

Week of October 18, 2021

# IB NEWSLETTER

Hillcrest IB Weekly Newsletter



Dear IB Parents,

## IB COORDINATOR MESSAGE

Hello IB Parents, we welcomed your students back from Fall Break and hoped they could find some rest and relaxation for a few days.

*I have met with all IB students regarding their IB exams in May. Each student has received their testing plan and an invoice to take home. IB exam fees are due to the main office by November 15th. I told each student there are a limited amount of IB funds we can use to help pay for their exams. We have an "IB Testing Scholarship" application available (I gave this to most students as I met with them). They are needs based funds, but we do try to provide some percentage of help if needed.*

*As we wind down the first quarter of the year. I want to remind parents and students that we have a very nice partnership with the University of Utah to help our students in their STEM classes. This tutoring option with STEM and Math majors from the University of Utah is free. Students can get help with test corrections, past IB exam questions and prompts, and general questions on any topic on which they may be working. The link is provided below. Contact Mr. Olsen with any additional questions.  
<https://studentledstemtutoring.weebly.com/>*

- Mr.Olsen

## CAS COORDINATOR MESSAGE

*This week has been great to meet with the 11 grade diploma students for the second time this quarter. This time they have started entering their experiences into their CAS portfolios with evidence and reflections. They have also added their CAS aims and goals which by the start of their senior year will start as their personal statement for their college personal statement.*

*Seniors CAS portfolios will need to be updated by October 26th so that I can review them. I have already talked to them last week about this hard due date. After meeting with counselors from UC Berkeley, Northwestern, Dartmouth, Vanderbilt and Princeton, here are some updates to their admissions for this fall!*

- Dartmouth is seeking more enrollment for 1st generation enrollment students. They are also adding more admissions to their energy/science programs.*
- Northwestern has expanded their scholars program and they have been added to the Questbridge program.*
- Princeton has increased their undergraduate population by 500 students this year because they are back to full residential living this fall and building two new residential buildings to the college. All students going to Princeton have to stay in college residence for four years. Test optional is still remaining in place. Campus is open 7 days a week for visits but you must schedule it in advance.*
- UC Berkeley has less of a wait list. However there has been a 28% increase in applications but 14% increase in admissions last year. Aerospace engineering is now an option for freshmen. The first year pathway program has increased and has smaller classes especially in liberal arts. Study abroad programs for freshmen is an option (the first semester will be done in London). 95% of the student body are now in person. And there is a 100% mask mandate.*

- *Vanderbilt requires vaccinations. Interviews are optional. They are doing a hybrid model. The biggest change at Vanderbilt is that undocumented students and DACA students will be looked as UC citizens and they will be able to receive need blind financial aid. Admission rate is 6.7%.*

*Tune in for the next newsletter for college updates from Bates, Lehigh, Claremont and UChicago!  
- Ms.Veenstra*

*Dear IB Students,*

## **IB STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

*Hi students! We'll be going to a corn maze for our October CAS activity next week! Here is the info for that:*

- *When: Thursday October 28 @ 6pm*
- *Where: The Crazy Corn Maze (8802 4000 W, West Jordan, UT 84088)*
- *\$5 per person, paid to the main office*
- *Sign up at:*  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1YxALXjy61IDnzNggOURNFttxIL\\_AeNadoal7Sc0xZnPbiA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1YxALXjy61IDnzNggOURNFttxIL_AeNadoal7Sc0xZnPbiA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

*Also, we will be having a mentor/mentee meeting during APP on Wednesday, October 27 in the hosting room. Please show up if possible. Check Managebac for your groups if you've forgotten since our mentor/mentee lunch. We will be providing snacks!*

*- Selena Yu*

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **October 31:** Full rough draft of EE due to EE supervisors.
- **November 15:** Payment of IB exam fees. Please pay at the main office. You can also call and get that fee put on skyward, so you are able to pay online. Main office, 801-826-6000

### **Official Hillcrest IB Website**

<https://www.hillcrestib.org>

### **Important Contact Information**

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## **“I THINK THEREFORE IB”**

**CAS Question:** *What is the weight of extracurriculars in the Common Application?*

**CAS Answer:** *The weight of extracurriculars in the Common Application is 25%!  
If you have any questions about CAS, please let Ms.Veenstra know!*

*\*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](mailto:john.olsen@canyonsdistrict.org)*