POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
October - December, 2011

A message from the IB Director, Lisa King:

A few weeks ago, I was asked to present at a state conference in Utah on the value of an IB education. Basically, they asked me to speak to the topic of , "Why IB?" As I thought about this question, I initially came up with a variety of anecdotal reasons: Because it is a well-rounded, academically rigorous program. Because it helps to create "active, compassionate, life-long learners." Because it prepares students to be global citizens who can think critically. Because it can create a sense of community while co-existing in a larger high school setting. Because students can, depending on their test scores and college choices, earn college credit. Because it values the education of the whole child.

But in the course of my preparation, I also came across some interesting studies and statistics about what the rest of the world is saying about IB: That IB students report a higher level of academic engagement in high school when compared with their non-IB peers. (Source: 2008 High School Survey of Student Engagement by Indiana University's School of Education.) That the number of IB diploma students graduate within six years from a 4-year university compared to 58% of non-IB students. (Source: US Census, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System of NCES, and the National Student Clearinghouse.) That many of the individual IB standards are at a level more advanced than entry-level college courses. (David Conley and Terri Ward. Educational Policy Improvement Center, Eugene, Oregon.) That IB programs and assessments are "rigorous, fair and intellectually richer than almost any state standard and exam for high school that we've seen." (Paul Gross, "No Contest: Up Close, Typical State Biology Standards Don't Have the Content or Coherence of the International Baccalaureate." American Educator, Spring 2008.)

As we near the end of first quarter, I know there are times when students and their families may find themselves asking this same question: Why IB? As deadlines loom and the work gets more voluminous, sometimes it's important to be reminded that an IB education is an excellent education, and we are fortunate to be able to provide it here at PHS.

IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
No Homework Day	Monday, October 3	N/A	N/A
IB International Night	Thursday, October 13	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Commons/Auditorium
Parent Advisory Board Meeting	Thursday, October 13	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Room 308
Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences	Wed./Thurs. Oct. 19/20	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Student Commons/Gym
DP 11 CAS Reflections & Questions Due ; reflective dialogue must be scheduled w/CAS advisor	Thursday, October 20	By Midnight	Managebac
NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day	Friday, October 21	N/A	N/A
DP Junior Induction - CHANGE OF DATE!!!	Wednesday, October 26	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Student Commons
No Homework Days	Tues./Wed. Oct. 25/26	N/A	N/A
MYP 10 Myers Briggs Inventory	Tues./Wed. Oct. 25/26	Half Period	History Classes
8th Grade MYP Informational Meeting	Thursday, November 3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Center
DP 11 CAS Evidence of Fall Reflective Dialogue due	Monday, November 7	By Midnight	Managebac
8th Grade MYP Informational Meeting	Tuesday, November 8	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Center
Parent Advisory Board Meeting	Thursday, November 10	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Room 308
DP 12 TOK Seminar *Breakout Session*	Monday, November 14	Periods 1 & 2	Event Center
DP 11 Extended Essay Instructions *Breakout Session*	Monday, November 14	Periods 3 & 4	Event Center
MYP 9 Approaches to Learning *Breakout Session*	Monday, November 14	Periods 5 & 6	Event Center
DP 11 TOK Seminar *Breakout Session*	Monday, November 14	Periods 7 & 8	Event Center
8th Grade MYP Informational Meeting	Thursday, November 17	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Center
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	November 23 – 25	N/A	N/A
No Homework Days	Thurs./Fri. Dec. 8/9	N/A	N/A
Parent Advisory Board Meeting	Thursday, December 8	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Room 308
MYP 10th Personal Project Assessment for 1st Semester Deadline	Friday, December 9	By Appointment with Teacher Supervisor	Teacher Supervisor
NO SCHOOL – Winter Break	December 22 – January 6	N/A	N/A

From the Counseling Office

Kim Wilder (DP) & Pat Nash (MYP)
kwilder@psdschools.org 488-6015 pnash@psdschools.org 488-6044

Upcoming Dates for All:

October 11, 2011: Out-of-State College Fair: 6-8pm at Poudre High School
Please see the counseling web page for a list of the 185 schools attending.
http://staffweb.psdschools.org/phsdl/Counseling/College%20&%20Career/COLLEGE%20FAIR%20POSTER%20-web.pdf

October 17, 2011: Family Financial Aid & College Planning Night: 6-8:30 pm at Fort Collins High School. This is a district wide college planning night organized by counselors at PHS, FRHS, & FCHS. It is open to students of all grade levels and has over 15 breakout sessions to choose from. This is about planning for college and information about financial aid. For more information and a list of the breakout sessions, please go to: **http://staffweb.psdschools.org/phsdl/Counseling/College%20&%20Career/Family%20Fin%20Aid%20College%20Plan%20Night.pdf**

