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### IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy new year! Hope you are doing well. In this newsletter, you will find some relevant information and updates about our IB program at AMHS.

#### End of semester evaluations:

Just a reminder that the exam schedule for the end-of-January exams is as follows:

Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 27	Jan 28
Period 1	Period 2	Period 5	Period 4	Period 3

January 29th is a regular school day with a regular schedule. Teachers may prepare various tasks for students to work on during that day. Attendance will be taken during each class. Please follow the normal absence protocol if your child is not at school on January 29th.

January 30th is the Exam Review Day and it is a half-day for students. Students can take advantage of the Exam Review Day to discuss and review the overall achievements with classroom teachers.

January 31st is a PA day. Semester 2 will start on February 3rd.

For additional exam reminders please refer to the newsletter in December 2024.

#### Grade 9 and Grade 10 preparatory program:

IB Council has organized an after school event for Gr. 9 and 10 IB students on January 9. The intention of the event is giving them an opportunity to learn and talk about exam preparation strategies. Some Gr. 12 IB student leaders will share their insights of strategies in exam preparation and stress handling.

#### February 13th - 21st, 2025 - Course Selection

**Course selection:** Students will begin selecting their courses for next year during this time. If your child is in **Gr. 10** this school year, it is important for you to be aware that we are now introducing Psychology HL as one of the options for next school year (DP1). Please refer to [this document](#) for more details. I will put a reminder on their corresponding Google Classroom.

Please encourage your child to reach out to me or their guidance counselor if they have any questions about course selection.

**DP1 (Gr. 11)**

Students were introduced to the Extended Essay in early December. This Extended Essay process will take about 12 months, which ends in December 2025. Students are expected to follow the specific timeline given to them.

For Gr. 11 (DP1) IB students, they will need to submit a topic for the EE by January 9.

**Thank you for your attention and continued support of the IB Programme at AMHS. If there are any specific questions about the IB program, please contact me directly by phone or Email.**

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