



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS - AUGUST 2010 MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the 2010 IB graduating class at Montgomery. Eighteen seniors received the IB Diploma. In addition, 59 Certificate students took one or more IB exams, and 27 Anticipated IB Diploma candidates took exams as 11th graders. Colleges and universities that 2010 IB Diploma graduates will attend, most with substantial scholarships, include the University of California at Berkeley, Davis, San Diego, and Santa Cruz, New York University, Northeastern University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Savannah College of Art and Design and Santa Rosa Junior College. MHS students took a total of 412 IB and AP exams in May. The success rate for senior diploma candidates was 100% and one student earned a bilingual IB diploma in English/Spanish. The pass rate for all IB exams at MHS was 94%. Of 17 IB subjects at MHS, our average student scores are above the world average for IB schools in twelve subjects. The MHS senior class of 2010 includes four National Merit Semi-Finalists (top 1% of U.S. college-bound students) and eight National Merit Commended students (top 5%).

America's Best High Schools 2010 - Six IB World Schools in the United States have been ranked in the top 10 of *Newsweek's* annual list of "America's Best High Schools". A total of 32 IB World schools are ranked in the top 100 with 117 represented in the top 500. According to Jay Mathews, creator of the *Newsweek* high schools list and *Washington Post* education columnist, "Only about two percent of US high schools have IB programs, but IB schools are found in much higher proportions." To learn more, visit *The Newsweek high schools list* online.

IB Parent Organization. The group is open to all interested parents and meets bimonthly to support MHS pre-IB/IB students, to share information and to answer parent questions about the IB program. Parents of current or potential diploma candidates are especially encouraged to attend. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 23 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the MHS library. If you would like to be on the IB Parent e-mail list, please send a message to dbattenfeld@srcs.k12.ca.us. We welcome parent donations to Club IB for field trips, enrichment activities, exam study sessions and IB student meetings (checks, payable to MHS, should be sent to Ms. Battenfeld). Parents can also support IB by making donations to the Montgomery Education Foundation on behalf of IB. For additional information on parent meetings, IB orientations, handouts, and student deadlines, please see VikingIB at www.teacherweb.com.

IB Student Support. Students with questions about IB including course schedules, university admission, CAS (community service) requirements, exam registration and financial aid are encouraged to email Ms. Battenfeld (ib.battenfeld@gmail.com), or to see her in Room 27 during guided study, after school, or by appointment.

IB and AP Exam Information. IB/AP exams are May 2-23, 2011. Students should register and pay for exams by Friday, October 29, 2010. Late fees are charged after November 1. Registration forms and financial aid applications will be available at back-to-school night on September 16, in the Business Office and on teacherweb (VikingIB).

College graduation rates for IB students. Taking IB exams and pursuing the IB Diploma is excellent preparation for college and university. In a recent study by the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), IB students had higher college graduation rates than US college students as a whole. 80% of students who earn the IB Diploma receive a bachelor's degree in 6 years or less, and 64% of Certificate students receive a bachelor's degree. The six-year graduation rate for all U.S. students who enter a 4-year college after high school is just 58%. In addition, the graduation rates for IB students in public high schools are the same as IB students from private schools.



International College and University Fair
Sunday, September 26, 1:00-3:00 pm
French-American International School, San Francisco

Sponsored by the Council of International Schools and IB Americas, the college fair is designed for students in 11th and 12th grade who are currently studying in the IB Diploma Program as well as for 10th grade students who are interested in the IB Diploma Program. Over 50 colleges and universities from the U.S. and around the world are expected to attend. For directions, please visit the school's website at www.frenchamericansf.org. All interested IB students and parents are encouraged to attend.

For more information:

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