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SCHS Students Win Quiz Bowl

Five IB Juniors represented SCHS at the Quiz Bowl, a science competition held at the Museum of Science and Industry on Thursday, October 11th. In an intense, come-from-behind victory, our team beat King High School in the final round!

This was the largest Quiz Bowl to date, with 27 high schools fielding teams. There were two rounds of seeding, followed by "March Madness NCAA style" elimination brackets.

The team, sponsored by Mr. Jim Brockman, will now represent our district at the regional competition for the National Science Bowl in Gainesville in February. And if they win there, they will advance to the national finals in Washington, D.C., in May. Congratulations, IB Chargers!!



IB Ambassadors

Sponsored by Mrs. Maggie Allen, the IB Ambassadors will serve as liaisons with the IB Partnership Board, help with IB recruitment, and represent the views and concerns of their fellow IB students. Each Ambassador was elected in homeroom by their classmates. There are two at-large positions as well. The Ambassadors will meet monthly during club time.

The 2012-2013 IB Ambassadors are Dana Beriswell, Grant Godeke, Mat Oberle, Katie Shirley, Kaleb Starr, Capri Andrews, Lee Edwards, Katie Matthews, James Russo, Tina Cassella, Madison Dale, Sahana Kamisetty, Mary Kate McBurney, Rose Tibbetts, Britney Benefield, Miguel Dimanlig, Shalini Jose, Lakeithia Lindsey, Holden Sawtelle, Tamara Williams, Savannah Bradley, and Joshua Cockcream.



Pictured from left: Quiz Bowl team members Jordan Smith, Robert Chrostowski, Timothy Hartwick, Brian Do, and Jonathan Calzadilla.

Happy Homecoming, Chargers!

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Exciting, Busy Time For IB Guidance!

Now that school is here, the Guidance Office is certainly busy. Did you know that the fall is like tax season for counselors? Therefore, if you're a senior and looking for a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Smith, please get your requests in as soon as possible, and at least 2 weeks in advance before you need them. Check out the Guidance page on the main website for more information about getting your transcripts and secondary school reports sent.

The busy season also means that there has been some exciting news to share! First, senior Josh Cockream won an incredible \$10,000 scholarship from Nordstrom! He is excited to be applying to Stanford this fall.

Also, we had SEVEN seniors recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalists at SCHS this year...Dana Beriswill, Evan Bishop, Katie Callahan, Darius D'Souza, Rebecca Fate, Jade Philipoom, and Allison Stahr! On top of that, we had FOUR seniors be recognized as National Achievement Semi-Finalists: Mazed Aro-Lambo, Savannah Bradley, Jordan Brown, and Ayomikun Loye! We wish them the best as they continue the process to become finalists, and hopefully winners!

Relay for Life is already kicking into gear! If you are thinking about captaining a team, the time to get involved is NOW. See Mrs. Smith if interested so you can stay in the know. Students can join teams later but now is the time to sign up to be a captain.

Did you know that SCHS is now on Twitter? Follow @SCHS_IB for updates from Mrs. Smith. You can also follow Mrs. Smith's Twitter page to find links to updates from Mrs. Meade, the rest of the guidance department, and even SCHS Administration. As always, you can like the SCHS IB CAS and News Facebook page AND sign up on the ListServ for even more updates. Check out the Guidance tab on the IB website for links.

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Pictured from left: National Merit Semi-Finalists Evan Bishop, Jade Philipoom, Dana Beriswill, Rebecca Fate, Katie Callahan, Allison Stahr, and Darius D'Souza.



Senior Joshua Cockream has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from Nordstrom!



Pictured from left: National Achievement Semi-Finalists Mazed Aro-Lambo, Savannah Bradley, Jordan Brown, and Ayomikun Loye.

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IB Juniors Celebrate Pinning Ceremony

On October 2, 2012, Strawberry Crest High School celebrated the second annual International Baccalaureate Junior Pinning Ceremony. Over 115 juniors received their official IB pin, a symbol of their official enrollment in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Their work in the pre-IB ninth and tenth grade years has culminated in the requisite GPA, the fulfillment of 50 Creative, Action, and Service hours, and the ongoing presence of integrity.

The special guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Dale Swope. As a fellow parent of a graduate of the IB Programme, Mr. Swope congratulated the students on their hard work and dedication. His wittiness and humor brought tears of joy and understanding to the juniors and their parents.



