email will be disabled after you graduate by the July date.

- **Look for IB Booster Sign-up Form in Back to School Mailing**

**WSHS's IB Boosters provide many benefits to our students! Please consider joining this fine organization when you receive the "Back to School" mailing in August!

IB PICNIC:



Wildcats celebrate the end of IB Exams at the annual IB Picnic, held Friday, May 19 in Wildcat Stadium. (See story on bottom right of this page)

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IB FRENCH & SPANISH STUDENTS LEARN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE THROUGH ENGAGING LESSONS

Language acquisition and exposure to world cultures is a key aspect of the IB curriculum. At Westerville South High School, our IB students have had many opportunities to engage in stimulating lessons and projects to help with this process.

In IB French, Madame Wright's students recently researched points of interest in Paris, composing tourist brochures that highlighted key destinations. This project culminated with an opportunity to "visit" these destinations in Westerville South's Virtual Reality Lab.

In IB Spanish Senora Mcknight-Matney's students have been preparing scripts and videotaping episodes of their very own Spanish Soap Opera. This experience has helped them to gain appreciation for the language useage and the entertainment culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

Both of these examples illustrate the creative ways IB students acquire and apply content knowledge in their studies

PEER MENTORING OCCURS AT "PIZZA AND PEP TALK" EVENT

On the afternoon of May 18, Westerville South's iStudio was filled with aromas of pizza, lively conversation, and much anticipation as current junior IB Diploma Candidates (class of 2018) had met and shared experiences and advice with current sophomores who have chosen to enroll as Diploma Candidates for the Class of 2019. Students

talked about how to balance the challenges of the IB coursework with extracurricular and social commitments, shared tips for success, and discussed the many benefits of the program. This meeting was a springboard to build lasting relationships where students can support and mentor each other throughout the 2017-2018 academic year! Pizza and snacks were provided by Westerville South's IB Boosters.

WILDCATS CELEBRATE THE CONCLUSION OF IB EXAMS AT ANNUAL IB PICNIC ON MAY 19

After over three weeks of IB exams, students were ready to have some time to celebrate on the afternoon of Friday, May 19 inside Wildcat Stadium! Students were able to enjoy great food, play games, and just "hang out" to wind down from IB exams! Thanks to the generosity of our IB Parents and the organization of our IB Boosters, everyone had a fabulous time!



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