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International Baccalaureate News

***Happy New Year
with New
Opportunities!***



“Refreshed, happy, excited, relieved, satisfied, hopeful” were just a few of the words IB students recently used to describe their feeling of the moment on the first day of the new block. After an intensive fall semester of learning complex material and sharpening their skills through numerous assessments, students are embarking on new adventures which include their Theory of Knowledge course as well as higher and standard level subjects that complement the breadth and depth of their IB curriculum.

The year’s new opportunities come in many forms, not the least of which are service projects. Especially relevant to diploma students, the CAS program encourages involvement in community service that promotes a personally transformative experience. Since all Trinity students are required to complete ten hours of service each year, the CAS program provides further development in the area of social service and civic responsibility. Of increasing relevance is students’ ability to work well with others. As we are constantly reminded, living in an interconnected world means knowing how to mediate cultural differences to solve problems. As students learn to work productively with others, the whole world is enriched. During this new semester, students are encouraged to seek as many diverse learning opportunities as possible. Whether it be offering time at PADS, tutoring underclassmen, writing editorials on timely matters for *The Blaze*, reading aloud to children at the local library, or assisting an elderly neighbor, service will facilitate meaningful interactions that improve everyone’s quality of life. Good luck to all in this new year of exciting opportunity as second semester gets underway!

Maximizing Success: Effective time-management skills

Simple, practical and proven techniques gleaned from the business world which has undergone sweeping, influential changes can also help busy students to achieve personal and academic goals. Employing positive strategies on a regular basis will enable not only greater productivity but also help to beat work overload and negative thinking. Students who achieve their best under pressure can:



- Organize for efficiency
- Cut time-wasting activities
- Learn to juggle priorities
- Recognize stress buttons
- Reinforce their strengths
- Set reasonable deadlines
- Communicate well with others
- Avoid discouraging words and thoughts
- Manage interruptions quickly
- Stay focused on their goals

The IBO: Recent Developments and Goals

Upon reaching its 40th anniversary as a leader in global education, The International Baccalaureate Organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, identified three strategic goals for the next five years. These include: 1.) enhancing the quality of its programs, 2.) broadening access for a more diverse range of students, and 3.) building infrastructure to provide excellent school service. What this means to an IB World School like Trinity is greater support in marketing the IB program to colleges; providing online training workshops for teachers; revamping the curriculum and offering new transdisciplinary courses; and developing a digital space initiative. The IBO has recognized the need for a controlled and officially sponsored social network that students can access for all things IB. To stay connected with the IB community, please visit: www.ibo.org/facebook.



IBO Key Indicators 2008

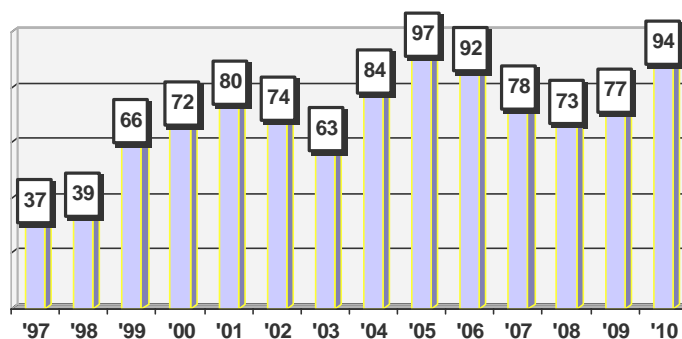
Number of authorized diploma programs worldwide:	1, 856
Number of authorized diploma programs in the Americas region	992
Universities which recognize the IB with published policy statement in the Americas region	1, 843
Number of diploma candidates worldwide	45,391
Number of certificate candidates worldwide	29,466
Overall pass rate of diploma candidates	80%

IB @ THS Key Indicators 2009-2010

Number of junior/senior diploma candidates:	41
Number of junior/senior certificate candidates:	81
Overall pass rate of diploma candidates:	90%

Overview of Trinity's IB Testing Numbers Seniors and Juniors Combined 1997-2010

As Trinity's total enrollment increases, so does participation in the IB program. This year marks a significant increase over recent years in the number of students testing. May will be a busy month for 94 juniors and seniors taking exams. We anticipate this trend continuing and wish everyone much success in their academic achievement!



The Extended Essay: Closure for the Class of 2010!

Finally, after nearly a year of research, writing, and rewriting, extended essays are due on Feb. 1. Nineteen full diploma seniors gratefully welcome the end! They have independently studied a slew of topics as diverse as the decline of honey bees and the influence of DaVinci's notebooks on modern advertising. Please see our website for the full list of this year's titles. Much gratitude goes to the mentors for their generous support: Mr. John Allen, Mrs. Mary Barrett, Mrs. Susie Bedell, Mrs. Heather Hopek, Ms. Barb Mezyk, Mrs. Pam Quimby-Costello, Mrs. Sheila Scott, Mrs. Elena Roberts, Mrs. Viki Siliunas, Mrs. Tara Suchland, Mrs. Sue Tindall, and Ms. Jeannine Wilk.

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