

IB Informed

Ridgeview High School IB Program Newsletter



A Great IB Year.

William Arthur Ward said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." The mission of the IB Booster Club is for parents to provide support to the IB program, its teachers, administration and students. The support this year has been outstanding. As President of the Booster Club, I want to thank all the parents who have contributed their time, talent, and effort to express our gratitude and support to the IB program and in keeping this club in existence. Our membership has grown, our account has grown, and our presence is felt all because of our parent participation and outward showing of gratitude.

Our IB Booster Club meetings have been great. The camaraderie is magnificent. The ideas, thoughts, laughs and sharing of information that flows in these meetings makes for some great parental rejuvenation. The IB Program requires many things from many people and simply staying informed is just one of them. My hope is that next year the Club will have even bigger

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numbers to reflect the many IB students that excel at Ridgeview High School. I hope every parent considers joining the Club and participating in their student's IB career.

Thank you parents for showing up, keeping up and ponying up,

Heidi Hansknecht
IB Booster Club President

A math problem:

In one school year, a child spends: 7800 hours at home and 900 hours at school. Which teacher should be the most accountable?

--Jim Trelease

RHS-IB Shout Outs

The Leadership Jacksonville's Board of Directors and the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Selection committee has selected

Natalie Starr

as a member of the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVI. Fifty-four students from twenty-nine high schools in Baker, Clay, Duval, and St. Johns counties were selected for this unique leadership opportunity.

These students from the Class of 2016 will receive recognition from the National Merit Scholarship program in the fall of 2015. At this time, we do not know who will advance to Finalist stage...but, these students were the "best of the best" when they took their PSAT in October of 2014. Wish them luck as they advance in the competition.

Aryssa Mansfield

Madeline Park

Vaden Pryor

Anthony J Stair

John Stoner

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Order up!

A collective effort to feed 42 teachers, administration, and the drama department was a success. As a parent group we are delighted to show our support to those who teach our kids at the IB level and those that administrate the IB program. We are also very grateful to the drama department who allow us to operate our fund raising concession stand at their productions.

How do we show our gratitude? With food. I believe the IB Booster Club has chefs operating incognito. The casseroles, soups, salads and desserts were beyond delicious.

People who give their food, give their heart.



Concessions

The IB Booster Club knocked it out of the park with their fundraising concession stand at the Beauty and the Beast!

Thank you IB parents for your contributions, baking, and time. Thank you Tara, Justin, Joie and Scott for your time and physical labor.

Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the purchase of IB pins, medallions, and funding scholarships. WooHoo!!! IB parents rock!



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Our Three IB Valedictorians Ridgeview High School IB Academy of Advanced Studies

We've never seen three valedictorians...this is very exciting; all share a 4.758 GPA



Joe Hansknecht

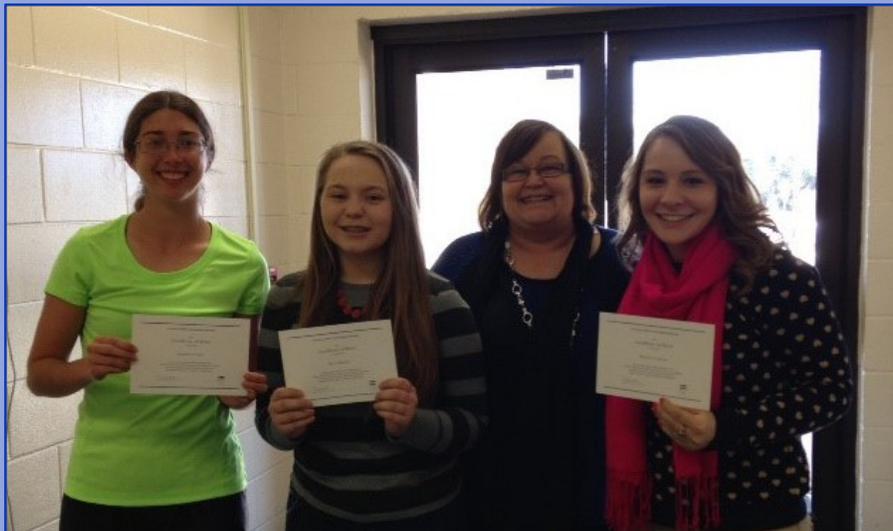


Rachel Louviere



Joey Stair

Our three National Merit Finalists Joey Stair, Kira Benton and Rachel Louviere with Principal Deborah Segreto



