

“Most people spend more time going around problems than in trying to solve them.”

- Henry Ford

CLASS OF 2018:

- We have uploaded over 60 pieces of assessment to IB in the last month! Way to go, seniors. We have a few more to upload before May!
- CAS hours NEED to be completed by May 1. See Weber or Ingram with ?!

Livonia Franklin High School International Baccalaureate

THE LIGHTNING BOLT



Michayla was the first to set up her exhibit for our Visual Arts submission to IB. Each of the seniors will have to set up an exhibit and take individual pictures of each piece to upload to IB to score. 8-12 pieces are required. Congrats to Michayla and our IB seniors for this amazing accomplishment!

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Get Those Motors Running; Heading into Testing!

By: Sunshine Weber

Get those engines going! We've stayed dormant in our homes and in the dreary darkness of Michigan for too long this winter. It has felt endless. While many of us start the month of April headed out of town to fairer climates, we need to end the month at full speed back here at home. Spend the break filling up the main and reserve tanks in order to press through our final marking period of this school year.

The junior engines are sputtering and struggling as the pace and expectations have increased. Many of the students are used to easy, one-night assignments. That is not how IB works, however. There are ongoing assessments in each course. Taking a little bit of time every night or two solves the problem of the anxiety the students are feeling as they walk into class unprepared. Additionally, I have spoken with a few of them related to getting planners or having a system for keeping track of assignments. There are a few great apps for their phones which help keep track of work. They are learning to multitask at a high level, but some need extra guidance on how to do this well. To make matters worse, they often do not use their time wisely in class. We understand how much more interesting it is to chat in class, but when work has to get done, a few of them have a hard time buckling down. We've worked on moving seats, daily checks, and other items to help combat this, but ultimately, it will come down to the student's will to get their work done well and on time.

picture of the student, our universities are looking at these numbers to determine scholarship levels. A few minutes every day or some time studying SAT concepts over break would prove beneficial to these students in the long run.

Keep the foot on the accelerator for the senior crunch. They have a few short weeks after they return from spring break to truly buckle down and prepare for their exams. All of the classes typically transition into review mode and do not add new content. This allows our seniors to focus on honing the skills that they have learned over the course of the two years. It's time to rev those engines at give it the last big push towards the finish line!

A HUGE thank you to the Livonia School Board, along with Mr. Daniel Willenborg and Ms. Stacy Jenkins, who honored our program as the Point of Pride choice for the month of March. We send a heartfelt thank you to our amazing speakers, senior IB student Mary Wolfe, IB alums Tim Nehasil (2015) and Brian Haupt (2011), and Mr. Gerald Bagazinski (IB parent). A special thanks also to Roni Garrick and Michael Bagazinski who provided emotional support! The IB program continues to be a highlight in our district. Congratulations to all of our students who take on the challenge! Additionally, credit to Steppenwolf's *Born to Be Wild* for my inspiration this month! I needed something to fill the energy tanks and that worked for me! It doesn't matter where we get our inspiration as long as every day we wake up renewed, refreshed, and inspired in a new way! On your mark! Get set! GO!



Our IB senior girls represent the schools that they will attend in just a few short months! The hard work has paid off for many of these students!



Our presentation at the Livonia School Board Meeting on March 19 was well received. So proud of all of these people who have impacted our program.



The chart to the left shows our progress thus far. More to upload soon!

April of junior year places the most stress on students. They finally get a break from school, only to return to the mandated state exams. The SAT will be given to every junior on Tuesday, April 10. On Wednesday, they will take the M-Step and other state mandated exams. While we know that these numbers do not show the full

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CLASS OF 2019:

- Students are headed into their History IA which will give them a solid research foundation.
- All-nighters for homework or studying should NOT be a regular thing! Help your student figure out strategies to best help them organize and manage their time and work.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 9 Return to FHS
- April 10 SAT Testing : 7:25-12:45
Dismissed at approx. 12:45
- April 11 11th: Workkeys test: 7:25-11:15
ALL: Classes: 12:00-2:20
- April 13 End of 3rd Marking Period
- April 19 Report Cards Viewable
- May 2 Start of IB exam season!