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IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope you and your child are doing well. This is the first monthly newsletter for IB families. My name is Benjamin Law, the IB program coordinator and IB Physics teacher at AMHS. First of all, welcome to all of you to our IB community at AMHS. I truly believe that honest and transparent communication between home and school is one of the key factors for student success.

For those families who are new to the IB program, please find the following quick introduction to the International Baccalaureate program.

What is the IB program?

IB Program is an international education program. IB program aims to provide an education that enables students to make sense of the complexities of the world around them, as well as equipping them with the skills and dispositions needed for taking responsible action for the future.

[Infographic for IB program](#)

[Click this link if you want to find out](#) what countries and universities in the world that recognize the IB program.

What about the IB program at AMHS?

At AMHS, we are licensed to provide the Diploma Program (DP) in Gr. 11 and 12. So formally, the IB DP will start in the Gr. 11 year for your child. Gr. 9 and 10 are called the Preparatory Years in which students are going to take many IB streamed courses. These courses are very similar to the courses in our regular program, with enhancements in contents and focusing on building capacity for them to transition into the Diploma Program.

One of the main goals in our IB program is providing opportunities for students to build resiliencies and capacities to meet various challenges in the future.

[Click this link](#) to read more information about the IB Diploma Program.

DP Program (Gr. 11 and 12)

I hope your child has a good start with the corresponding courses with the teachers. There are tight deadlines for various tasks for each course. Please encourage your child to reach out to the classroom teacher for clarification in expectations and timelines.

At AMHS, we also have a team of staff who can provide support in various capacities. The team includes, but is not limited to: classroom teachers, guidance counselors, program coordinators and administrators.

If your child needs any support in any way, please ask your child to see me directly at school and I will help them to navigate the right direction for assistance.

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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