SENIORS: I am just about finished meeting with each senior for their senior conference. If you have not done so, please remember to sign up for your senior conference ASAP. My calendar is up for the next two weeks so please sign up for **two** 15 minute blocks and I will school excuse you for the time we meet. We will review high school progress and the college application process. I can also help to research possibilities if a student is still at that stage. College applications will be due before you know it. In order to have time to complete the counseling portion of the applications and to process the high volume of IB students' college applications through the counseling office, I set deadlines for college applications. **Please request all transcripts at minimum of 2 weeks before the college application deadline.** (Kim Wilder)

We encourage all college-bound seniors to apply on-line, since paper applications are no longer the preferred method for applying to colleges. ***Students are responsible for submitting their applications by the colleges' deadlines.***

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to notify your counselor of all college applications, how and when they were sent, and then complete your transcript request forms by the dates above.

We continue to use Naviance, a web-based guidance program, to send/submit the college applications. Using Naviance students create their list of applications and it allows counselors/teachers to send recommendations, transcripts, common application forms, etc. directly to the colleges electronically. One the rare chance a college/university does not receive this material electronically it allows the counseling office to print and mail a hard copy. So to get started, make sure you have your senior conference with your counselor who will help you start this process.

1. **Create your list of colleges you are applying to in your Naviance Family Connection account.**
   For information on how to log on, please see your counselor, and follow this link.
   https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=poudrehs
2. **Request Letters of Recommendation:** Most colleges/universities require1-2 letters of rec from teachers. Please give the teachers one month to write your letter. They will save an electronic copy and I will help them upload it to your Naviance Family Connection account.
3. **Please submit your portions of the applications electronically by the required deadlines.**
   The counseling office will electronically send all the materials uploaded in your Naviance Family Connection account which may include: teacher recommendations, counselor/school reports, official transcripts, and ACT/SAT scores that are included on the transcript. SAT subject test scores are historically not included on the transcript and need to be sent directly from the testing company to the universities. **www.collegeboard.com**
4. **If you have taken the ACT with writing:** I recommend that you have these test scores sent directly to the universities from ACT. You can request this at: **www.act.org**
5. **If you are applying to the University of California system:** Make sure you review the early application deadlines for regular decision application.

JUNIORS: The PSAT will be given on October 12, 2011. This test not only provides practice for the SAT, but is also the only qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship competition. The PSAT also provides projections for how a student will score on the SAT and indicates areas of strength and weakness. This information can be used when preparing for the SAT. Please refer to the Counseling section on the PHS web site for more information.

SOPHOMORES: **All** sophomores will take the PLAN test on October 5th. This test is designed for sophomores and is a practice test for the ACT. The PLAN predicts student success on the ACT and also provides an interest inventory section to use in career exploration and college planning.
Sophomores may take the PSAT for practice only if seating is available. Sophomore scores do not qualify a student for the National Merit competition.

FRESHMEN: Welcome to Poudre High School! By now, we hope that you are adjusting to the changes in schools, friends, and teacher expectations. I am encouraged after speaking with many of you already about time management, grades, and organization, and other self-regulation efforts. Continue to work hard at this aspect of you academic life and it will pay great dividends later. Please continue to let me know if you have any questions or concerns as you start your high school career. Students can meet with me, preferably during a time they don't have a class, by signing up for an appointment time on the calendar outside of my office door. My office is located in the Main Counseling Office. I look forward to getting to know all of you! (Pat Nash)

IB FAMILY DIRECTORIES

IB Family Directories were handed out to your students through their history classes this month. Please check with your student to make sure these were brought home for your family's use at home. Extra copies are available in the IB office for two-household families.

Please submit any additions/ corrections to: debbieh@psdschools.org.

These will be published in a future IB newsletter.

Please make note of the following additions/corrections:

Kalyn Specht - Class of 2012
Add Parent Name: Barry Wilson

Patrick Mead - Class of 2013
Change Parent email:
betsimead@gmail.com

Austen Adams - Class of 2014
Add Parent email:
aland@adamsfive.com

Alexandra Mitchell - Class of 2014
Correct Street Address:
3254 Ambush Dr.

