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LINKING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

International Baccalaureate Programme

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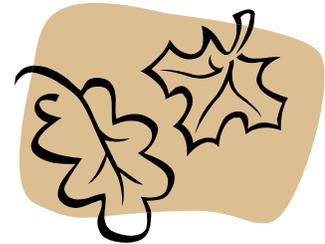
Hello from the International Baccalaureate Learning Community, Our last meeting was at the end of August, but we settled many issues and previewed many important dates for the next few months.

Issues that we settled included the reminder to Preparatory IB and IB teachers to use the GHS PIB/IB calendar at gulfhigh.org. Parents and teachers may access this calendar in order to learn about important due dates and test dates in PIB/IB classes. Teachers of these and other classes can use the dates to time organize assignments in their own classes. Since test grades are so important, they are assigned to different disciplines on different class days: Tuesday is set aside for science and art classes; Wednesday belongs to English and math classes; Thursday is social studies' day; and Friday is set for world language and music classes.

Dr. Lepley addressed a number of items. The first issue was the academic honesty statements which must be signed by all PIB and IB students. These sign sheets will be handed out and collected by Dr. Lepley through science classes this year. Also, Dr. Lepley needs juniors to sign for upcoming IB exams very soon. Training for new PIB teachers was discussed, and we learned that Debi Pitcock, Lisa Teuschler, and Daniel Uchacz will visit Houston, Texas, during the last week of September for Level One training with Dr. Lepley accompanying them. Dr. Lepley's last news item was a reminder for teachers in the IB Learning Community to register with Turnitin.com for student papers. Students can take a self-tutorial on it, and teachers can watch a short training movie before getting started.

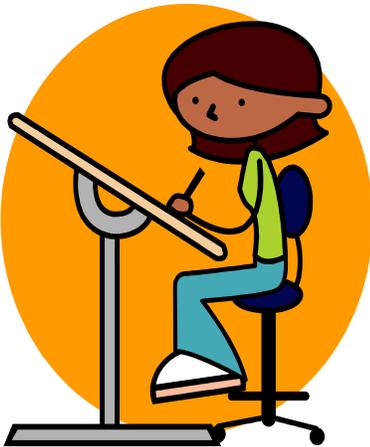
Dates of importance demonstrate the

whirling activity level of the PIB/IB community. On October 12, French students enjoyed Cyrano de Bergerac. All students in grade ten, Mrs. Alwood's European history class, presented their Renaissance Faire on October 16. Mrs. Barrus, art teacher, announced that the Festival of Masters will take place on November 9. Please note that the date was changed from November 16. Also, for future reference, Don Quixote will happen on December 10, and students who study Spanish will attend that performance. Have a delightfully cool autumn!



Institute of Technical Sciences

Written by Craig Judy, Team Coordinator



The Institute of Technical Sciences (ITS) used their initial meeting to brainstorm what activities and philosophies we wished to follow this school year. Instead of adopting a single theme for all disciplines, such as space travel, we decided to concentrate on technological advances that have been made in our own program areas. We also chose to use guest speakers/presentations, as opposed to field trips, so that all "ITS" students could benefit from real life learning experiences and opportunities. We hope to get positive responses from V-LOC, NASA, Spartan Electronics, and Pall Aero Power to name just a few.

Important Dates:

10/30/07	Report Cards
11/3/07	SAT I & II
11/12/07	Holiday
11/16/07	Progress Reports
11/21-11/23	Holidays
12/1/07	SAT I & II
12/8/07	ACT
12/21/07	End of Quarter
12/24-1/7/08	Holidays

Institute of Communication and the Arts

The Institute of Communication and the Arts and the Interact club will be hosting the Battle of the Bands at Des Little Stadium on Saturday, November 17, at 4:00 pm. Applications and information are online at gulf-high.org. The event is open to bands in Pasco and Pinellas counties. Encore Music in Port Richey will be providing the sound system. Stages will be provided by Gulf High. Concession stands will be open (no coolers). Tickets may be purchased during lunches in Rm 103 for \$5.00 the week of Nov. 12-16, and at the gate price for \$8.00. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and tents are welcome.

