

UPCOMING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 9 Staff
Appreciation event---Sweets
Day

FEBRUARY 10 End of six
week grading period

FEBRUARY 16 Parent-
Teacher Conferences 4:30-
7:30pm

**FEBRUARY 17 – NO
SCHOOL**

**FEBRUARY 20 – NO
SCHOOL** Presidents Day

MARCH 1 Senior CAS
Reflections due (Last Day)

MARCH 6, 7, 13, 14 CSAP
testing

MARCH 7 IBPA Meeting
6:30pm – Lecture Center

MARCH 26 - APRIL 2
Spring Break

APRIL 4 Final IBPA Meeting
6:30pm Board Elections

APRIL 9 IB Class of 2016
meeting

APRIL 16 IB Visual Arts
Open House

APRIL 24 ACT (Juniors
Only)

APRIL 28 LHS Foundation
Silent Auction & Dinner

MAY (all month) IB/AP
Exams---Proctors needed

MAY 21 IB Senior Banquet
6:00pm Arvada Center

MAY 23 Seniors' Last Day

MAY 26 Graduation – CU
Events center

MAY 29 & 30 Finals



We have now selected the IB Class of 2016 and are anxiously awaiting their responses. We offered approximately 210 applicants an opportunity to attend Lakewood High School for the IB Prep program. We will have our usual new class informational meeting on April 9, 2012 to discuss how to begin CAS, what to expect as school starts in August, and to share car pool information including Ride Arrangers. In March, letters will be mailed to the Class of 2016 with details about this meeting.

We have started the registration process for next year with our current students and had a wonderful turnout for the Sophomore Social and informational meeting on Thursday, January 19th. A thank you to IB Parents Association for organizing the social event and to the parent volunteers who kindly served us.

Junior and senior students are finishing their internal assessments, and I will be busy mailing essays and other assessments around the world. While the seniors are in the final stages of their coursework and beginning to prepare for their exams, the juniors have begun their Extended Essay requirement. Information was given to the juniors January 10-13 in the TOK classes.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND, WITH YOUR JUNIOR STUDENT, THE MARCH 7th IBPA MEETING for details of the Extended Essay process and **to hear from current IB senior students who submitted exemplar Extended Essays this year.**

PLEASE NOTE: Important information for Extended Essay and TOK Papers

- 1. Students cannot earn ELEMENTARY scores on their Extended Essay and TOK Assessments.** This will deny them earning the IB Diploma. If students earn one elementary score on either the EE or TOK paper, they must score a minimum of 28 points on their exams to earn the full IB diploma.
- Students will now earn $\frac{1}{4}$ **credit** for successfully meeting all deadlines and requirements for completion of the EE.

I look forward to helping guide your students, with the help of their teacher EE supervisors, in this important component of the IB Diploma requirements.

Best Regards,

Litsa Kirby

It's a great day to be a Lakewood Tiger

FROM THE CHAIR

A belated Happy New Year to you all!

The Lakewood High School IB Program has a consistent record of 95% or better pass rate on the IB Diploma exams. On December 15 we welcomed our 2011 graduates, who earned the IB Diploma, for a ceremony and reception. We are so proud of our graduates! Thank you to IBPA parents who helped make it a special evening by planning a slide presentation for the ceremony and hosting the reception. For those who of you who were able to attend our January meeting we hope you enjoyed the insights and experiences that some of our graduates shared.

At the end of January, decision letters were mailed to 8th grade students who are seeking spots in the IB Prep Freshman class of 2016. We want to thank all of the IBPA parents who assisted in handing out test scores on the interview day in the application process.

IBPA also hosted Sophomore IB Prep students and their families for a potluck social prior to the information meeting that is part of the decision-making process for our IB Prep students as they decide whether they will make the commitment to completing the Diploma Program their Junior and Senior years. Thank you to the parents who organized and helped with the social.

A very special thank you to all of you who have donated money to this year's Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over \$7500 to date. We will continue to accept donations through the spring and the scholarship application process will begin in March or April and will be open to all IB Seniors.

I have a special request for this second semester. I strongly encourage parents to be particularly conscientious about reading emails that are sent from the LHS IB Coordinator or Office and from IBPA and to maintain the habit of checking the IB and IBPA websites regularly. Budget constraints preclude the school from sending out hard copy announcements and IBPA would rather put the funds we raise to benefit the students and program directly. The emails, along with the websites, serve as the primary sources of the information that you will need in order to stay abreast of the requirements and expectations for your student as he or she progresses through the program. In addition, IBPA parents play an indispensable role in making the program a success for your students. In this issue of the newsletter are important reminders regarding upcoming meetings, extended essays for IB juniors, proctor volunteers and staff appreciation. IBPA is an all-volunteer organization and, as an organization, we can be of greatest service to our students, school and members when all members take care to stay informed, respond to volunteer reminders and pitch in to help.

