



ARC IB Programme

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Dear IB Families,

We hope you had a happy and restful winter holiday and MLK break! As we begin the second semester, we have already starting planning for our busy exam period. Many teachers will use the flex periods to review for AP and IB exams by giving students practice questions, discussing the structure of the test, have Free Response Question (FRQ) writing practice, review their NSMI packets, and review mock exam results, making it even more important that students are in school every day. We all know the temptations that senioritis, and junior-itis, and sophomore-itis and, heaven-forbid, freshman-itis bring, but please help us help them stay focused on the important goal of earning a ton of IB diplomas (and college credit!) by staying focused on learning everything possible right now!

Thank you to the parents, students, and teachers who met with our IB consultant when he came early this month. Our MYP is in the candidacy phase and his visit provides us with a baseline report of where our program is currently so we can move forward to full authorization. We appreciate all of the thoughtful, honest answers that provide us with a clear picture of the path we need to take. For more information about the process and timeline to authorization, please check out the [Guide To Authorization](#) from the IB. Our fully authorized Diploma Programme and Career Related Programme are about to undergo their 5 Year Self Study. Please see the section about the [Self-Study](#) below if you are interested in participating in that process. If you have any questions about the MYP authorization or the 5-Year Self-Study, please feel free to ask. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have!

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MYP Projects Update

We have had two supervisor meetings and time is running out on our projects. Students should be completing the project itself and working toward writing the paper for the personal project or working on the presentation for the community project. Please encourage your student to review the handbook located on our Teams page (specifically the rubric used in the grading of the project)

Upcoming Events

February 1

NMSI Math Study Session at Westside High School

February 4

AP Lit Mock Exams

February 6

Progress Reports

February 8

ACT at ARC

February 11

AP Lang Mock Exams

February 14

Teacher Workday

February 17

No School for Presidents Day

February 22

NMSI Science Study Session at Cross Creek High School

March 19

IB Expo

IB Acronym of the Month

GC
Global Contexts

Identities and relationships, orientation in space and time, personal and cultural expression, scientific and technical innovation, globalization and sustainability, and fairness and development

These contexts for teaching and learning inspire explorations of our common humanity and share guardianship of the planet.

and regularly check his or her school email account. Please check on your 9th and 10th grader and make sure he or she is on track to complete the project by March 1st as it is **a requirement to remain in the IB programme**. Our 9th graders should be in groups of 2-3 students for their community projects. Our 10th graders are working solo on their personal projects. All work MUST be submitted through Microsoft Teams under the Assignments tab to get credit. Your child will be able to show you their work in Teams with feedback from the committee if you'd like to ensure it has been submitted. Each missed meeting, as well as incorrect citations, costs 5 points off of the final grade that goes in the ELA gradebook 4th quarter. Remember, our IB Expo will be held Thursday, March 19. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend!

Group 4 Projects

The Group 4 Project is an interdisciplinary research project completed by all Year 2 IB Science students. IB Bio & IB Physics Seniors will be assigned to a collaborative group for the purpose of choosing an interdisciplinary research question that addressed both Biology and Physics concepts. Students will collaborate to design a research experiment to allow them to collect and analyze data to answer their research question. Students will then evaluate and reflect on their experiences during the Group 4 Project, under the supervision of Mr. Hearn and Ms. West. The timeline (pending approval) is as follows:

Tentative Dates:

January 31st - Group 4 Kickoff in IB Year 2 Science Classrooms (will be done during regular class period)

February 6th and/or 13th during 5th Period Flex - Group 4 Planning Time (Room 450)

February 20th Group 4 Proposals Due (submitted on Edmodo for teacher review)

March 3rd - Group 4 Data Collection Day 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods ALL IB Seniors in Room 450 for data collection

March 5th during 5th Period Flex - Group 4 Analysis Time (Room 450)

March 19th - Group 4 Project Submission Due on Edmodo

March 22nd - Final Reflection Forms due on Edmodo

Rotary Club Speech Contest

The Rotary Club of Augusta Speech Contest will be held on February 18th at the Library auditorium at 823 Telfair Street at 9:30 am. 1st place award is \$800 and 2nd place is \$400 and both 1st and 2nd place will compete at Rotary Zone level. The Zone winner presents his speech at the District Conference where he or she will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Students must write and present a 3-4 minute speech on 1 of 2 topics.

