

ARC IB Programme

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Dear IB Families,

Can you believe the first 9 weeks is already almost over? We have had a very strong start to this school year with lots to celebrate. Our graduation rate is at an all-time high at ARC, we had every senior student submit their Extended Essay on time, and our projects are really shaping up! We've got almost all of them approved which means they will go to the faculty to select projects to supervise very shortly!

I know we say this a lot, but please know we truly appreciate all of the support we get from our IB families. Whenever we ask for anything, we get more support in the blink of eye than imaginable. Thank you!!!

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Phew! I'm a CP kid so I don't have to do an EE. Wait, wait, what's a reflective project?

The reflective project promotes the development of research, writing, and extended communication skills, intellectual discovery and creativity. In particular, the theme of applied ethics in the personal and professional skills course directly supports the students in understanding and determining key concepts for their reflective project. The reflective project focuses on an ethical dilemma of an issue directly linked to the student's career-related study.

- o Essay (3000 words) or (1500-2000 words) and one of the following:
- o Dialogue/Short Play (7 minutes)
- o Short Film (7 minutes)
- o Radio Play/Interview (7 minutes)
- o Storyboard/Photographic presentation (7 minutes)

In addition to a written essay students keep a record of their reflections on the process of undertaking and completing the reflective project using the Reflections on planning and progress form (RPPF). This record



Upcoming Events

October 2

Viva Voce Meetings

October 4

Homecoming Pep Rally and Game at ARC v. Greenbrier at 7:30 pm

October 5

SAT at ARC

October 14-15

No School

October 16

PSAT

October 17

Report cards go home
ARC Hall of Fame Banquet

October 19

NMSI Math Study Session at WHS

October 26

ACT at ARC

IB Acronym of the Month

NMSI

National Math + Science Initiative

NMSI is an incredibly generous grant that provides our Advanced Placement Math, Science, and English teachers with additional training, support, and incentives (for students as well) to garner more interest and qualifying scores in those subjects.

forms part of the final reflective project assessment. **The rough draft is due November 15 for Year 2 students.**

Science Fair

The Science Fair is right around the corner! All 9th grade students will be working individually or in groups of up to three students to completed an inquiry based project on a topic of their choosing. All Science Fair projects will be completed by November 22nd. The best projects from each class will compete in our school wide Science Fair January 17th. Winners from the school science fair will go on to compete in Regionals in March. Science teachers will begin discussing specifics in class soon!

SAT Tips and Strategies Course

Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. Lillard offer a Saturday + 5 afternoons SAT prep course. It is limited to the first 20 students that apply. Please go to [Mrs. Aldred's page](#) for more information.

Speaking of SAT...

Don't forget that Khan Academy has a partnership with CollegeBoard. CollegeBoard sends your results from the PSAT and SAT to Khan Academy who then develops personalized lessons based on your needs and it is **all free to you**. According to their website, "20 hours of practice on Khan Academy is associated with an average 115-point score increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT, nearly double the average without Khan."

UGA is Hosting their "First Look" event

This event is geared specifically for 10-12th graders who are experiencing foster care and/or homelessness from 8:40-2:45 in Athens on Friday, Oct 11. It will feature campus tours, admissions information, and a panel of departments with resources available for supporting these students. For more information, please visit [this website](#).

Homecoming Information

Mrs. Rohde and her team have done an outstanding job planning our Homecoming Week this year, including adding a philanthropic element! Below are the events this year:

Monday	PJ day; Coronation Ceremony during first period flex; Movie Night featuring "The Blind Side."
Tuesday	Twin day; Powderpuff game
Wednesday	2000s day; Queens Tea; Alumni Basketball game
Thursday	Meme/Character day; Parade
Friday	Black out for the pep rally; Pink out for the game; Pep Rally during 6 th period flex; Football game v. Greenbrier at 7:30.

We are selling **PINK** refreshments during several events. If you are interested in providing some baked goods to help us raise money for Susan G. Komen this year, please contact **Mrs. Rohde**.

Learner Profile Highlight

Communicators

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

IB DP Diploma Worksheet

Attached to the back of this newsletter is a worksheet for your child to navigate getting an IB Diploma for our juniors and seniors. You will see where they should list their SL (standard level) courses and their HL (high level) courses. They should then make some predictions, perhaps with some teacher input, about what those scores might be. A couple of important notes: IAs (those are the in-class assessments) go into those scores. They are not simply limited to the exams at the end of the year. Many of those assessments provide students with an opportunity to make a correction based on teacher guidance and resubmit. What a fabulous opportunity to increase those scores! Additionally, if a student is on the borderline between two scores, we encourage them to work with the teacher to find out what it takes to get on the upper end of that score. Please pay attention to the notes at the bottom as far as what scores are acceptable. Most importantly, students get **THREE TRIES** per test, so if the score is not acceptable to the student, we encourage the student to do some work and schedule a retest!

Big Dates Down the Road

Nov 1	School Choice Applications Open
Nov 2	SAT @ARC
Nov 15	Reflective Project Rough Draft due
Nov 16	NMSI English study session at Cross Creek
Nov 18	ARC School Choice Open House
Dec 7	SAT @ ARC
Dec 14	NMSI Science study session at ARC
Mar 19	IB Expo and Pinning Ceremony



IB Diploma Worksheet

Course	SL/HL	Score from 1-7	Note:
	SL		must be 9 of your points
	SL		
	SL		
	HL		must be 12 of your points
	HL		
	HL		
BONUS POINTS (Up to 3 for EE and TOK)			
TOTAL			

24 Points Earns Your Diploma

Remember:

No grade of 1, N, or E (didn't do it/failed)

No more than 2 grades of 2

No more than 3 grades of 3