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IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope this newsletter finds you well.

- For those who are new to the IB program, here is general information about the program in multiple languages: <https://ibo.org/digital-toolkit/materials-in-other-languages/>
- We have hosted Extended Essay and CAS workshops for our Gr. 11 IB students during lunchtime the first week of November to learn expectations for the core components. We have a team of teachers who will provide support and guidance to all students in the process. Our next workshop is during period three on Tuesday, November 7th where students will come together as a full, grade 11 cohort to ask questions and start brainstorming next steps for the core components.
- Our Extended Essay and CAS workshops for our Grade 12 IB students will continue the week of November 13th. Grade 12 students have been engaging in a series of workshops to prepare for the Extended Essay since the beginning of September in collaboration with our Library Learning Commons. Grade 12 students will have a visit from our Guidance Department to talk about CAS requirements over the next two weeks.
- We have received inquiries about mark reporting and alignment from parents and students. [Here is a document we have created](#) to address some of the questions that you may have. We encourage all families and students to review the mark reporting and alignment document and to reach out to the IB Coordinators if they have any questions.
- Currently for the Group 3 course, History HL is the only option for our IB students at AMHS. In order for us to perform a long range plan, we would like you to fill in this quick survey. This survey will give us data to plan other possible additional option(s) for our future IB students. These options may not be available right away as there is a whole process we need to follow to open up a new course, however, your voice and suggestions in the survey will be valuable for our planning team before next steps. Please take a minute to [complete this survey](#). We are asking families to complete the survey by Friday, November 17, 2023.



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- In October, Alexander Mackenzie High School welcomed 700 prospective students and families at our IB Information Night. We were delighted to have 70 student volunteers from our IB Council volunteering for the evening to showcase the benefits of the IB Programme at AMHS. Current and alumni students shared their viewpoints during the evening. Let's see what our current and former AMHS IB students have to say about our IB program in this Information Night [video](#).
- We are looking forward to welcoming our prospective grade 8 students during the annual IB intake in-person assessment on Wednesday, November 15th and Saturday, November 18th. Thank you in advance to our IB student volunteers for helping us facilitate the session for our grade 8 students.
- We believe building strong communications with parents is essential in supporting our IB students throughout the years. In particular, if there is something you would like us to include in this monthly newsletter, or if there are any specific suggestions for our IB program, [please let us know here](#).

Thank you for your attention and continued support of the IB Programme at AMHS.

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