Saruul Gansukh - Class of 2015
Add Entire Entry:
113 W. Myrtle St. FC 80524
Parents: Tungalag Ulambayar/ Hayanhyarvaa Gansukh
Parent email: utungalag@hotmail.com
Student email: 72934@psdschools.org

EVENING OF THEATRE

DECEMBER 15TH 6:00 PM
PHS AUDITORIUM
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THIS SHOWCASE OF TALENT, FEATURING THE HL THEATRE, MYP THEATRE AND FOUNDATIONS OF THEATRE CLASSES, WILL BE A TREAT FOR ALL!

COME CELEBRATE THEATRE AND OUR GREAT POUDRE TALENT!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL AMBER ANDERSON AT: aanderso@psdschools.org

IB INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Come join the Poudre High School IB Community for a night of international food and entertainment!!

Thursday, October 13 from 6-9pm.
PHS Student Commons & Auditorium

If you wish to join us for the potluck dinner, please bring an international food dish to share.
Following the potluck there will be a variety of internationally themed performances at 7:30pm.

We are looking for student performers with talents to perform in this.
In previous years there have been a variety of dances, music, and many other performances.

We hope to see you there!

If you have questions or are interested in performing, please email IB Student Council at ibstudentcouncil@gmail.com.

IB SALUTE

~ If you have an item for the IB Salute, please email it to debbieh@psdschools.org. ~
Pictures are always welcome!!

PHS was represented by IB senior, **Daniel Secor**, at the **2011 USA Cycling Junior Track Nationals** in Frisco, TX July 6 - 10, 2011.

Logan Rogers, IB senior, was recently featured in the Coloradoan as a leader of the **Fort Collins' Gymnastics Team**, returning this season after a strong showing at last year's Class 5A State Championship.

Canace Finley, IB senior, also recently featured in the Coloradoan, completes her high school **volleyball** career at PHS and has committed to play college volleyball for the Oregon Ducks next fall.

Kyle Schroeder, IBCC junior, had his10th grade Personal Project, a penguin clay animation, selected to be in the Emerging Talent section of the **Tri-Media Film Festival** held September 9 - 11 in Fort Collins.

Congratulations to the following IB students who represented the **PHS Golf Team** at Regionals in September at the Olde Course in Loveland: **Nathan Johnson**, IB senior; **Sam Loftis**, IB junior; and **Blake McClure**, IB freshman.

National Merit Semi-Finalists included four IB seniors: **Arun Chandra**, **Daniel Dean**, **Reid Palmquist**, and **Matt Persons**.

The **PHS Girls' Varsity Cross Country Team** won the Fort Morgan Meet team title recently (out of 18 teams): **Mali Cisneros**, 3rd; **Marisa Rudolph**, 5th; **Alyssa Warling**, 9th; **Heather Stepp**, 23rd; **Ellie Manning**, 33rd, **Emma Bridges**, 36th.
The **Girls' JV Team** also won the team title: **Gabby James**, 1st; **Eileen Kirby**, 4th; **Rhowen Dalrymple**, 6th; **Rose VanDyne**, 7th; **Hannah Michels**, 8th.

The **PHS Boys' Cross Country Team** was second overall, also out of 18 teams: **Robin Butler**, 3rd; **Daniel Dean**, 15th; **Paul Miller**, 16th; **Kyle Schroeder**, 43rd; **Cole Turner**, 66th.

Congratulations to the following IB students who were nominated by their classmates for **Homecoming Royalty**: Seniors - **Gordon Olsen**, **Diana Potterveld**, **Logan Rogers**, **Will Seng**, **Forrester Tamkun**; Juniors - **Megan Billington** (IBCC), **Morgan Kesselberg**; Sophomores - **Lance Gloss**, **Sarah Johnson**, **Jordan McKee**, **Leslie Olsen**, **Jonah Seng**; Freshmen - **Kyle Hammerdorfer**, **Mason Rowley**, **August Slaughter**, **Jamie Suto**. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming football game on September 29th!
This year, PHS staff were also nominated for Homecoming Royalty. IB staff included: **Kristy Bibbey**, **Carey Christensen**, **Barrett Golyer**, and **Steve Sayers**. Winners, Carey Christensen and Steve Sayers were announced at the Homecoming assembly held on September 29th.

IB-PAB meets on the second Thursday of every month, September to May, 7:00 pm at PHS in Room 308.
Parents interested in becoming more involved with the IB program are encouraged to attend.
Meetings for First Semester: Oct 13, Nov 10, and Dec 8.
Contact Serena Rusden, IB-PAB Chair, at 377-9477 for more information.

