



# SHIBPA

## NEWSLETTER



**September 2024**

### Everyone:

IB Council meets 3:35-4:15pm rm #11-313 (first one 09/04) every other Monday, starting Sept. 16th. This optional club plans events/hangouts/ fundraisers and connects/supports our IB students. For students who want to be involved please join us (no need to sign up just show up!).

If you have questions please email the current IB Council President: André Becerra López

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Students can join the IB Council group, use the Link or the QR Code

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/102985548/wbonowwf](https://groupme.com/join_group/102985548/wbonowwf)

IB Counsel also has an Instagram for events and reminders [@smokyhill.ib](https://www.instagram.com/smokyhill.ib)

IB Council Prime Minister:

Mr. Christopher Ritchie

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### Upcoming Important Dates

#### Freshmen

- **4th** – Mentor Meeting during BOTH lunches in the Upper Cafeteria

#### Sophomores

- **6th** – Personal Project Proposal/Criteria is due - approve needs to be complete
- **25th** – Big Meeting #2 for Personal Project from 7:40am - 8:15am in Lecture Center

#### Juniors

- **4th & 5th** – IB Exam Information Night for parents and students(only need to attend one of the nights) from 7-8pm in Lecture Center
- **6th** – CAS transportation forms due to Mrs. Sheil
- **8th** – Annotations of 2 subject guides due
- **20th** – CAS Junior Proposal for Big Project due in ManageBac (this is a day off of school but still due on this date)

#### Seniors

- **4th & 5th** – IB Exam Information Night for parents and students(only need to attend one of the nights) from 7-8pm in Lecture Center
- **6th** – CAS transportation forms due to Mrs. Sheil



### Fundraising Needs and Updates!

As we head into the 2024-25 school year we have some needs for October – December:

We need donations for Personal Project Turn-in Incentive for approximately 25 kids.

Each year we provide incentives for the sophomores working hard to complete their Personal Projects on time. For every due date they hit closing in on the completion date, their name is entered into a prize drawing. The prize drawing is held on the PP completion date. It is well received by the kids, and it gives those that need it an extra push and encouragement.

The IB coordinators ask SHIBPA to donate prizes such as small gift cards for coffee, movie passes, or small fun items like earbuds, etc.

Donated items need to be turned in before Dec. 1st to the IB office.

If it is easier to provide a donation, please feel free to do so and I will purchase items for the drawing.

**Thank you for your support!**



SHIBPA  
President!



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# SHHS IB Program

SHHS' IB program focuses on developing intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills for students who live, learn, and work in a rapidly changing world.

## welcome

IB DP COORDINATOR

*Mr. Ritchie*



Growing up in Aurora, Colorado, I developed a deep appreciation for the diversity and interconnectedness of our world. This passion led me to pursue a degree in foreign languages at the University of Northern Colorado. My goal was to become a language teacher and share my love for other cultures with students. After graduating, I began my teaching career at Greeley West High School, where I had the opportunity to work with a diverse student body and introduce them to the French language and culture.

Seeking new adventures, I moved to Nairobi, Kenya, to teach French and Spanish.

This experience was a cultural immersion that broadened my horizons and deepened my understanding of global issues. Living and working in a different country allowed me to connect with people from all walks of life and develop a greater appreciation for different perspectives.

Upon returning to Colorado, I continued to teach French and Spanish at Discovery Canyon Campus, an IB Continuum School. I was drawn to the school's commitment to providing students with a rigorous academic experience and fostering a global mindset.

In 2018, my family and I embarked on another international adventure, moving to Saudi Arabia to teach at International Schools Group Jubail. This experience was a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of a new IB school and to introduce students to the French and Spanish languages. Living in the Middle East exposed us to a rich cultural heritage and allowed us to forge lasting connections with people from around the world.

After six years in Saudi Arabia, we returned to Colorado to be closer to family and to provide our sons with the opportunity to experience adolescence in the United States.

I'm excited to apply my experience and passion for education as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Coordinator at Smoky Hill High School. I believe that, in partnership with the staff, students and parents of Smoky Hill, we will be able to continue to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to experience the IB philosophy. Thank you for welcoming me into the Smoky Hill High School community. I am excited to learn more about the school's traditions, values, and goals. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing how I can contribute to the school's continued success.

Chris Ritchie



IB Middle Years Program Coordinator

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## IB MYP AND DP



## Middle Years Programme

The Middle Years Program consists of eight subject groups integrated through six global contexts, which provide lenses for learning within and across subjects. MYP English, World Language of choice, MYP Geography and Government, MYP American History, Science, Mathematics, Art, Design, PE and Health and Personal Project.



## Diploma Programme

The Diploma Program consists of six subject groups, with studies in English/World Literature, World Language of choice, History of Europe or the Americas in 11th grade and History of the Contemporary World in 12th, Experimental Science of choice, Mathematics, IB acceptable 6th subject and Extended Essay, TOK and CAS hours.

SHHS IB info: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4518>





## Did you know?



IB Students are required to have **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)** hours, this requires students to take part in a range of student service-learning experiences, activities, and projects. During the span of their junior and senior years, students must accrue and document 150 hours of CAS.

**CAS Coordinator: Ms. Kate Sheil**  
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### Indian Ridge Library:

Indian Ridge Elementary library is in need of your help! Flexible regarding the days/times students could volunteer in the library. Need help with shelving, organizing, checking books in/out, helping students navigate the library, find books, repairing books, pulling relevant books for monthly holidays/celebrations, being a guest reader for the littles, etc! Something for everyone :) Hours are 7:30am-3:30pm—last year SH students volunteered in the morning before their first class or during their free period.

