

Week of October 4, 2021

IB NEWSLETTER

Hillcrest IB Weekly Newsletter



Dear IB Parents, **IB COORDINATOR MESSAGE**

Hello IB Parents, our IB students are making great progress on their Internal assessments. They have now completed their "Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition." For this task, students are required to create an exhibition of three objects that connect to one of the 35 "IA prompts," with an accompanying written commentary for each object.

Our Mentor/Mentee Lunch on September 27th was a success. Every junior IB student has been assigned a senior IB mentor. If your students have questions about any of their IB courses they can always reach out to their senior mentor for clarification and help.

Last week our IB program set up a STEM tutoring opportunity for all IB students. Science and Math majors from the University of Utah have partnered with Hillcrest to provide our IB students with quality tutoring that is free and reliable. Please visit <https://studentledstemtutoring.weebly.com/> for more information on this great opportunity for our students. – Mr. Olsen

MESSAGE FROM HILLCREST IB GRADUATE – PUJA IYER, CLASS OF 2021

"Being a part of IB has helped me a lot at UC Berkeley. Firstly, my IB and AP credits have made up about 50+ units which are almost half of all the units I need to graduate. This means I am in a position to graduate early if I want to. Another advantage is that IB prepared me to deal with a large course load and helped build helpful effective study skills. It has really helped me learn how to balance my social and academic life, how to talk to my professors and graduate instructors, and taught a lot of the content my general classes are going over. I think IB was definitely worth it because it gave me an edge academically, prepared me for my classes and course-load, and has put me in a better position to stand out amongst my peers and be able to compete with them"

- Puja Iyer, University of California, Berkeley

CAS COORDINATOR MESSAGE

Please check out the updated CAS website on our IB website: www.hillcrestib.org/cas.html
I have added how CAS and the Common App relate to each other. CAS (Creativity, Activity (physical exercise) and Creativity) is the early stage of an International resumé/portfolio of how colleges would like to see an application. After working with out-of-state admission counselors, CAS portfolios are meticulously made to find students' passions/interests which lead to their personal college statements, extracurriculars, and impact their college essays. CAS is worked out for 18 months in their junior and senior year. It's more of a reason why your student would be part of the diploma program! Plus, it's the fun part of the IB program! – Ms. Veenstra

Dear IB Students

IB STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hi IB students! Thank you to all who came to the mentor/mentee lunch. A document with the email addresses of all mentors/mentees will be sent out shortly, so be on the lookout for that and get in contact with your group. We will be holding monthly meetings with mentor/mentee groups during the last week of each month. These will most likely be held in the hosting room during APP. These meetings are a great time for mentees to ask questions and for mentors to help out mentees.

Seniors, remember to keep your CAS portfolios updated; those are due on October 25th. Juniors, if you have any questions about CAS, reach out to your mentors.

For information about mentor/mentee meetings, CAS activities, and other events, be sure to follow the IB Instagram account (@hillcrestib2122). - Selena Yu

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Now – October 15:** Every IB Student will meet with Mr. Olsen regarding IB examinations for the May 2022 IB exam session. IB exams cost 119.00/exam, payment for exams will be due by November 15th. Invoices will be sent home after these meetings.
- **October 31:** Full rough draft of EE due to EE supervisors.

Official Hillcrest IB Website

<https://www.hillcrestib.org>

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“I THINK THEREFORE IB”

Q: What are Internal Assessments?

A: An internal assessment (IA) is completed for each IB subject and TOK. They include oral work in languages, laboratory work in the sciences, investigations in mathematics and artistic performances, and portfolios in the arts. IA's are “marked” (graded) by the Hillcrest IB teacher and are externally moderated by the IB. This means that examiners throughout the world review the accuracy of the IB teacher's internal grading. Internal assessments are an integral part of all IB courses. They enable students to demonstrate the application of their skills and knowledge, and to pursue their personal interests. IA's are a unique partnership between the student, the teacher, and the IB examiner, all are working from the exact same criteria in constructing, guiding, and evaluating the final product.

***if you'd like a question answered under the “I think therefore IB” section of the IB newsletter, please submit your questions to john.olsen@canyonsdistrict.org**