IB Parent Advisory Board (PAB)
2011-2012

***Officers*:**

Chairperson	Serena Rusden	377-9477	serena4adventure@gmail.com
Secretary	**Position Available**		

***Program Committees*:**

College and Careers	Debbie Crans	532-2706	crans@colostate.edu
	Jon Leydens	484-5383	jleydens@mines.edu
District Advisory Board (DAB)	Ben Stein	498-0592	colosteins@mywdo.com
Education Fund	Paula Brobst	231-0657	pkbrobst@gmail.com
	Jeff McClure	472-0738	jeffrey@fortfun.biz
	PenDell Pittman	797-2513	pendell@mail.com
	Karleene Schindler	218-9656	karleenes@mac.com
	Teresa Tellechea	310-9137	mteresa.tellechea@gmail.com
Exam Proctor Coordinator	Debbie Crans	532-2706	crans@colostate.edu
School Efficiency Team (SET)	**Position available**		
Student Accounts	Andrea David	229-0067	fam.david@gmail.com
	Margaret Blaho	482-2766	margaret.blaho@gmail.com
Teacher Appreciation	Jill Kreger	266-8375	jill.kreger@comcast.net
	Kim Tamkun	498-0652	tamkunmm@peakpeak.com
	Betsi Mead	493-4164	betsimead@gmail.com
Transportation	Makarand (MAK) Gore	377-0468	mgore05@yahoo.com
	Debbie Bush	407-7283	dmb_oquendo@hotmail.com

***Class Representatives*:**

Seniors (2012)	David McCarthy	624 3207	dmccarthy@amerimaxbp.com
	Pam Potterveld Bittner	222-5537	pamb@tioth.com
Juniors (2013)	Brad & Paula Barker	988-5542	barkerandcompany@msn.com
	Caroline Farley	482-7596	farleycsg@wmconnect.com
Sophomores (2014)	Maria Eisemann	416-8631	mdibeisemann@comcast.net
	One position still available		
Freshmen (2015)	Margot Ganster	(479) 236-0529	margot.ganster@gmail.com
	Joan Scheuerman	224-1795	joan.scheuerman@colostate.edu

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FILLING THESE AVAILABLE POSITIONS (OR HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING DUTIES) , PLEASE EMAIL DEBBIE AT: debbieh@psdschools.org.

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

1. Stay informed - sign up for PSD e-mail alerts!

You will receive updates on your school and the district:
Emergency/School Closure Information
District Changes Impacting Your Child
District News and Accomplishments
Board of Education Action
Monthly E-newsletter
You may sign-up for emails by visiting the PSD website at www.psdschools.org > E-mail Alert Sign-up on the home page slideshow.

2. Follow the superintendent on Twitter, PSD on Facebook and Twitter

Follow PSD Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson now on Twitter @JerryWilson2! Follow PSD on Facebook and Twitter. Links are located at the top of the new PSD home page at www.psdschools.org.

3. Parents – attend "PSD 101" Conference Oct. 3 (see attached flier/breakout sessions/tables)

PSD's Parent District Advisory Board invites parents, community members and staff to a free "PSD 101" Conference to learn how the district operates and how to make an impact in the decision-making process. The free conference will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3, at Blevins Middle School, 2101 S. Taft Hill Rd. No pre-registration is required. Spanish interpreters will be available.
PSD experts will conduct presentations and answer questions during informational breakout sessions on science, literacy, academies, safety, transitions and the calendar. Informational tables and computer help accessing your student's information will also be available. For more information, contact Cathy Kipp at kipp_family@comcast.net or John Lynne at akpilot@msn.com.

4. PSD offers computer access at Walmart

You can now access PSD information at a computer in the Walmart SuperCenter, 1250 E. Magnolia, Fort Collins. The PSD computer, which is available during regular Walmart business hours, gives you access to the PSD website that includes the latest district news and events, as well as information about school registration, bussing, calendars and district policies. You also have access to specific information about your child through the Parent Portal on the PSD website.
This computer does not have access to outside email or Internet sites beyond the PSD website. PSD thanks the Walmart SuperCenter for partnering with the district on this project.

5. Online School Choice application available for 2012-13

The online School Choice application is now available online at www.psdschools.org under "School Registration."
The first consideration deadlines for 2011-12 are:

January 27, 2012, for secondary (grades 6-12)
February 10, 2012, for elementary (grades K-5)

School Choice applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment. For more information, view the School Choice policy and timelines on the PSD website at www.psdschools.org.

