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KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION HOSTS IB ORIENTATION SEMINAR

by Leslie G. Fatum, Kokomo High School

On December 2, 2016, Kokomo Schools and IU-Kokomo hosted an IB Orientation Seminar on the campus of IU-Kokomo. I organized the Seminar after learning about these events at a meeting for IB Association Leaders in March. The purpose was to bring district administrators, board members, and other leaders from different regions in the state to Kokomo to learn about the four IB Programs, including the application and authorization processes. In all, close to 50 representatives from 10 districts came to the Seminar. IB Americas sent their Regional Development Specialist, Phil Evans, to facilitate the seminar. He brought a variety of materials to share with the attendees. In addition, he led the Opening and Closing Plenary sessions and also participated in some of the breakouts.



Photo by Tim Bath, *Kokomo Tribune* article about the IB Orientation Seminar, Dec.2, 2016



In the Opening Plenary, Assistant Chancellor Todd Gambill welcomed the participants to IUK and gave a brief description of the post-secondary opportunities available to students on its campus. Then, Phil Evans gave an overview of the International Baccalaureate history and philosophy; including references to research that evidences the effectiveness of an IB education for college and career preparation. Following the Plenary, there were two consecutive breakout sessions. The breakouts were organized by IB Program, and administrators

and faculty from Kokomo’s PYP, MYP, DP and CP discussed their experiences throughout the application and authorization processes, as well as how these different programs’ curricula, instruction, and assessment protocols were implemented.

After a delicious lunch, the Closing Plenary brought all attendees together. Dr. Jeff Hauswald, Superintendent of Kokomo School Corporation, answered questions from the audience, together with Phil Evans and myself. At the end of the day, several of the attendees indicated their interest in pursuing the opportunity to bring one or more IB programs to their respective districts or schools. The success of this event inspired us to seriously consider organizing another similar initiative during the next school year.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST HIBS ROUND-TABLE WORKSHOP



HIBS is organizing the annual Round-Table Workshop for all IB educators on April 22, 2017 in Indianapolis. Please complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RDYC5B>. Here you will be able to select topics and sessions you would like to attend! This event will take place at Cathedral High School from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be served. The registration fee is \$10/person, payable by cash or check made out to HIBS.

More information on registration and break-out sessions is noted in the survey and will be shared by IB Coordinators as soon as final information is available. Please contact Liz Bradshaw at lbradshaw@gocathedral.com with any questions. See you at Cathedral High!



COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION WITH FLINT AND GOSHEN IB STUDENTS

Written by Charlie Collins, Goshen IBD candidate, class of 2017

In Theory of Knowledge, we were given a brief lesson on the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. For about everyone in class, this was all new information. The original plans were really just to be aware of this emergency and to discuss each of the various perspectives of the people in Flint. We read an article in which several residents of Flint were interviewed and offered their opinions.

In thinking about this further, as International Baccalaureate students, we felt like there could definitely be some type of relief we could provide to the people of Flint. Another reason we felt a need to help was that Flint was within reach of our home in Goshen, Indiana. We then did some initial research and found there was an IB high school in Flint named Flint Southwestern Classical Academy. We then reached out to them and asked if there was any way we could help. We were excited to learn that they responded and said that they actually had enough water, but would need a place to put all of the plastic bottles. We connected with many local businesses and the City of Goshen and retrieved around 50



55-gallon containers. We then spent much time cleaning the containers, and our industrial technology class cut off the tops of each container. We contacted the local Coca-Cola distributor, and they donated recycling lids for each container. As a school, we painted and customized all of the containers so they were not just plain. This whole process took about 6 weeks. To finish the project, we wanted to deliver the containers as a class to Southwestern. Two of our teachers drove the school's box truck filled with containers, and the students and other teachers traveled to Flint via bus.

We felt fortunate to be able to spend the day with many of Southwestern's IB students. All together, we unloaded the containers and placed them throughout the school. The Southwestern students were super appreciative of the containers. This was extremely exciting for everybody as the preparation process had taken us a long time. We also appreciated feeling the togetherness we experienced with fellow IB students. We also played many games, had lunch, and got a tour of their school. The chemistry between all of us was unbelievable.



More recently, around a year later, the Southwestern students were able to come visit us at Goshen High School. This was especially exciting to reunite. The spark between all of us had not strayed. We were able to play games with the Southwestern students as well as eat lunch with them and give them a tour of our school. The mayor of Goshen, Jeremy Stutsman, was able to come meet and talk to this whole group. In addition, a large group of Primary Years Program students from West Goshen Elementary were able to join us. With the PYP students, we talked a lot about the IB learner profile and gave examples of how we show these values in our lives. The Flint Southwestern students brought some books to give to the West Goshen students. Overall, reuniting with the Southwestern students was very enjoyable

for everybody involved, and everyone wished they did not have to leave. We hope this fond relationship between Flint Southwestern Classical Academy and Goshen High School continues for many years. For a video and the full story in the press, see <http://www.goshenschools.org/ghsflint-southwestern-academy-visit-photos-and-wndu-coverage/> and <http://www.wndu.com/content/news/Flint-students-visit-Goshen-High-School-to-continue-partnership-414659253.html>.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Several HIBS board members are stepping down, and new leadership and support for HIBS is needed. At the start of the Round-Table Workshop at Cathedral High School, members will have an opportunity to volunteer for a role in serving all Indiana IB schools. We need to fill several leadership positions. More details and possible changes to duties will be shared with you at the upcoming meeting.



