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The IB Programme Newsletter

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Scrutinizing stereotypes in TOK

Theory of Knowledge is a class that provides “an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.” (ibo.org)

In October, Mr. Matt Walusimbi’s TOK class examined how stereotypes shape people’s perspectives. They used various games, including Guess Who, to demonstrate how our perceptions can influence our decision-making. Students had fun participating and found the activities to be a positive means to examine stereotypes.



Mr. Walusimbi enjoys teaching TOK but what he values the most in the IB program “is the range of topics we can cover within IB to expand the students’ knowledge and understanding of the world.” His hobbies include watching sports (specifically soccer), watching movies, reading books, playing video games and spending time with his wife and son. Mr. Walusimbi earned his B.A. English Literature from University of Texas-Arlington and is currently working on his M.A. in Applied Linguistics at Mary Immaculate College.



Families attend IB Magnet Night



On Tuesday, October 24, families from throughout the district attended the annual IB Magnet Night at WSHS. Hosted by IB Coordinator Dr. Paula Vickers, parents and potential IB students got to meet administrators, teachers, and IB students. The turnout was strong with over 40 families in attendance.

Principal Pete Gaffney, Assistant Principal Arika Sutton, CAS Coordinator Dr. Sean Loomis, IB

Counselor Jami Lash-Walker, and Dr. Vickers made presentations followed by an in-depth panel discussion featuring IB students Zachary Roz, Diya Patel, Soraya Mendez, and Vrinda Chitadi. After the panel discussion, IB student volunteers escorted families on a tour to various IB classrooms where both teachers and students presented information about the aspects of what the IB Program entails. After the event, a representative of the district, along with the presenters visited with parents to answer individual questions.

To apply to the WSHS IB Program, please use the following link.

<https://scpsflc.scribborder.com>

Upcoming Events

Mock Spanish Orals- November 1-10

Pre-IB Conferences- November 14

IB Club meets every other Tuesday.

HOSA meets every other Wednesday.

November 7: IB Junior Presentation with Ms. Lash-Walker, IB Counselor

Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 20-24

Deadline for IB Magnet Applications- December 1

Application Link-
<https://scpsflc.scribborder.com>

Senior Presentation Link-
<https://tinyurl.com/mvkk7mda>

Gallagher authors shows for Band of Gold

Teacher Spotlight



Mr. Tim Gallagher and Mr. Jay Bergman collaborate during IB Magnet Night.

Skilled computer science teacher, Mr. Tim Gallagher has been a member of the Winter Springs High School faculty for his entire 25 year teaching career. As a member of the IB Team, he said, “I enjoy being part of a team that is working to provide the top-tier experience for our students.”

Not only does Mr. Gallagher work with IB students, he also writes marching band shows for our very own WSHS Band of Gold as well as for several other high schools and universities. Because of his talent and reputation, Mr. Gallagher has been selected many times to judge marching band competitions around the country.

Mr. Gallagher earned his B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Miami and later earned an M.A. in Secondary Mathematics Education from the University of Central Florida. In his spare time, Mr. Gallagher enjoys biking, reading, going to theme parks, and spending time with his family.

Students make Spanish cuisine



Under the direction of Senora Kerry Sullivan, Spanish 1 Pre-IB students immersed themselves in Spanish culture by cooking up some culinary favorites. In class, they made mouth watering tortilla espanola (potato omelette) and authentic style salsa alioli (garlic mayo).



Ms. Kerry Sullivan has been teaching for over 30 years at the high school and college levels. She earned her B.A. in Spanish and M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Stetson University as well as her M.A. in Spanish from Bowling Green State University. What she values most about the IB Program is “the diversity of our IB students and the International Mindedness aspect of the IB. We are one human race living on one planet,” according to Ms. Sullivan. Outside of school, she enjoys going to the beach, jogging, reading, and 60’s, 70’s and 80’s rock music.



IB students participate in Trunk or Treat

Each year WSHS hosts Trunk or Treat as a way to build relationships with the community. Hundreds of youngsters dressed in costumes to walk from trunk to trunk collecting scrumptious morsels of candy. Representing our IB club, Abhinav Malhotra and Agnivesh Kaundinya greeted trick or treaters with a smile. HOSA representatives, Asma Roshi, Bianca Perez, Swathi Subramanian, Tulika Ghoshal, Sri Sai Poojita, Yashna Singh, and Samanvi Nadimpalli dressed in costume to support their Animal Farm theme. Other IB students handed out candy for organizations such as DECA and NHS.