Parent's Perspective: How bittersweet it is as I write this last newsletter article for the IB Class of 2015. As we reach the end of my family's IB journey, I am confident that, for my child, the rigors of the IB program have helped to develop skills that will serve her well in college and beyond. IB has demanded that my child look outside herself and see the world through the lenses of others. She has learned to defend her worldview when challenged, and to examine and consider others' viewpoints. My child has learned how to think—not what to think, and how to critically process information—not just how to recite facts. She has received an excellent education. For what more could a parent ask?

Senior News: College and scholarship offers have been flooding mailboxes. Soon-to-be-college-freshmen have been combing the Internet and visiting campuses near and far to determine the best fit to continue their educations. Decisions. Decisions. How nice to have options...

Several seniors have received recognition for outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations are due for each of the exceptional achievements cited below:

RHS has set a new record with a tie for IB Valedictorian: Mr. Joe Hansknecht, Ms. Rachel Louviere, and Ms. Joey Stair will share the honor. Valedictorian is selected based on students' Grade Point Averages.

Three IB Seniors received the honor of becoming National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Joey Stair, Rachel Louviere, and Kira Benton. National Merit Scholars are determined by their scores on the PSAT and SAT and a record of strong academic performance throughout high school.



Several IB Seniors have won the title of "Perfect Panthers" by earning the highest possible scores on standardized exams:

Kira Benton earned scores of 800 on both the SAT Verbal and SAT Writing exams. Kira also received perfect scores on the ACT Reading and ACT English exams. In addition, Kira earned a 5 on AP exams for European History, US History, and AP Literature.

Joe Hansknecht received a perfect score on the ACT Science exam.

Rachel Louviere earned a 7 for IB's Information Technology in a Global Society, and earned a 5 on AP exams for European History and US History.

Shannon McGuffey earned a score of 800 on the SAT Verbal exam.

Joey Stair earned a perfect score on the ACT English exam.

Way to go Perfect Panthers!

Congratulations to every student who has completed the IB program. Being selected to participate in Ridgeview's Academy of Advanced Studies International Baccalaureate® Program is an honor; to finish the program is praiseworthy.

Best wishes to the Class of 2015 for happy and productive futures!

April Tischer

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You Know You're in IB When...

You can't enjoy a heart warming cartoon because the grammar is incorrect.

You're disappointed when you only get a 100% on a test.

You can see individual air molecules vibrating.

Your heart beats in $7/8$ time.

You discover the aesthetic beauty of school supplies.

You have a running tab at Barnes and Nobles.

You plead insanity on your research paper and your teacher accepts your plea.

You discover 45 is an extremely high number.

You can type 70 words per minute - on a TI-89.

Your best hope for some classes is divine intervention or a strategically placed lightening bolt.

You skip school to do homework.

You accidentally type "LOOL" instead of "LOL" in an IM conversation and explain it as "Laugh Out Ostentatiously Loud".

You think MTV is a formula for mass, temperature and volume.

You wonder about things like what would happen if your car traveled at the speed of light and you turned your lights on.

It rains and you place your umbrella over your bookbag instead of yourself.

You get to college and realize the classes you are taking seem really familiar.

Your college professor's grading systems seem too lenient.

You know how to spell Baccalaureate.

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Sophomores

Exciting news! You have made it through your first semester, and are more than half way through your PIB Sophomore year!!! Yeah!!!

By now you have taken the PSAT/NMSQT and have chosen your IB courses for next year. Indeed it has been an exhausting year at times, but hopefully you have found ways to de-stress and relax while dealing with the demands of being a PIB student.

For those of you with a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.70 this Spring, you will be invited to join various Honor Societies: National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. Embrace this opportunity to get involved with these groups as well as a large number of other clubs that RHS has to offer. Visit the RHS website for a full listing and description of clubs and activities.

