



WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

January 4, 2017

IBPA Business Meeting: Alumni Panel

Meeting Etiquette

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- Please allow the speaker to determine when / how to engage in Q&A.
- Please wait to be called upon to speak.
- In the interest of time, please do not repeat questions or comments; be additive.
- Please keep comments productive and constructive; critique ideas, not individuals.

Agenda

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- 1 Call to Order & Adoption of Minutes
- 2 2016-2017 Calendar of Events
- 3 Ambassador Program
- 4 Pilot of IBPA Mentor Circle Program
- 5 Old Business
- 6 New Business
- 7 Alumni Panel
- 8 Call to Adjourn

Calendar of Events

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| | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Business & Annual Meeting (Varies, WHS LGR) | 12: Meet Mr. Acosta ✓ | | | | 4: Alumni Panel ✓ | | 9: IBDP & College Admission | | 3: Annual Meeting | |
| BYOLunch (12:30-2:15, WHS LGR) | 23: Transition to WHS ✓ | 28: Extra-curricular Activities ✓ | | | 27: The IBDP | 24: Summer Activities | | 13: The Core | | |
| Open House | | | | | 31: IBDP Open House | | | | | |
| Social Events (Varies) | 23: Parent Social ✓ | | | | | | | 7: First Annual IB Community Picnic | | |
| Enrichment Events (Varies) | | 2: All Ages Improv Night ✓ | 8: Election Night Watch Party 19: Within & Beyond ✓ | 15: Holiday Big Sing! ✓ | | 19: All Ages Improv Night | 25: Texas Rising Stars | | | 2: In the Heights |
| Book Club (5:30-7:00, la Madeleine) | | 12: Excellent Sheep ✓ | | 14: Where You Go Is Not Who You Will Be ✓ | | 8: How To Raise An Adult | | 12: The Power of Habit | | 28: Mindset |

Events, dates, times and/or locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. Details for each event will be distributed via e-mail, the WHS IBPA Facebook Group and/or the WHS e-newsletter.

Upcoming Events

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| Date | Time | Location | Event |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Friday, January 27 | 12:30 - 2:15pm (come and go as needed) | WHS Library Great Room | BYOLunch: The IBDP To IB or not to IB? That is the question. This session is to help parents better understand the full scope of the IBDP and to become better informed. You won't become an expert, but this session will provide more detail than you may currently have, and hopefully demystify the WHS IBDP. There will be opportunity for question and answer, and Ambassador assistance. |
| Tuesday, January 31 | 6:30 – 9:00pm | WHS Cafetorium & various rooms | WHS IB Open House Following a program overview for all families, parents and students can break into smaller groups to learn about each of the Groups of study in the IBDP, as well as the Core requirements. This evening provides the deepest insight into the IBDP at WHS. |
| Wednesday, February 8 | 5:30 – 7:00pm | La Madeleine at Lakeline | IBPA Book Club: <i>How to Raise an Adult</i> The parent-led book club is open to all parents, regardless of whether you have read the book. The purpose is to engage in productive discussion. |

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Ambassador Program

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- Parent-to-parent program intended to help answer basic questions
 - Detailed questions about specific courses, graduation requirements, etc. will be referred; all decisions should be made in consultation with teachers, counselors and IB Coordinator
 - Can help identify useful resources and give opinions based on personal experience
 - Can help you think about tradeoffs in various decisions you might make
- Ambassadors have been trained and some have “domain expertise” based on their research

Ambassador Program

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- Contact Natalie Weisheuegel at ibpavppreib@gmail.com with all of your initial questions; she will connect you with the Ambassador who can best assist you

Mentor Circle Program

Mentor Circles

Harnessing the power of diverse experiences to inspire and enable WHS IB students

Overview

Why?

- Opportunity for students to learn from each other and adults
- Build connections and relationships to support personal growth

How?

- Two adult leaders per circle
- Four to five students per circle
- Meet every ~4 weeks for 90 mins
- Introductory meeting + 4-5 sessions

What?

- Student describes situations/ challenge
- Circle shares ideas based on experiences and/or expertise
- Student select 1-3 ideas to act upon
- Student shares outcomes with Circle

Outcomes

May include:

- Clarity re: academic and/or career paths
- Ability to overcome personal barriers and/or challenges
- Increased confidence and/or self-esteem
- Increased awareness as to individual capabilities and potential

Target Audience (Pilot Program)

- IB Diploma Program – 10, 11, 12th grades
- Interested in following academic and/or career paths: 1) Software & Technology ; 2) Robotics / AI / Biomechanical Engineering
- Voluntary participation; short application

Pilot for Mentor Circle Program

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- Led by parents who have academic or career experience / expertise:
 - MC1: Led by Melissa Patel & Jon Nuelle
 - MC2: Led by Vickie Robinson-Patterson & Kamal Kantawala
- 10th, 11th & 12th Graders wishing to apply for Pilot program: <https://goo.gl/forms/BsNtYC9oOUtobkWR2>
 - Application deadline 11:59pm on Tuesday, January 17
 - Informed of inclusion by Sunday, January 22

Old Business

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New Business

Stay Connected

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- Join the WHS IBPA

<https://goo.gl/forms/8mDBNbV2S95UD2Oz2>

- Join our member-only Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WHsIBPA/>

- Event Feedback

<https://goo.gl/forms/CM9B0bEPxQz31aSi1>

- Have questions? Reach out to an Ambassador at ibpavppreib@gmail.com

Alumni Panel

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- Garima Singh
- Stephanie Weisehuegel
- Ishaana Talesara
- TBD

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