Learner Profile Highlight

Caring

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

ARC Speakers

On January 22nd, we were treated to a fascinating guest speaker. Dr. Justin Moore, the husband of our ELA teacher Mrs. Moore, came to speak to the students during Flex. He is a cancer epidemiologist with vast skills in biostatistics, epidemiology, database design, geographic information systems, mediation analysis and cancer prevention and control. His previous work identified that for Black and Hispanic women, place matters as there are distinct clusters of counties with high mortality for these women. His current research interests lie in understanding the effects of race and place on determinants of breast cancer.

He was a fascinating addition to our speaker series and we were very lucky to have him!



Please see or email Mrs. Conner or Mrs. Thompson for more information, including topic choices. The registration deadline is February 7, 2020.

PPS Deadlines

The PPS Year 2 Reflective Project is due February 13th. The reflective project is an in-depth body of work produced over an extended period of time and submitted towards the end of the CP. Through a reflective project students identify, analyze, critically discuss and evaluate an ethical issue arising from their career-related studies. The reflective project is intended to promote high-level research, writing, and extended communication skills, intellectual discovery and creativity.

Their Language Development and Service Learning hours are due by April 3rd.

SAT Prep

ARC is once again offering our FREE 10-hour SAT Prep course, but the deadline is fast approaching. Click [here](#) for more information.

IB 101

Freshmen should be working on community projects and SAT practice on Khan Academy for a minimum of 30 minutes a week. Please continue to check Teams and email regularly.

DP/CP 5-year self-study

Each IB World School is regularly evaluated to ensure that the standards and practices of its IB programme(s) are being maintained. Evaluation takes place at least once every five years. As part of the process, the school engages in a self-study that is a key element in the school's continual improvement. Our DP/CP 5-year self-study visit will be Nov. 16-18, 2020. We will need some parents to be on committees and help share their perspectives. If interested, please fill out [this form](#).

Course Catalog

Students will be registering for next year's classes in the near future. Guidance has spoken with all of the students. They will be bringing home registration forms for parent approval soon! If you'd like more information about what course your child selected, please visit our updated [course catalog](#).

AU Volunteer Opportunity

Need some service hours? AU is looking for student volunteers to help out at the [Impacting Student Learning Conference](#) on Saturday, February 29. There are a variety of jobs and time slots available. To sign up, click [here](#).

Friends of Frances

Friends of Frances was created because of the inspiration of one brave and inspiring little girl, Frances Brown. Frances was born with Macrocephally-Capillary Malformation (M-CM), a multiple malformation syndrome causing abnormal head and body overgrowth and abnormalities of the skin, vascular system,

brain and limbs. Her tenacity to overcome adversity with everyday life was an inspiration for a group of friends to join together and finish a race in 2012. Friends of Frances has now become a community of friends that promote awareness for children like Frances who live with rare diseases and special needs. All proceeds raised benefit the purchase of adaptive equipment for children with special needs or for the provision of specialized therapy for physical development. Volunteer opportunities are available during the Augusta University Half Marathon, 10K, or 5K race. Contact [Kelley Norris](#) for more information.

Soccer Announcer Needed

The soccer teams are looking for someone to serve as an announcer during games this season. No soccer knowledge required. He or she would announce the starting lineup for both girls and boys home games, play the national anthem and approved music before the game and during half time. Training is available. This is a great opportunity for a student interested in broadcasting and would be a nice addition to a college application. Please contact Lisa Curley at 706.830.1141 if interested.

AU Summer VolunTeen

On February 5th, AU VolunTeen will be in the Auditorium during Flex. 2020 Augusta University Summer VolunTeen Program is a one-of-a-kind summer volunteer experience offering local high school students the opportunity to serve side-by-side with healthcare professionals while experiencing the daily activities involved in operating a world class academic medical center. Students participate in weekly lunch and learn sessions featuring Augusta University's top leaders in career and professional development. This program offers both classroom and hands-on learning experiences that will benefit those interested in pursuing future careers in the health sciences field. Please see guidance to sign up to attend.

Lehigh University

Lehigh University is offering a three-week pre-college residential program for rising 6-11th grade students. Click [here](#) for more information.

Remind

To get text messages from ARC IB, please text the message below (depending on class) to the number 81010. If you have any trouble with this, please let us know and we can help you!

Class of 2020	@arcib2020
Class of 2021	@arcib2021
Class of 2022	@arcib2022
Class of 2023	@arcib2023
Class of 2024	@arcib2024

May

2020

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