For more details please contact Katherine Guiffre at  
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## Personal Project

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our Personal Project Coordinators and Liaison

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## Extended Essay

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our Extended Essay Coordinators

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# IB Acronyms and Vocabulary



**IB**-International Baccalaureate

**MYP**-Middle Years Program (9th and 10th)

**DP**-Diploma Program (11th and 12th)

**EE**-Extended Essay

**CAS**-Community and service

**PP**-Personal Project

**IA**-Internal assessment 1 per class

**TOK**-Theory of Knowledge

**Title Paper**-TOK written portion

**Sixth Subject**-upperclassmen have many options for their sixth subject class – which they test in for their IB Diploma alongside their 4 core classes and a foreign language

**HL**-Higher level (need at least 3 in reference to IB testing, but no more than 4)

**SL**-Standard level

**Ab Initio**-Beginner language level

## For planning purposes: Important Oct. dates

### Freshmen

- **1st** – Mentor Meeting during BOTH lunches in the Upper Cafeteria

### Sophomores

- **11th** – Personal Project Supervisor Meeting #1 completed, Process Journal Check #1 (about 5-6 entries)
- **23rd** – Big Meeting #3 for Personal Project from 7:40am - 8:15am in Lecture Center

### Juniors

- **11th** – EE Contract due to Library

### Seniors

- **11th** – OK Title Paper draft due

A complete list of Important Dates for the entire school year can be found on our Smoky Hill IB Website by scanning this QR Code



### SHHS IB Important Dates



Fall Break  
Oct. 14th - Oct. 18th





# SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL



	DAILY SCHEDULE (M, T, Th, F)	ADVISORY SCHEDULE (W)	WEATHER DELAY SCHEDULE (M, T, W, Th, F)
PERIOD 1R/1G	8:20 - 9:55	8:20 - 9:44	9:50 - 11:02
ADVISORY		9:50 - 10:30	
PERIOD 2R/2G	10:01 - 11:36	10:36 - 12:00	11:08 - 12:20
PERIOD 3R/3G	11:42 - 1:49	12:06 - 2:00	12:26 - 2:12
LUNCH 1	11:42 - 12:14	12:06 - 12:36	12:26 - 1:00
CLASS	12:14 - 1:49	12:36 - 2:00	1:00 - 2:12
CLASS	11:42 - 1:17	12:06 - 1:30	12:26 - 1:38
LUNCH 2	1:17 - 1:49	1:30 - 2:00	1:38 - 2:12
PERIOD 4R/4G	1:55 - 3:30	2:06 - 3:30	2:18 - 3:30

Announcements and recognitions will be made at the beginning of Period 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

LUNCH 1	LUNCH 2
Business	AVID
Family and Consumer Sciences	English
Mathematics	Physical Education
Performing Arts	Social Studies
Computer Academy	Student Government
Science	Visual Arts
Student Achievement Services	World Languages
Technology/Computer Technology	

## SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25 SY

July 2024						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024						
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25	26	27	★	29	30	31

September 2024						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Daily Schedule (M, T, Th, F)			Weather Delay Schedule		
Period 1R/1G	8:20 - 9:55	Period 1R/1G	9:50 - 11:02		
Period 2R/2G	10:01 - 11:36	Period 2R/2G	11:08 - 12:20		
Period 3R/3G	11:42 - 1:49	Period 3R/3G	12:26 - 2:12		
Lunch 1	11:42 - 12:14	Lunch 1	12:26 - 1:00		
Lunch 2	1:17 - 1:49	Lunch 2	1:38 - 2:12		
Period 4R/4G	1:55 - 3:30	Period 4R/4G	2:18 - 3:30		

October 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	X	X	X	X	X	19
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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15	16	F	F	F	21	
22	X	X	X	X	X	28
29	X	X				

Advisory Day Schedule (W)		
Period 1R/1G	8:20 - 9:44	
ADVISORY	9:50 - 10:30	
Period 2R/2G	10:36 - 12:00	
Period 3R/3G	12:06 - 2:00	
Lunch 1	12:06 - 12:36	
Lunch 2	1:30 - 2:00	
Period 4R/4G	2:06 - 3:30	

DEADLINES - STUDENT WORK
9/13/24, 10/4/24, 11/8/24, 12/13/24, 2/7/25, 3/7/25, 4/11/25, 5/9/25
DEADLINES - TEACHER GRADES
9/6/24, 9/27/24, 10/11/24, 11/15/24, 12/6/24, 12/20/24, 1/24/25, 2/21/25, 3/14/25, 4/18/25, 5/2/25, 5/23/25

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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16	X	X	X	X	X	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Lunch 1/Lunch 2	
Lunch 1	CTE (Computer Academy   Math   Performing Arts   Science   S&ES)
Lunch 2	AVID (English   PE   Social Studies   Student Government   Visual Arts   World Languages)

April 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	★			

May 2025						
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June 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

X	No School for Staff and Students
T	Teacher Work Day (No School)
[ ]	First/Last Day of Semester
●	Non-Contact Day (No School)
●	Non-Contact Day (Work Day)
★	Back-to-School Night, 8/15
F	Freshman Phase-In Day, 8/12 & 8/13
CCR	College and Career Readiness Day, 10/9
SAT PSAT 9	SAT & PSAT 10 Testing, 4/16
CMAS PSAT 9	CMAS for Juniors and PSAT 9 Testing, 4/17
★	STAR Testing, 8/28, 1/8, 4/30
F	Final Exams
◆	Final Exam Make-Up (By Appt. Only)
GRAD	Graduation - 8:00 a.m.