After the ceremony, students, families, faculty, and staff were treated to a "Sweet Success" reception hosted by the IB Partnership.



The International Baccalaureate Pledge

I PLEDGE MYSELF TO UPHOLD
 THE HIGH PURPOSE
 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
 PROGRAM
 TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN SELECTED.
 I PLEDGE ALWAYS TO SEEK THE LIGHT OF TRUTH,
 TO HOLD SCHOLARLY HABITS,
 TO ENGAGE IN SERVICE,
 AND TO HOLD AS FUNDAMENTAL, NOBLE, AND
 WORTHY
 AN UNTARNISHED CHARACTER.



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Pictured from left: Bobbi Camp, President; Melissa Gonzales, Vice President for Fundraising; Miriam Leech, Secretary; Kelly Shirley, Vice President for Membership and Committees; and Earl Lennard, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections.

IB Partnership Raises \$850

On August 14th, parent volunteers raised \$850 for the IB Partnership by working a Supervisor of Elections drop site for the Primary Election. Special thanks goes out to Kimberly Smallwood, Alisa Anderson, Tom Leech, Liz Russo, Stephanie Strever, as well as members of the IB Partnership Board--Bobbi Camp, Melissa Gonzales, Heather Tibbetts, Liz Gray, Debbie Olney, and Miriam Leech, for donating their time and talents to this fundraiser! Parent volunteers will also be working the upcoming General Election on November 6th to bring in more funds that support our IB students and teachers. Thanks in advance to Emilse Moclair, Barbara Cockream, Jennifer Judge, Amanda Turner, Yvette Pommier, Woody Bodden, and Arlene Vest for joining the effort!

We Are Not Spam!

Please be sure to add the IB Partnership e-mail address, SCHS.IBPartner@gmail.com, to your contact list or keep an eye out for our e-mails so you do not miss out on any important news or opportunities concerning the IB Programme!

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Important Dates

October 18	Homecoming Pep Rally and Football Game
October 19	No School/End of Grading Period Homecoming Dance
November 3	Band MPA
November 12	No School Veterans Day California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser
November 15	Great American Teach-In
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 27	Course Selection Parent Meetings by Grade Level
December 1	Open House For Potential IB Students
December 14	Extended Essay Final Draft Due (Seniors)
December 24 - January 4	Christmas Break
January 14-18	End-of-Semester Exams
January 18	CAS Hours Due for Seniors
January 21-22	No School/End of Grading Period

Sophomore News

Sophomores need to complete their first 50 hours of CAS before the end of this school year. Plans are underway for a day at a local horse rescue so students can work on their service hours as a group. This information and a release will be posted on the class page of the website when the specifics have been worked out. Each student will need to have the release completed by a parent before they can volunteer at the rescue. Looking ahead, there are plans for a summer 2013 scavenger hunt to engage students while they are free from service hours. Right now our Class of 2015 web page is a blank slate--if you or your sophomore have any ideas or suggestions for the page, please share. I know we have lots of talented students and I would like them to help guide the development of the page.

Liz Gray, Sophomore Liaison
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Graduation Yard Signs On Sale Now!

The IB Partnership is selling graduation yard signs! *Parents, this is a great way to honor your grad! Students, this is a great way to show your IB and Charger Pride!*

- Signs can be ordered with either the IB or Charger logo and will be personalized with the student's name.
- 18 x 24 with metal posts.
- Cost is \$20 and delivery will begin in February 2013. Cost is \$25 for any orders after February 1st. No orders will be taken after March 1st.
- Pre-pay and pre-order only. You will receive an e-mail indicating your order is ready for pick up at SCHS. The e-mail will also indicate pick-up days and times.
- Order forms available from Susan Lewis, or contact Arlene Vest at arlene4ired@yahoo.com.



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Trip to Barcelona, Madrid and Paris!

Come join your fellow Chargers on a trip to Spain and France! The tours are a great way to expand your knowledge of the world and truly become international students. Parents are welcome to come with their children, so bring the whole family!

This year's tour will run from July 29th to August 5th. See Mr. Rob Brown in room 226 for more information, or email him at robert2.brown@sdhc.k12.fl.us.



