

UPCOMING CALENDAR

December 7: Poinsettia pickup 9:30 am – 6:00 pm

December 7: 6:30 pm. LHS Lecture Center – IBPA meeting. Summer opportunities

December 15: December Diplomas for 2011 IB graduates

December 15 - 16: Final exams

January 4: IBPA meeting 6:30 pm. IB graduates to speak.

January 7: Interviews for Class of 2016

January 23: Sophomore social (required for current IB prep sophomores) 6:00 pm.



COORDINATOR NOTES

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Thank you for a great beginning of the school year. Students are on the final stretch to semester exams and semester grades. Final exams for all students will be held on Thursday, December 15th and Friday, December 16th. These are full class schedule days. The semester ends December 16th.

It has been my pleasure to interact with some of you at the IB parents' meetings. I encourage all members to attend IBPA meetings. We meet each first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the LHS Lecture Center. This is your opportunity to receive pertinent information and connect socially. Here is the agenda for up-coming meetings.

The **December 7th meeting** will showcase summer opportunities for students. Two guest speakers from "Common Ground" and "Walking Tree" will present their international Spanish language immersion and home-stay programs for high school students. **Please invite your student to attend with you.** The presentation video is geared for teens. In addition, if you missed the CAS fair held in October, informational brochures from a couple of non-profits will be available.

The **January IBPA meeting**, to be held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 (first day back to school from Winter Break) always proves to be a highlight. That evening we will hear from 2011 IB graduates speak to the topic "YES, IB IS WORTH IT." **This is a great meeting for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to attend along with their parents.**

We will be completing the application process for the Class of 2016 with interviews on **Saturday, January 7th. I need parent volunteers to help school counselors with registration and handing out Explore Test scores.** I will have sign-up sheets available at the December 7th IBPA meeting. You can help for the whole day, or half a day. We start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! At the end of January we begin the registration process for those students who will enter our 2012-2013 IB Diploma Program their junior year. This is a **crucial decision-making time for IB Prep sophomores. Will they continue with the IB program or not?** To help make an informed decision, there is a **REQUIRED informational meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for ALL IB Prep sophomores and their parents.** This meeting will outline the differences between the IB Diploma Program, Advanced Placement (AP), and Honors classes for students' final two years of high school at LHS. **The IBPA is hosting a pot-luck dinner for IB Prep sophomores and their parents before the meeting.** Look for a separate letter with all the details and RSVP to arrive after school resumes from winter break.

One last item: in January, IB Juniors will add the Theory of Knowledge class (TOK) to their schedule. This course is about critical thinking and learning to build strong, well-supported arguments both orally and in writing. It is a two semester course completed at the end of first semester of the senior year. This course is a cornerstone of the IB program and we hear it is the course especially valued when our IB graduates come back to visit after their first semester of college.

CLASS OF 2014 - SOPHOMORE SOCIAL

All IB Prep Sophomores and Families are REQUIRED to attend this important informational meeting.

DATE: January 23

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Lakewood High School

Please plan to join IB Coordinator, Litsa Kirby and other faculty, staff, students and family for this opportunity to learn about the IB Diploma Candidate Program for 11th and 12th grades. The requirements and expectations of the program will be discussed and there will be ample time for questions and mingling with other IB Prep students and their families. The purpose of this event is to help provide the information these students will need in order to make decisions regarding their junior year at LHS.

There will be a potluck dinner in the West Atrium prior to the meeting. Please look for a letter with information prior to Jan. 23.

FROM THE CHAIR

Wow! That semester went fast and now the holiday season has begun. I hope that you had a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I want to thank all of the Lakewood IB parents and students for a great semester. You certainly all contributed to making our meetings, events and fundraisers great successes this past semester. A special thank you to Mrs. Kirby, and all of the IB teachers, who bring their tremendous energy, vision and passion to the program each and every day.

Some important dates are fast approaching: **December 7 is Poinsettia pick-up day.** For those of you who pre-ordered poinsettia plants, you will need to pick up your orders in the Lecture Center on that day between 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on that day. Tagawa Gardens has once again provided these beautiful plants in time for the winter break and holidays. A million thanks to Becky Stein and Alicia Bathauer and their group of volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's sale as successful as last year's sale---over 200 plants were sold!!

Wednesday, December 7 is our annual IBPA social meeting. Students are invited to attend this meeting as well since the topic will be "Summer Opportunities". There will be representatives from Common Ground and Walking Tree and Mrs. Kirby will have information about a variety of summer opportunities. Please bring a holiday treat to share and join other IB parents and students in a casual social atmosphere.

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 will be the first day back to school for students and our first meeting of the New Year. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. as we welcome back some of Lakewood IB graduates. This meeting is always one of the most popular meetings of the year with the opportunity to hear from former IB students about where they are now and whether IB was "worth it". They are always candid and open to all questions. Students are also welcome to attend.

Thank you to Laura Milleville and Terri Cohen and all of our wonderful volunteers who provided the delicious pies for the November Staff Appreciation Day. It is our way of acknowledging how appreciative we are for what the staff at Lakewood does for our students and they always love Pie Day!

Our second annual Scholarship Fundraising Drive is underway and, by now, each of you should have received your letter in the mail. Last year the IBPA gave out 4 scholarships totaling \$8000 and we are hoping to increase that amount this year. Lakewood IB has many very talented and deserving students and, as an organization, we want to support these future leaders. Your generosity in any amount will make a difference.

Wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons with family and friends!

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POINSETTIA PICK UP! POINSETTIA PICK UP!**POINSETTIA PICK UP:****Wednesday, December 7****9:30 am to 6:00 pm****LHS lecture center**

All plants MUST be picked up on Wednesday. Any plants not picked up will be donated at the discretion of IBPA

**DECEMBER IBPA MEETING****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011****6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.****Meeting - LHS Lecture Center****Social - LHS West Atrium****Please bring a treat to share!**

Please join us, along with your students for our December social and hear about summer opportunities!

We welcome your questions and participation in our meetings, whether you are the parent of an IB Prep student hoping to learn more about how to support your student, a parent with a junior who is just starting the Diploma process, or a veteran parent of a senior or a former student who wishes to generously share the wisdom learned from your experience.

JANUARY IBPA MEETING**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012****6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.****LHS Auditorium****Students are encouraged to attend.**

Meet IB Diploma graduates and hear their take on the value of the Diploma, the perspectives of those who have taken on and successfully completed the Program, ask questions and get answers!

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 10, 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.)

THANK YOU to all of you who have made donations already! The generosity of the IB families is very much appreciated.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 15	December Diplomas & Celebration, 2011 IB Graduates	
December 15 & 16	Finals	
December 17– Jan. 4	Winter Break	
January 4	IBPA Meeting	6:30pm
January 7	Class of 2016 interviews	
January 23	IB Prep Sophomore Social –IB decision (<i>mandatory all sophomores</i>)	
February 1	IBPA Meeting LHS	6:30pm
February 10	3rd Staff Appreciation event---Sweets Day	
February 16	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30pm
March 7	IBPA Meeting	6:30pm
March 26-April 2	Spring Break	
April 4	IBPA Meeting	6:30pm
April 24	ACT (Juniors Only)	
May (all month)	IB/AP Exams---Proctors needed	
May 21	IB Senior Banquet	6:00pm
May 23	Seniors' Last Day	
May 26	Graduation – CU Events center	
May 29 & 30	Finals, Last Day of School	