

Week of November 1, 2021

# IB NEWSLETTER

Hillcrest IB Weekly Newsletter



Dear IB Parents and Students,

## IB COORDINATOR MESSAGE

We've begun the 2nd quarter of our school year! Our IB seniors turned in their first draft of their extended essay (EE), and now have about a month to reflect and finalize their EE. Their final draft will be due December 1st. The EE is an independent piece of research, culminating with a 4,000-word paper. The EE provides practical preparation for undergraduate research. Many of our IB graduates have said that their EE was one of the most beneficial components that helped them be ready for their university studies and the many papers they are required to write.

I'd like to remind parents and IB students once more 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

## IB STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who came to our CAS activity at the Crazy Corn Maze last week, we had a blast! This month we're planning on doing a yoga class, so be on the lookout for that.

Also, please donate to the food drive we are holding this month for Thanksgiving. Starting November 9, barrels will be placed by the vending machines, main office, and gym. All non-perishable foods are accepted and we will be donating all food to the Utah Food Bank. This is a great opportunity to get CAS and service hours for NHS.

Starting next week on November 8th, IB students will have to opportunity to help tutor at the Midvale Boys and Girls Club each Monday from 3:30-4:10. All volunteers will need to show proof of vaccination to Ms. Veenstra before they can tutor. This is the link to sign up, each week we have space for 5 students to volunteer:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10HWWGKpvd2xir2IXIXIiINVJDly1I5ydcZRquzFm7MIA/edit?usp=sharing>. This is a great way to get service for CAS and NHS as well. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Sowmya, one of our service Vice Presidents. All contact information can be found under contact on the Hillcrest IB website linked below.

- Selena Yu

## CAS COORDINATOR MESSAGE

*Don't ProCASTinate! Here are some CAS-opportunities for this month. IB is thankful for all of these opportunities to serve our communities. As in our IB profile, "We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us."*

*National Honors Society is holding a donation drive for Lifting Hands International, an organization dedicated to helping refugees from and people in the Middle East. They've decided to open this drive to the entire school as a class competition lasting throughout the entirety of November.*

*Starting next week, look for an area or box in your APP teacher's classroom for donations. Each item has a certain amount of points that'll be counted at the end of each week. The winning APP class at the end of the month will get free breakfast from Kneaders, second place will get ice cream sandwiches, and third place will get donuts. Make sure to donate so your class wins!*

*NHS is also holding a cake/pie walk fundraiser during A and B lunches. Tickets will \$10. These cakes and pie are usually worth \$40-50 each. The event will be held a week before Thanksgiving and students/teachers will be able to pick up their prizes after school on Wednesday, November 24th. Pies and cakes will be donated from the following places: (More details will come.)*

- *Gourmandise , Mrs. Backer's Pastry Shop, Délice Bakery and Café , The Dodo, The Cheesecake Factory, Fillings and Emulsions, Eclair French Pastry, The Moon Bakery, Carol's Cake's and Pastry Shop, Conte de Fée, Sweetaly Gelato , Schmidt's Pastry Cottage, City Cake's and Café*

*- Ms.Veenstra*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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*
- **December 1st:** *Final EE draft due*

### **Official Hillcrest IB Website**

*<https://www.hillcrestib.org>*

### **Important Contact Information**

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## “I THINK THEREFORE IB”

**Question:** *What's the difference between Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL) Courses?*

**Answer:** *“HL and SL courses differ in scope but are assessed against the same grade descriptors, with HL candidates expected to demonstrate the various elements of the grade descriptors across a greater body of knowledge, understanding and skill.” To earn an IB diploma, a candidate is required to take at least 3 HL courses (but can take up to four) and 3 SL courses (2 if the candidate chooses 4 HL), reflecting IB's belief in the importance of achievement across a broad range of academic disciplines.*

**Next week:** *How do I decide what HL courses I should take?*

*\*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)*