IB Banquet Sponsorship Request

The IB Graduation Banquet will be held May 28 at the Embassy Suites USF and will include a lovely plated dinner and program. The event will be planned and coordinated by the IB Parent Partnership and hosted by the senior students and the IB faculty. The entire event is intended to honor the senior class and celebrate their achievements and accomplishments upon graduation from the IB Programme. We are currently seeking contributions to help defray the evening's costs. We are seeking sponsors who will receive special recognition in the evening's program.

Thanks to the generosity of the Brocato family, the students will have a photo booth to enjoy at the banquet! Contributions like this are essential to the success of the banquet, as it will help to cover many of the evening's costs including printing and mailing of invitations, event programs, graduating senior gifts, tabletop decorations, audio visual presentations, and a DVD keepsake of the student's IB journey.

We will need corporate or individual donations to make the events special and memorable. Many other local IB Programs rely on the generous support of local businesses to provide floral arrangements, printing, binding, DVD copying, or even cash donations. We will reach out for any of your special talents and your additional support in making this event a success for our students!

If you would like to donate through your business or individually as a SCHS IB family, please contact me!

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California Pizza Kitchen FUNdraising Event!!

Monday, November 12, 2012 (No school)

California Pizza Kitchen at Brandon Mall

11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

No cooking, no baking, no selling! Just bring your FLYER to California Pizza Kitchen and THE IB PARTNERSHIP WILL RECEIVE 20% OF YOUR CHECK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- ✓ Look for the flyer in your e-mail box!
- ✓ Be sure to invite family and friends--just share the flyer!
- ✓ Remember, this ALL-DAY event is for DINE-IN, TAKE-OUT, ONLINE ORDERS, CURBSIDE PICKUP, CATERING, AND ALL BEVERAGES! Perfect for business luncheons, date night, family fun, and time with friends!

Why: Funds raised at these events go directly in support of traditional IB events such as the Junior Pinning Ceremony and Senior Graduation Banquet, as well as enable us to support teacher classroom needs, hold student revitalization events, and host family fun events like the Spaghetti Dinner and Spring Picnic!

Thanks for your support, AND DON'T FORGET YOUR FLYER!



IB T-Shirts for Sale!

Congratulations to junior Brian Do for submitting the winning IB t-shirt design! Shirts are available to order through Mrs. Susan Lewis or at upcoming IB events.

Price: \$12, Sizes Small through X-Large



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Fundraising!

This year the IB Partnership Board decided to go in a slightly different direction with fundraising. Instead of involving students with selling the Enjoy the City coupon books as we have in the past, we have partnered with Kona Ice to sell Icies during all three lunch periods throughout the school year. *Kona Ice is going to donate 30 percent of all of their proceeds to the IB Partnership!* Last year we earned nearly \$1,500 with their donation!

We have another fundraising opportunity that will not only help the Board raise funds, but also will help your student to master the SAT and ACT. The Huntington Learning Center locations in Lakeland and Brandon are offering our students the opportunity to take an SAT or ACT test at the center for \$49.90. Upon completion of the test the student will schedule an evaluation with a counselor and a parent to discuss the areas that need improvement. The test is scored and a detailed report is written showing the areas of strength and weakness. This gives the student an added advantage. Several students last year were able to improve their tests scores by more than 200 points just by using the evaluation provided by Huntington Learning Center. In addition to helping your student achieve a higher test score, Huntington donates the entire \$49.90 to the IB Partnership. We are thankful for this amazing opportunity. *If you'd like additional information on the Huntington Learning Center program, please contact them directly at (813) 681-1500 in Brandon, and (863) 709-9600 in Lakeland. Be sure to mention that your student attends the SCHS IB Programme.*

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Calling All Elves!!!

We will once again this year be **Gift Wrapping for the Holidays** and will need all the volunteers we can get! Mark your calendars now for the weekends of **December 14-16 and December 21-24!** This is one of our biggest fundraisers-- always successful because of the dedication and beautiful wrapping of our parents and students! Please contact Melissa Gonzales, agonzales73@gmail.com if you can help!



Spaghetti Dinner a Success!

The Spaghetti Dinner was another success this year thanks to the hard work of many parents. This is the first year we did not run out of spaghetti--in fact, we had so much left over we were able to feed the band before the next football game!

Thanks to the families who donated and baked for the bake sale--we made an amazing \$245! The talent and generosity of our families is much appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered. And a special thank you to the Orchestra, who honored us with their musical talents.

