



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2011 MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

MHS IB Parent Organization Fall Meetings

Thursday, October 6	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Library
Thursday, December 1	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Library

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. This year, the IB Parent Organization will also be assisting in Montgomery's Five-Year IB School Reauthorization Review. If you would like to be on the IB Parent e-mail list, please send a message to dbattenfeld@srcs.k12.ca.us or ib.battenfeld@gmail.com. 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 contact Ms. Battenfeld or consult the MHS website.

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. Club IB, the IB student club, meets on Fridays at lunch in Room 27, and is open to interested students grades 9-12.

IB and AP Exam Information. MHS encourages all students in IB and AP courses to take the exams. Montgomery's high pass rate (over 90%) demonstrates that students can be successful in their IB/AP courses and exams. Studies show that IB students are better prepared for college, are more successful in college, and make positive contributions to their school community. Colleges recognize this in making their admissions and financial aid decisions. IB/AP exams are May 2-22, 2012.

Students should register and pay for exams by Monday, October 31, 2011. Late fees are charged after November 1. Registration forms and financial aid applications will be available the end of September in the Business Office, on Ms. Battenfeld's teacherweb, and on the MHS website. Students on free/reduced lunch automatically qualify for fee waivers; other students who need financial assistance to pay for their exams are encouraged to apply.