LOVE AND MONEY

by Mitch Nelson, Chesterton High School

On February 14th, 2017, Valentine's Day, 27 Chesterton High School IB students went to the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The scholars had a chance to support their Economic curriculum by learning more about American currency and historical currency, the role the FED plays in regulating the economy through monetary policy and fiat currency and central banking in general. The students came armed with advanced and critical questions pertaining to these, and other related subject matters, and had the opportunity to ask a representative of the FED their questions. They were accompanied by Chesterton High School IB teachers Mr.

Bryan Nallenweg and Mr. Mitch Nelson. It was a powerful and enriching academic experience that was enjoyed by all.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM "NOT NECESSARILY" TO COMPETE AT THE 2017 NATIONALS!

By Mika Roinila, John Adams High School

The John Adams Mock Trial team "*Not Necessarily*" won the Indiana state championship on March 4-5 in Indianapolis. The team defeated Carmel High School's "*America's Next Top Lawyer*" team in the championship round. This is the 20th State Championship for JAHS's Mock Trial program. All eight members of the team are IB students, who will now advance to the National Championships held in Hartford, CT on May 11-13.



Many IB Diploma students have been lost in many of the previous years as IBO has not allowed alternative testing for Mock Trial participants. After a California team was allowed to complete IB testing at the 2016 championships in Boise, Idaho, we are proud to recognize that for the first time ever, four of the IB Diploma students on the John Adams team have been granted a testing opportunity at the Connecticut IB Academy in East Hartford. Hopefully other IB schools from across the country will be able to do the same in years to come!

HIBS PLANNING TO DEVELOP STUDENT CONFERENCE FOR FALL 2017

HIBS is consulting with various colleges to see if an IB Student Conference can be organized for Fall 2017. Options to date include Fall Breaks held at various colleges, including Goshen College, Butler University, and Indiana State University. Perhaps the best option could be Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, who have expressed strong interest in hosting the conference! More discussions are sure to follow at the HIBS Round-Table. All IB schools across Indiana are encouraged to start thinking about attending and planning for next fall. More details will follow.

2017 IB GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The IB Global Conference 2017, which takes place in Orlando, Florida from 20-23 July 2017, provides the ideal opportunity to meet and collaborate with IB educators from North, Central, and South America, and from all over the world. You'll discover new ideas to further develop your IB program, learn from IB practitioners, reflect on your practice, and leave with inspiration and renewed energy to bring back to your school. Join IB for four days of inspiring and thought-provoking events. It's your chance to hear incredible stories from our featured speakers and breakout presenters. In fact, Dr. Nikki Woodson, the Superintendent of MSD of Washington Township in Indianapolis will be one of this year's Keynote Speakers. The IB Global Conference 2017 is the perfect professional development opportunity for heads of schools, coordinators, teachers, and district and school board officials to promote best practices in the IB Americas region. Registration is still possible! Check it out quickly, and plan your travel!



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WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

by Melody Koryell and David Todd, Shortridge High School

Week Without Walls is a tradition at Shortridge High School, an all MYP-DP Indianapolis Public School. During one week in May, the community and world become our learning laboratory. During Week Without Walls, all students participate in travel and experiential learning, then reflect using IB learner profile traits and learning outcomes. Each grade level participates in a “big trip,” as well as has the opportunity for multiple “day trips” around the city and state.

Freshmen explore caves, visit the pioneer village and Gus Grissom museum, and camp at Spring Mill State Park (photo on right). Sophomores head east--this year’s trip is to Williamsburg, VA, with college visits along the way. In Williamsburg, students participate in a mock witch trial, visit the historic House of Burgesses, and walk in the footsteps of colonial Americans (photo on right). Juniors complete their Group 4 projects on-site at the Indiana Dunes, then ride the shoreline train to Chicago, where they practice their language skills in Chinatown (photo below left) and a Chicago Latino Community. Seniors plan their own trip--this year they will visit Chattanooga, Tennessee, to hike and tour Civil War sites.

Day trips include service opportunities, like building ramps for wheelchair-bound individuals, community garden tending, and labyrinth building. Other day trips are more inquiry-based, including an investigation in Crown Hill Cemetery, a Columbus architecture tour (with ice cream from the soda shop), a bike tour of the city’s rails to trails, and hiking at Fort Benjamin Harrison.



Students are encouraged to help design curriculum and to use their Week Without Walls time to meet their SA and CAS requirements. Week Without Walls helps create a culture on trust and mutuality, where faculty and students explore the broader community side-by-side. This experience serves as a bookend to our year, which starts with O-week (Orientation Week), a similar cultural learning opportunity.



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Stories from teachers, coordinators and schools are encouraged. Please submit materials to Dr. Mika at John Adams High School by e-mail at mroinila@sbcsc.k12.in.us. The deadline for the Fall issue will be Friday, September 29, 2017. HIBS recognizes and thanks the continued support of *IB Source* in all ventures that benefit the IB Schools of Indiana.

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