Thank you again for all that you do and please make sure to update your calendars with the information in this newsletter.

Best wishes!

Kim Grogan

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LET'S HAVE DINNER!

One of our members, Natasha Alizadeh, has generously offered to arrange a social event for any interested IB and IB Prep parents. We hope to make this a regular event, at least once a semester. It will be a fun opportunity to meet and visit with other parents who have students in the Lakewood IB program.

IB Parents Social event:

DATE: February 24, 2012

TIME: 6pm for drinks, 6:30pm seated for supper (individual tabs & checks)

PLACE: Macaroni Grill

ADDRESS: 14245 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80401 (by Denver West)

RSVP: Prior to Tuesday February 21, 2012

Please send your response to Natasha's email address: n_alizadeh@hotmail.com

IBPA MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY--

DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY IBPA MEETING.

MARCH MEETING

When: Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: LHS Lecture Center

Topic: Extended Essay

Mrs. Litsa Kirby, along with several of our IB Senior students will be presenting information and answering questions about the Extended Essay requirement for the IB Diploma. IB Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend and all other IB and IB Prep students and their parents are welcome as well.

SAVE THE DATE:

IB SENIOR BANQUET – MAY 21

Seniors and their parents please mark your calendars for the IB Senior Banquet. The Senior Banquet is a celebration to honor the accomplishments of our IB seniors and the faculty, staff, and families who helped make it all possible. The program and entertainment is provided by our seniors. The dinner takes place at the Arvada Center, IB scholarships will be awarded and seniors will receive their honor cords.

IBPA STAFF APPRECIATION:

IBPA hosts four Staff Appreciation events during the school year for ALL of the teachers and staff at LHS. We ask our parent volunteers to send in food items for those special days (for example, we might ask for a dozen cookies, fresh fruit or a pie). We started with our Brunch Buffet in September, followed by Pie Day in November. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed food items for those very successful days. Our remaining two Staff Appreciation events will take place on the following dates:

FEBRUARY 9, 2012: Sweets Day

APRIL 2012 TBD: Cookies & Milk Day

Volunteers will be contacted by email/phone with details about each of the events approximately 10 days prior to each one. If you have any questions or wish to add your name to the list of volunteers, please contact Laura Milleville at lauramilleville@yahoo.com or Terri Cohen at terricoh@aol.com.

IBPA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DRIVE

As you are all aware, a college education is very expensive. We hope to help a number of well deserving students with that initial investment. Last year IBPA awarded twice the number of scholarships as the year before. We hope to up the number awarded this year. If you would like a copy of the fundraising letter, you can download it at the IBPA link. (If you did not receive a letter, please let us know so we can correct or change your address in our data base.)

Thanks to the generosity of parents and community members, we have raised over \$7500 so far! Donations are still being accepted. The more we raise the more we can award! You can download a copy of the scholarship letter at the link on this website.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 28, 2012

**THE LHS FOUNDATION PRESENTS
A SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER
BENEFIT FOR
LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

It is time once again to put your creative juices to work for our students and school. Please consider donating an item for the dinner's silent auction this year, items that are highly desired and sell well are: art work, tiger items, wine baskets, theme baskets, old collectibles, event tickets, & sports apparel. Do you or someone in your family create woodwork, photography, pottery, doll houses, clothing or jewelry?

Friends who own businesses might like to get a tax write off as well. Get your nail tech to donate a pedicure or spa treatment. Your hair dresser might want to advertise by donating a haircut or color service. A restaurant you frequent might enjoy more business by donating dinner for two. You get the idea!

Great donations in the past have been a week at second / vacation homes in the mountains, Florida, Hawaii and Mexico, County Club Golf, swimming with sharks at the Denver Aquarium, and Time Share resort packages. Get creative and use your imagination, the sky is the limit!

Everyone at Lakewood High School benefits from the money raised.

ALL donations must be received by April 13th

EXAM PROCTORING:

HELP NEEDED! AP and IB EXAM Proctors MAY, 2012 Please sign up now.

