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# What is CIBPA?

- Cameron Heights IB Parent Association
- Meet monthly
- Discuss general issues of concern to our IB Families
- Organize events to address these concerns
- Example: Mental Health and Wellness--How to support students

# What CIBPA Is Not

- A meeting to complain about Teachers or Admin
- A meeting to discuss your own student's individual progress
- While constructive criticism and questions are welcome, it is unprofessional to address these concerns in this forum.
- Students should speak to their teachers first--most issues can be resolved with this step.
- If parents still have academic questions, teachers and/or guidance counsellors are available--see website

# Program Structure

- **Grades 9 and 10: Baccalaureate Studies program (Pre-IB)**
  - Congregated classes in 5 of 8 courses
- **Grades 11 and 12: Choice of**
  - IB Diploma Program: 6 IB Courses + Core (EE-TOK-CAS)
  - CIS Honours IB Certificate Program: 2-5 IB Courses

# Program Elements



## Subjects that you may study for the FULL DIPLOMA:

- Group 1: English
- Group 2: French or Spanish
- Group 3: History or Psychology
- Group 4: Biology or Chemistry
- Group 5: Mathematics
- Group 6: Art\*, Business\*, Music\*, Physics, Chemistry
- +Theory of Knowledge
- +Extended Essay
- +Service Learning and Involvement (CAS)
- \*dependent on NUMBERS enrolled

# Grades 9 and 10



- Pre IB studies is an opportunity for students to experience life as a high school student--get involved!
- Decisions on Grades 11 and 12 IB do not need to be made until Jan-Feb of Grade 10
- Even then...decisions are not set in stone!

# CHCI Website

- <http://chc.wrdsb.ca>
- IB Tab
  - Information for parents and students
  - Most school events, information, announcements are found on our website.
  - School Year Calendar (handout)





# Frequently Asked Questions



# Why do IB students not have transportation provided?

- Only students who live within our area are transported. No WRDSB Magnet Programs have transportation. All other students must find their own way to and from school.
- An IB directory is available to find other families who live near you for car pooling purposes, but it is up to parents to arrange those carpools.

# Why do IB students have to pay fees to attend the program?

- The WRDSB has designated the IB program as an enhanced program. IBO charges fees to administer exams and the WRDSB passes those fees onto students. The program must be run on a cost recovery model.

# What is the difference between the Full Diploma Program and the Partial Program?

- Full Diploma requires 6 courses (English, History or Psych, Biology or Chem, a Language, Math and one elective) plus TOK, EE and CAS (central elements).
- Single Course Certificates are offered to students who do not want the FD. A minimum of 2 courses is required. Students do not complete the central elements.
- Grades 11 and 12 only

# What is CAS?

- This stands for Creativity, Activity and Service. Students must complete a CAS portfolio by April of Grade 12, providing evidence that they have been actively involved in creative pursuits, athletic activities and community service. We will introduce students to the requirements at the end of Grade 10.
- CAS is one of the central elements of the FD program.

# What is EE?

- EE stands for Extended Essay. In grade 11 and early grade 12, Full Diploma students will write an essay of 3600 to 4000 words on a topic of their choosing.
- EE is another of the central elements.

# What is TOK?

- This stands for Theory of Knowledge and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the central elements. FD students must complete a course in TOK, in which they learn and practice critical thinking skills across all disciplines.
- A presentation and an essay are a part of the Assessment for IB.

# What is the IB Advantage?

- A University preparation program—see “10 Reasons....” on website
- Students are better prepared for the demands of University
- First year transfer credits are offered by many university programs for HL subjects
- Students are encouraged to do research on the schools to which they apply



# Key Issues and Solutions

- **Anxiety and mental health-Wellness Club, Lunch and Learns, Workshops, Supports**
- **University and College preparation-Google Classroom and Workshops at Lunch**
- **Communication-Website notifications**
- **Plagiarism and Academic Honesty-Teacher Librarian workshops with gr 9 students**

# College, University, Scholarships

- Presentations are provided for students at lunch and in all gr 12 homerooms
- Ms Little posts info on website re: scholarship opportunities
- Mr. Ramzan is available to help students with applications
- A visit to this group in December?--Math and Science and Guidance

# Upcoming Dates

- **Parent-Teacher Night**-Wed Oct 23-3 to 4:30 and 6:30 to 8--no appointments needed
- **CIBPA next meeting**-Monday Nov. 18th in A202 or the Library--Mental Health (Child Psychologist and School Social Worker)
- **Grade 8 IB Information Night**-Tuesday November 19, 7 pm