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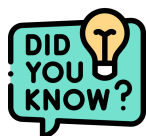
Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

The IB information night took place on October 10th and it was a success. Families and students were able to walk around the building and converse with students and teachers about our program. They have also received important information about the application process for this year.



(IB info night 2024)



AMHS is the only school in York Region that provides BOTH specialized Arts program and IB program. Each program has its own application process.

For DP1, the draft of the Math (Internal Assessment) IA is due soon. The Math IA is an individual exploration of an area of mathematics, based on the student's own work with guidance from their teacher. Mathematical communication is an important part of the IA, which should be demonstrated through both effective written communication and use of formulae, diagrams, tables, and graphs. It is worth 20% of the overall IB grade for the student.

Every course has something like the IA (it may not be called as IA though). For example, we do have IA for subjects like Chemistry, Physics, Biology. IA for science subjects is an experiment that is designed, carried out and evaluated by students individually. They will need to produce a lab report that is matching University level expectations.

Teachers in different subjects purposely coordinate with each other to make sure students are not handling multiple IAs at the same time. This can provide students opportunities to focus on one IA at a time.

There was a CAS and EE lunch and learn for the DP1 students on October 22. Our CAS coordinator and head of guidance, Mr. Daides, introduced the CAS requirements to the Gr. 11 DP1 students.

Students learned about some tips on how to fulfill the CAS requirements in the IB program. In short, CAS will allow students to structurally build up their leadership, interpersonal and communication skills that are as essential as academic skills in any post secondary institution.

Students also learned about the basics of the Extended Essay, which is another IB Diploma requirement. Through the EE, students will develop readiness for researching and essay writing expectations at the University level.



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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