Believe it or not, Spring Exam time is not that far away and the planning needs to begin now. We want to thank all of you who have volunteered to assist in this very important task. No training is necessary and we will need the help of as many parents and other adults as possible. There are many exams with a very large number of LHS students (both IB and non-IB) who take them. Having the appropriate number of proctors is necessary in order to ensure the validity of the exams so the importance of this job cannot be overstated. We will need approximately 140 proctors in order to cover all of the exams.

In order to assist you in planning, a first draft general schedule is included below in this newsletter. All proctors for morning exams will be expected to arrive by 7:15 a.m. and proctors for afternoon exams will be expected to arrive by 11:15 .m. The length of exams varies and you will receive specific end times when the schedule is finalized for the number of proctors needed. You will be able to sign up at that time. Information about the subject and date and whether the exam is administered in the morning or afternoon are listed so that you can start checking calendars now for the exams for which you can volunteer. All exams will be held at LHS or very nearby. ***NOTE: You may not sign up for an exam that your own student is taking. Parents of juniors, sophomores and freshmen, in particular, please sign up for senior exams. Senior parents, please plan to sign up for any exam that your student is not taking. Sophomore parents will NOT be able to sign up for the AP US History exam.***

For every exam, proctoring duties will involve passing out exams and, most importantly, watching students taking the exam. Additional duties may involve setting up /putting away tables and chairs. For those who have already signed up to volunteer, you will be receiving an email no later than **March 1**, explaining proctoring in more detail and giving you the opportunity to sign up first for maximum flexibility in scheduling. Laura Kepler is our Proctor Coordinator this year so please add her email to your contact list: goldenkeplers@yahoo.com . If anyone else would like to add their name to the volunteer list now, please contact Kim at ibpachair@gmail.com and please include your phone number with that email.

IB and AP Test Schedule 2012

Proctors will report by 7:15 a.m. for a.m. exams and 11:15 a.m. for p.m. exams.

Wednesday 5/2/2012**a.m.**

- IB English HL Paper 1

p.m.

- IB Philosophy SL Paper 1
- IB Psychology SL Paper 1

Thursday 5/3/2012**a.m.**

- IB Philosophy SL Paper 2
- IB Psychology SL Paper 2

p.m.

- IB Math Studies SL Paper 1
- IB Mathematics SL Paper 1
- IB Mathematics HL Paper 1

Friday 5/4/2012**a.m.**

- IB Math Studies SL Paper 2
- IB Mathematics SL Paper 2
- IB Mathematics HL Paper 2

p.m.

- IB Further Mathematics SL Paper 1
- Music SL Paper 1

Monday 5/7/2012**a.m.**

- AP Chemistry
- IB Further Mathematics SL Paper 2

p.m.

- AP Psychology
- IB Mathematics HL Paper 3

Tuesday 5/8/2012**a.m.**

- AP computer Science
- AP Spanish Language

p.m.

- IB Chemistry HL Paper 1
- IB Chemistry HL Paper 2
- IB Chemistry SL Paper 1
- IB Chemistry SL Paper 2
- IB Design Tech SL Paper 1
- IB Design Tech SL Paper 2

Wednesday 5/9/2012**a.m.**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Chemistry HL Paper 3
- Chemistry SL Paper 3
- Design Tech SL Paper 3

p.m.

- IB English HL Paper 2

Thursday 5/10/2012**a.m.**

- AP English Literature and Composition

Friday 5/11/2012**a.m.**

- AP United States History
- Studio Art – Last day for Coordinator Submission of digital portfolios

p.m.

- AP European History
- History HL Paper 1
- History HL Paper 2

Monday 5/14/2012**a.m.**

- AP Biology
- IB History HL Paper 3

p.m.

- AP Physics C: Mechanics (exam begins at noon)
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (exam begins at 2 p.m.)

Tuesday 5/15/2012**p.m.**

- IB Economics SL Paper 1

Wednesday 5/16/2012**a.m.**

- AP English Language and Composition
- IB Economics SL Paper 2

p.m.

- AP Statistics

IB and AP Test Schedule 2012 (continued)

Thursday 5/17/2012

a.m.

- AP Macroeconomics
- IB Spanish B SL Paper 1
- IB Spanish B SL Paper 2

p.m.

- AP Microeconomics
- IB Biology HL Paper 1
- IB Biology HL Paper 2

p.m.

- Business & Management SL Paper 1

Friday 5/18/ 2012

a.m.

- IB Biology HL Paper 3

Monday 5/21/2012

a.m.

- IB Business & Management SL Paper 2

Tuesday 5/22/2012

a.m.

- IB French B SL Paper 1
- IB French B SL Paper 2

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