

ARC IB Programme

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Dear IB Families,

This month has flown by! We feel like we just sent out a newsletter and here we are again! We managed to make it to every single Richmond County middle school and a couple of private schools to talk about how wonderful the IB Programme is at Richmond. ARC and Lake Forest Hills were also invited with to speak to a neighborhood garden club about what International Baccalaureate is all about. Additionally, we had a fantastic crowd for our IB Open House for prospective families Monday, November 18. Thank you all for helping us spread the word on what a great program we have at ARC.

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MYP Projects Update

All of our approved projects for 9th and 10th graders now have supervisors. Students met with supervisors this past week and entered their documentation on Microsoft Teams. Remember, every missed meeting is 5 points off of the final grade. Those grades go in the ELA gradebook during the 4th nine weeks. Please mark your calendars now for our IB Expo night where MYP Projects are displayed, juniors receive their IB pin, and seniors share their EE topics and reflective projects. It will be held Thursday, March 19 4:30-6:30. We are very excited about these projects and cannot wait to share them with you!

Course Catalog

We are in the process of compiling course information to create an IB Course Catalog to help your students make informed decisions when picking classes for the next school year. We are also gathering information about the different CP Pathway options. Look for that information to come to your inbox in the coming weeks.



Upcoming Events

December 3

Biology IA Drafts are due

December 5

Fall Athletic Banquet

December 7

SAT at ARC

December 14

ACT at ARC

NMSI Science Study
Session at ARC

December 17-19

Exams

December 20

Exam Make Ups

December 23-January 6

Winter Holidays

IB Acronym of the Month

IA

Internal Assessment

Official IB assessment graded by the teacher. Samples of the teacher's grading are sent to the IB for moderation. Every IB subject has an IA.

Some kids have GPAs over 4.0. How does that happen?

It happens when a kid takes an IB, AP, or dual-enrollment class. Those classes are scored on a 5.0 scale to reward kids for taking classes that are rigorous. In those classes, an A is worth a 5.0, a B is worth 4.0, and so forth, as opposed to regular high school classes where an A is worth 4.0 and a B is worth 3.0. When it comes to calculating GPA to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian, those classes become very important. Remember that dual-enrollment classes are an option during the summer at many of our partner colleges and universities.

Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will start after the holidays. The IB team will go in to first period classes to review the process with the students. This is when sophomores will need to decide on the Diploma Programme or the Career-Related Programme. Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Thompson will be going in to classes to discuss the options with the students.

Deadlines

Juniors need to adhere to all Extended Essay deadlines and seniors need to follow all IA deadlines. Freshmen and sophomores need to be aware of all project deadlines. If you have any questions about any of those deadlines, please see the teacher or a member of the IB staff. Students are responsible for meeting all deadline expectations.

December Exams

We will have first semester exams the week of December 16th. IB gold classes will take their exams Monday, December 16th during first period and the first period flex. We will be on regular 6 period schedule for Monday. Tuesday will be 1st and 2nd period exams, Wednesday will be 3rd and 4th period exams and Thursday will be 5th and 6th period exams.

Friday will be a make-up day for any missed exams and will be a regular 6 period school day. Remember that IB and AP classes are full year classes and will not have semester exams, however students in those classes MUST attend those exam sessions. The teachers will have tests and activities planned. Exam exemption letters will go home on Friday, December 13. Students eligible to exempt exams must have an average of 90 or above and 3 or fewer (excused or unexcused) absences. College visits, field trips, and ARC sporting events are not counted as absences. Also, IB 10th graders are in a year-long Econ course so their End of Course (EOC) exam will be in May.

Learner Profile Highlight

Open-Minded

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

IB Lyceum Series

Our next Lyceum series will be December 2nd. We are looking forward to hearing from County Commissioner Sean Frantom and 2014 IB graduate Mark Walden. Mark graduated from Emory and is currently working at Goldman Sachs in New York City.



Winter Wear Drive

We are now accepting new or gently used coats, scarves, hats, and gloves. Donations can be brought to the front office. Please contact [Mrs. Hawkins](#), our fabulous full time school social worker, with any questions you might have.

Volunteer Day

ARC Volunteer Day will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 11am-1pm. Organizations looking for teen summer volunteers will be here to discuss their opportunities. Please contact [Mrs. Conner](#) if you have any questions or know any organizations looking for summer volunteers.

Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference

Saturday, February 29, 2020, the Medical College of Georgia is hosting a conference from 7:30-4:00 to give students greater insight about preparation for health professions programs, especially medicine. Topics include creating a pathway from high school to college to health profession school, choosing the right college, a discussion with current college and medical students, and the BS/MD program. Click [here](#) for more information.

Student Educational Enrichment Program (SEEP) Augusta Pre-College Program

SEEP is a seven-week summer program from May 29-July 17, 2020 for local high school juniors and seniors that offers extensive courses in bio medical sciences, including chemistry and biology, hands-on labs and opportunities to volunteer in clinical settings, with a focus on health disparities. Participants are also offered pre-professional development, taught to hone study and time management skills and prepared for competitive admission to health professional programs. Expenses are covered by the Medical College of Georgia and participants receive a stipend. Click [here](#) for more information.

Junior/Senior Prom Tickets are on sale now

	Nov/Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Seniors	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$35
Juniors & all guests	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$65

Please see Ms. L. West in the media center for more information.

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Am Lit EOC	Am Lit EOC	9 th Lit EOC	9 th Lit EOC IB Art History	1 IB Art History Geometry EOC	2
3	4 AP Gov Bio EOC	5 AP Calc IB Music US History EOC AP Human IB History	6 AP Lit IB History Algebra EOC	7 AP Chem Econ EOC Phy Sci EOC AP Physics IB Bio	8 APUSH IB Bio AP Art AP Comp Sci IB Psych	9
10	11 AP Bio IB Psych AP Enviro IB Math	12 IB Math AP Psych	13 AP Lang	14 AP World IB English Lit	15 IB English Lit AP Stat	16
17	18	19 IB Spanish	20 IB Spanish Late AP Lang Late AP Psych Late AP Stat IB Physics Late AP Chem Late AP Comp Sci	21 IB Physics Late AP Bio Late AP Enviro Late AP Physics Late APUSH Late AP World Late AP Art History	22 Late AP Calc Late AP Lit Late AP Human Late AP Gov	23