You have probably started receiving numerous college brochures by now and may be wondering just what should be happening at this time. Usually students start visiting college campuses around their Spring break of Junior year but there's no rule stating you can not start looking earlier. You can go on a college tour if possible, or you can also visit that colleges' website. Make sure to see what credits they offer for IB classes. Remember most colleges require a "3" or higher on the AP exam to be considered for college credit. Summer time is also a good time to research scholarship websites and maybe even apply for some!

We want to extend Congratulations to Natalie Starr who competed at the VIP Dance Competition at UNF on Saturday, Feb. 28 placing 1st in her division and 7th overall for her Tap solo. We, your IB Boosters, love to hear and share your achievements, awards and volunteer work with our IB family. If you have a story, award or achievement you would like to share please email your Booster representative or send in photos and information to Mrs. Greenawalt.

Good luck with your second AP exam (World History) on Thursday, May 14th.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Freshmen

Hello Class of 2019!

Happy Spring to you all. It's been a very busy crazy year so far. I hope that you all enjoyed the Fall with Football, Chorus, Drama and other club events! Now you must see the light at the end of the tunnel and it is bright.

So, how are your classes going? Maybe some things are a bit different than you had imagined. Some things harder, some things not so much but the good news is that you are rounding the first corner of your IB journey. Hopefully you have a great group of friends and study mates. I know that one of the best things about IB at Ridgeview is that you will be near all of these friends and just shuffle around class mates next year. I also know that some of you may be deciding if IB is the right fit for you. You may see some of your friends leave IB. Please don't despair if this happens. If you are on the fence, please remember that it really does get better and more interesting as the years go on. IB is a challenge, no doubt about it. You can do all of it! You can! The pay off in the end is so very well worth the work.

Now, enjoy the warmer weather. Get out and play a while. Get ready for the next interim and then finals. You are doing terrifically!!!!

Thanks to our business sponsors!

The IB Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our IB Teacher Appreciation Luncheon through their generous donations. Thank you to Chick-Fil-A, Publix, Winn Dixie, Mellow Mushroom and Taps for contributing gift cards to our IB Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Thanks also to the IB members who contributed gift cards that they purchased for the luncheon.

Our IB teachers go above and beyond to stay certified to teach our IB students and The Booster Club loves to show our appreciation with a great free lunch and some great appreciation prizes. Thank you teachers for all you do!



Picture Perfect! Prom 2015



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IB Booster Membership Form

Membership fees fund many booster initiatives such as a scholarship award, IB pins, and IB graduation medals.

IB Student's Name:

Grade:

Email:

Address:

Parents' Names:

Parents' email:

2015-2016 Membership Fee: \$30

Make check out to RHS and mail to:

Ridgeview High School
466 Madison Ave
Orange Park, FL 32065

IB Booster Events 2015 - 2016

Date	Event	Time	Location
August (TBA)	IB Booster Member Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 pm	RHS Media Center
	IB Booster Member Open Forum	7:30 - 8:00 pm	RHS Media Center
October (TBA)	IB Booster Member Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 pm	RHS Media Center
	IB Booster Member Open Forum	7:30 - 8:00 pm	RHS Media Center
October (TBA)	IB Junior Pinning Ceremony	TBA	RHS Cafeteria
December (TBA)	Holiday Teacher Basket Delivery		
January (TBA)	IB Booster Member Mtg	6:30 - 7:30 pm	RHS Media Center
	IB Booster Member Open Forum	7:30 - 8:00 pm	RHS Media Center
January (TBA)	Recruitment Mtg	To be scheduled by IB office	RHS Cafeteria
February (TBA)	Teacher Luncheon	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	RHS Panther Cafe
April (TBA)	IB Booster Member Mtg	6:30 - 7:30 pm	RHS Media Center
	IB Booster Member Open Forum	7:30 - 8:00 pm	RHS Media Center
May (TBA)	Meet & Greet for Rising Freshmen	6:30 - 8:00 pm	RHS Cafeteria