6. PSD shares policy regarding treatment of students, parents

The PSD Board of Education Executive Limitation policy 2.1 assures the proper treatment of students, parents/guardians and the general public. The entire policy can be accessed at: www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/boardofeducation/policygovernancepolicies. To request that a copy be sent to you, please contact your child's school. A summary of the policy includes:
The Board of Education Executive Limitation policy 2.1 stresses the importance for PSD to: obtain public input in decision-making; collecting appropriate information; safely store student information; assure discipline is appropriate and consistent; provide safe and accessible school facilities; provide equitable and reasonable access for non-disruptive activities; provide families with educational choices; clearly communicate student expectations; adhere to consistent and timely grading practices; be responsive to inquiries; never retaliate against students or parents; use written rules that state school expectations, standards and procedures; follow internal grievance procedures and access the Board of Education if the policy is violated; and provide families with many ways to voice their concerns about the education of students.

7. Volunteers, businesses and community partners wanted in the classrooms

If you have a few hours to share your skills and expertise, you could make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Please contact Cyndi Gile at the Partnership and Volunteer Center at cynthiag@psdschools.org, or 490-3208. Many volunteer opportunities are available!
Also, the Partnership and Volunteer Center is looking for business people to come into the classrooms and talk with students about your career, your day-to-day tasks, and your education. If you'd like to share with students, please contact Jody Margheim at jody@psdschools.org or 490-3207 or Cyndi Gile at cynthiag@psdschools.org or 490-3208.

8. PSD hosts college fairs

Poudre School District will host two free events to help high school students continue their education at a college, university or post-secondary school after graduation.

Out-of State College Fair, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct., 11, Poudre High School, 201 Impala Drive.
For more information, contact Kim Wilder, PHS International Baccalaureate counselor, 488-6015.
Family Financial Aid and College Night, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 17, Fort Collins High School, 3400 Lambkin Way.
For more information, contact Tanya Rivera-Vigil at 488-8103.

Please note that the In-State College Fair was held in September.

For more information about PSD News, contact:

Deb Hooker, Communications Specialist, (970) 490-3549, dhooker@psdschools.org

PSD's District Advisory Board Presents our 4th Annual

PSD 101

Parent and Community Education Night

Monday, October 3rd

6:00pm to 9:00pm

At Blevins Middle School

2101 S. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins

Breakout Sessions

Science, Literacy, Academies, Safety, Transitions, Calendar

Board of Education Candidate Forum

PSD and Community Information tables

Computer Help Accessing Your Student's Information

Spanish Language Interpreter Available

For more information, please contact PSD 101 Co-Chairs:
John Lynn: E-mail: akpilot@msn.com; Phone: 215-2238
or Cathy Kipp: E-mail: kipp_family@comcast.net; Phone: 266-0240

Breakout Sessions

Board of Education Candidate Forum: *Bring your questions to this moderated forum featuring candidates running for the four Board of Education seats up for election this November 1st.*

Elementary to Middle School Transitions: *Information parents will want to know as their students transition from elementary school to middle school.*

High School Academies: *Learn about the new Academies and how they are implemented in each of our high schools.*

Literacy K-12: *Find out how your student's literacy education will progress as your student moves from Kindergarten through their high school years.*

Middle School to High School Transitions: *Information parents will want to know as their students transition from middle school to elementary school.*

Parent Leadership in PSD: *Come learn about how you can get more involved as a parent in PSD, both at the school and district level.*

PSD Calendars: *Learn about how PSD develops school calendars, what factors are considered, and what constraints are part of the process.*

School Safety: *Learn about bullying, cyber safety, resource officers, drug policies, and more.*

Science K-12: *Find out what your student will learn in science and what options are available from Kindergarten through high school.*

PSD Computer Assistance – Drop In

Let PSD's computer experts help you look up student grades, access Blackboard, make online lunch payments, find out what your child is eating for lunch, learn about Naviance – career & college planning, school calendars, lunch menus, where to find new academic standards, volunteer sign up, and more.

PSD 101 Contacts

John Lynn	215-2238	akpilot@msn.com
Cathy Kipp	226-0240	kipp_family@comcast.net

PSD & Community Information Tables

Academic Subjects

- Literacy
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages

Academic Curriculums

- Bilingual
- Core Knowledge
- Experiential/Project Based Learning
- Global Academy
- International Baccalaureate
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Other Programs

- Career & Technical Education
- Communications
- Early Childhood
- English Language Acquisition
- Equity and Diversity
- Gifted & Talented
- Integrated Services
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
- Mentoring
- Partnerships and Volunteers
- Student Assistance
- Services
- Title I Programs
- Transportation

PSD Administration & Board of Education

- Board of Education Candidates
- Budget

Community

- Colorado Family Education Resources & Training
- CSU Global Ambassadors
- Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County
- Larimer County Parent Education Network
- PSD Foundation
- PTO & PTA Meetup
- Safe Routes to School
- United Way 2-1-1