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The IB Programme Newsletter

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Art History class visits museum



On Friday, March 29, students from Mr. Ty Karniz's AP Art History class traveled to the Orlando Science Museum to view remarkable paintings, impressive sculptures, and other phenomenal works of art. The event began with a guided tour that lasted about an hour, followed by independent observations and notetaking. Students were encouraged to identify and evaluate their favorite pieces of art.

IB Spanish students score at State



World Language students traveled to Orlando on March 7-9, to compete in the Florida Spanish State Conference. Under the leadership of Senora Kerry Sullivan and Senora Jeanette Perez, our students competed and earned incredible success in the areas of Impromptu Speaking and Poetry Declamations. Because of their dedication and hard work,

every student placed in the events.

Our state delegation consisted of the following IB students: Senior Eliana Jerez, Juniors Annabel Pines, Ana Vilchez, Paulina Rodriguez, Kayla Monsalve, and sophomore Valeria DiDonato. Annabel Pines gave an outstanding performance, placing first with a "Sobresaliente" in both of her events.

Upcoming Events

Community Service/Work Hours to Ms. Lash-Walker- (Seniors, please document your hours and turn in all forms).- Deadline May 1.

Be sure to create your Bright Futures account online in order to receive funds. You may access the following link.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

IB Exams begin on April 25.

Prom- April 20

Senior Week- April 22-26

Graduation- Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Ex multis ingeniis, Robie *Faculty Spotlight*



Latin teacher, Mr. Daniel Robie, has been educating students at Winter Springs High School for 25 years. During this time, he has sponsored Brain Bowl and Latin Club. One distinction of his career was being named Seminole County Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Robie's degrees include an AA in Arts (UCF, 1987); BA in Latin (Michigan State University, 1996); MA in Classics (University of Georgia, 1999); and MA in Educational Leadership (American College of Education, in progress).

In his spare time, Mr. Robie stays quite active. He enjoys cooking, especially using vegetables and herbs that he has grown himself. He also participates in karaoke, exercises at the gym at least four to five times per week, and on occasion cruises on Virgin Voyages. He also enjoys playing vintage video games (from 25 years ago). In addition, Mr. Robie stays current with standardized testing trends by analyzing and teaching strategies pertaining to the PSAT/SAT and ACT when he can.

Mr. Robie shared what he values most about being an IB teacher by stating, "The WSHS people (students, teachers, administrators) involved in the IB program are the best!!!"

Conducting experiments in Science



Recently, the students in Ms. Aracelis Torres' IB ESS class focused on the topic of food production. The foundation for most of today's food production is the soil. During their lab, the students tested the rate of water percolation in different types of soil. The goal of the Lab was to evaluate what type of soil would be best for growing crops.

The students set up different types of soil that could be used to grow crops and timed how long it took for a certain amount of water to pass through. In order for crops to be abundant and grow strong, the water can't go through too fast or too slow. This test could help farmers determine how they will need to improve the soil to accomplish a plentiful crop.

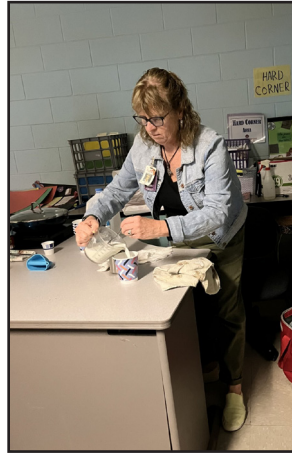
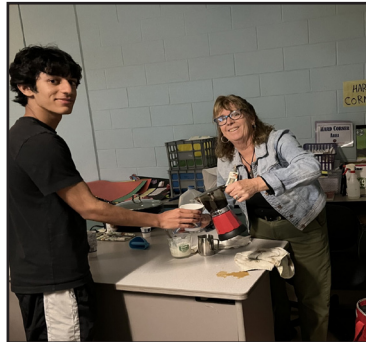
Based on this information, students can also study how differ-

ent areas of the world/societies approach food production. Ms. Torres hopes that by having her students complete activities such as this, the students will have a better understanding of what it takes to provide food for a growing population. Also perhaps they will become more interested in planting and growing some of their own food.

Ms. Aracelis Torres is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico-Cayey Campus with a Bachelor's in Science and a BS in Biology with an Education minor from Austin Peay State University in Tennessee. This is her 20th year teaching, and she has had a fantastic career. She has been fortunate enough to have a diverse teaching background, with teaching experiences in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Department of **See SCIENCE on page 3**

Sullivan serves tasty café con leche

To celebrate the successful completion of the nerve-racking Internal Assessments, a.k.a. the “orals,” Senora Kerry Sullivan treated her hardworking students to café con leche. Sullivan prepared the Cuban coffee herself and served donuts as well. It was a great way to decompress after a job well done.



Students prepare for May IB exams



Students in Ms. Rebekah Krausman’s class are eager to take their IB Calculus exams in early May. They are well prepared and feeling confident.

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Defense Schools, and Florida. Currently, Ms. Torres teaches Pre-IB Biology Honors to 9th graders and IB Environmental Systems and Societies in the Diploma Programme.

When asked to share her thoughts on IB, Ms. Torres said, “I love the level of engagement the IB students have and their inquisitive minds. We have fantastic discussions in class.” Her hobbies include reading, photography, sewing, and completing DIY projects.

Patel named Artist



Senior Diya Patel was recently named Tijuana Flats Artist of the Month for her leadership with Rangeela Bears.

Computer Science Opportunity

Attention Students: We are now officially offering our new course, IB Computer Science SL, in the fall. Just a reminder, in order to take IB CS SL, students will have to first take AP Computer Science A (either freshman, sophomore, or even junior year). So, pre-IB students should think about taking AP CS A now before they embark on the Diploma Program.

Senior Week Events

- Monday, April 22- Invisibility Cloak
- Tuesday, April 23- Senior Switch
- Wednesday, April 24- Pajama Day
- Thursday, April 25- College Day
- Friday, April 26- Human Yearbook/ Senior Picnic

Assessment Schedule

- April Year 1- HL Biology
- Year 1 IAs submitted
- TOK Exhibition
- April Year 2- Year 2 IAs submitted
- May Year 1- Submit EE (Juniors)
- HL English Essay
- AP/IB exams (Click QR code).
- May Year 2- AP/IB exams

Please click on the QR code to access the tentative IB testing schedule.