The purpose of the event is to raise scholarship money for a graduating senior who plans on going into the arts in college. The scholarship is named after Michael David Rowe who was a GHS graduate c/o 2001, and was killed in Iraq in March of 2006. He left behind his wife, Becca, and unborn baby girl, Nevaeh. Michelle Housel was the 2006 recipient and is currently attending Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota. James Loop is the 2007 recipient and is attending University of Florida in Gainesville. The art department will be participating in the December student art show called, "Autumn Arts." This show is

Written by Lisa Barrus, Team Coordinator

open to all Pasco County schools and will be held at Sims Park in New Port Richey. The show awards ribbons for all who participate, as well as monetary awards. Teachers will be matting quality art work for exhibit.



Institute of Business and Technology

Written by Sharon Oster, Team Coordinator



As the year begins, students are planning for the upcoming FBLA Fall Leadership Conference and branch banking at GHS with Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union. The IBT welcomes back its community partners, Lori Kalman with Innisbrook Resort, Jeanne Tollerton with Marchman TEC, and John Gallagher, Pasco County Administrator. The Buccaneer Branch of

the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union offers students and staff an opportunity to bank at school during lunch. This is an opportunity to save and spend wisely. In Business Education (IBT) classes, workshops will be presented by Suncoast representatives on topics such as budgeting, investing, saving, and spending. The Buccaneer Branch of the Suncoast Schools Fed-

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Institute of Health and Human Services

Written by Carol Hlad, Team Coordinator

The Institute of Health and Human Services began the year with the theme "Challenge to Change." Building on last year's theme of "Move It!", we are continuing to emphasize a healthy lifestyle, including exercise, diet, food safety, and nutritious

food choices from MyPyramid. In conjunction with our learning community and the initiative of high school majors, Gulf High School has been awarded a state grant, "Career Paths Succeed" in which the school has implemented a program for

this year's ninth graders, the Health Careers Academy, where students interested in the health care field will concentrate on a 4-year program of study, emphasizing the medical field. The Academy is working with a core team of teachers, community

health facilities, and the local training schools and colleges to provide pertinent courses leading to a career in medicine from licensing, 2-year, 4-year and 8-year degrees. The Academy's themes for first semester emphasize a different aspect of health: Eye Health and Eye Safety.

NJROTC

Written by Commander Nesthus

Nearly 30 of Gulf High School's best participated in numerous team-building and skill events on Saturday, September 15th. The kids met at the YMCA located near Mitchell High School at 8:00 a.m. and by 9:00 were heavily involved in Low Cope Course events such as rock climbing, suspension swing, net climbing, spider web, and much more. Activities were structured to encourage team building, conflict resolution and problem solving. It did not take long for the cadets to learn the difficulties associated with trying to accomplish certain things as individuals rather than as a team. Each cadet took something away that he or she plans to use not only in the Unit, but also in life. Everyone had a great time and is looking to next Spring when they've been invited back to participate in the High Cope Course, which is a more demanding, more difficult endeavor.



Guidance

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist

The Gulf High School guidance department has had a busy start to the school year. During the months of August through October the following activities have taken place:

- Grade 12 Guidance and Career Center Orientation
- Grade 12 Senior Graduation Plans
- Grade 12 Florida Bright Futures Evaluation through FACTS.org
- Adult Education Registration for first semester
- Grade 11 Credit Checks
- Grade 9 Guidance and Career Center Orientation
- PLAN Test for Grade 10
- PSAT Test for interested students in Grades 9-11
- College Night at PHCC on 10/9

Upcoming activities include:

- ASVAB Test for interested seniors on 11/5
- Grade 10 Credit Checks on 11/6 and 11/7
- Grade 12 Florida Financial Aid Application will be completed on 12/5-12/7 (this is the application for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program)
- Grade 10 PLAN Test Interpretation on 12/12-12/14

Parents and students are encouraged to use esempler to access student grades. You can also use the FACTS.org website to complete evaluations for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, access career/college information, search for scholarships/financial aid, and prepare for the SAT using testGEAR.

Guidance information is always available on the Gulf High School website at gulfhigh.org

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Student Registrar	727-774-3307
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Golden School Award
Silver School Award
2005-06, 2006-07

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