

The IB Programme Newsletter

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Experimenting in biology with Hart

Recently, Ms. Dawn Hart's 12th grade IB biology students performed experiments conducting bacterial genetic transformation by giving the bacteria a gene from jellyfish that will make them glow in the dark.

> Skilled science teacher Dawn Hart has 11 years of teaching experience. As a graduate of UCF with degrees in

Biology and Education, Ms. Hart strives to provide her students with opportunities to perform experiments in order to bring her curriculum to life. Ms. Hart deeply enjoys teaching students "Biology in a real world, international context!" She believes that there's so much more



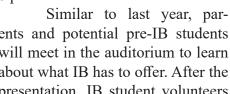
to our living world than they're even aware." Outside of school, Ms. Hart enjoys hiking, theme park hopping, and weightlifting.



Magnet Night set to showcase program

We are currently preparing for IB Magnet Night which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Similar to last year, parents and potential pre-IB students will meet in the auditorium to learn about what IB has to offer. After the presentation, IB student volunteers





will escort groups to meet various IB teachers in their classrooms. After classroom visits, we will reassemble in the auditorium for final questions and thoughts.

Families can pre-register for the event by filling out the form using the QR Code. Early registration is optional.





Upcoming Events

First Quarter Exams- October 10-13

IB Magnet Night-Tuesday, Oct. 24 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. WSHS Auditorium

IB Club meets every other Tuesday

HOSA meets very other Wednesday

October 11- SAT School Day- Seniors October 16-No School October 17-30 - PSAT October 20 - Senior Cap & Gown Assembly & Panoramic Photo October 31- ACT- Juniors Only November 7: IB Junior Presentation from School Counselor

Senior Presentation Linkhttps://tinyurl.com/mvkk7mda

Student Services Linkhttps://tinyurl.com/4tnmech4

Ivey Inspires Individuals Teacher Spotlight



With 34 years of teaching experience, veteran English teacher Dottie Ivey brings a wealth of wisdom to her IB students. Ms. Ivey graduated from UCF with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature and later earned a Master of Liberal Studies from the prestigious Rollins College. Ms. Ivey loves "watching students succeed and grow." As she put it, "I love seeing the ah ha moment." In her free time, Ms. Ivey enjoys sailing, kayaking, and reading.

National Honor Society inducts new members to prestigious organization



Sponsored by Mr. Joe Cummiskey and Mr. Christopher Adamson, NHS recently inducted new members to the prestigous honor society. President Zachary Roz choreographed the entire event to perfection. Students arrived early for rehearsal while parents eagerly awaited entrance to this momentous occasion. From the podium, Abhinav Malhotra read the names of each of the candicates as they walked across the stage, shaking hands with Principal

Pete Gaffney, Teacher of the Year, Dr. Paula Vickers, Mr. Adamson and the newly appointed officers of NHS. All new members signed the registry and were handed a candle to hold for the remainder of the ceremony. At the conclusion, parents gave a standing ovation to comemorate this achievement, the culmination of many years of hard work.



Congratulations to our National Merit Scholars Semi-Finalists

Edward Collins Joseph Curran



Christopher Baker Agnivesh Kaundinya Shruti Likhite Abhinav Malhotra









