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## HEADS' LETTER

## NOVEMBER 11, 2010

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS EARN RESPECT FOR QUALITY, DEDICATION, RIGOR, AND RELEVANCE!

We are often asked, "Are you an IB - International Baccalaureate School?" The answer is, "Yes, we are!" IDS-CC is an authorized International Baccalaureate School. Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades are part of what is authorized by the IB MYP - Middle Years Programme (their European spelling) and Pre-K3 through fifth grade is authorized by the IB PYP - Primary Years Programme.

Investing in the IB Programme is very costly, time consuming, and filled with expectations. However, its value is quality training, continuous improvement, high levels of inquiry, reflection in learning, and guidelines that require on-going dialogues among teachers of different grades and subjects to balance interdisciplinary learning across subject areas while maintaining subject area depth. Another value is that every four to five years an evaluation team from IB arrives to monitor our progress and status. To some places that could be scary - to our IDS teachers and staff, evaluation efforts provide another opportunity to validate our relentless efforts to create quality for our IDSers as well as receive on-going ideas for maintaining a continuous improvement model. That thinking is what keeps IDS faculty and staff continuously challenged, proud of their accomplishments, on the cutting edge, and builders of a strong and dedicated learning community.

This week, on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, there were two representatives from the IB Middle Years Programme who spent two intensive days in the Middle school as part of the evaluation of our MYP program. Both gentlemen were highly professional, knowledgeable, and very thorough in their process for evaluation. Their feedback was invaluable! During the exit interview on Tuesday, they reported their findings...And yes, we were proud as they sincerely shared their amazement about the quality and high level of our lessons and lesson planning, as well as the ability of our students to eloquently articulate their understanding of the IB processes from both their experience in the Primary Years Programme and throughout Middle School. The evaluators were also quick to note that IB expectations were totally aligned throughout the campus as a result of their Monday unannounced tour of the east side, where they saw the Primary Years Programme (Pre-K3 through fifth grades) highly visible while viewing instruction and talking to teachers.

During the exit interview, (with the Headmasters and MYP Coordinators), we learned about their commendations and recommendations which they will formalize, send to IB Americas, who will then send the information to the Director General in their Geneva office. We will receive the written report that they shared with us verbally in approximately three months. Although we received a **long list of commendations**, the recommendations were also very helpful.

**First**, IB wants to insure that we maintain a budget that supports continuously updating the IB training as we have in the past for both new and established teachers. Just like the technology industry, their training is always being updated; we actually like the many changes they have made over the years.

**Second**, Another recommendation was so on target. Although we were strongly commended for all of our international activities and major connections around the world, that are woven into our lessons and additional offerings, we have yet to OFFICIALLY add to our philosophy and school mission what is called "internationally-minded" or the words developing citizens with global understanding. Sometimes, you become so immersed in doing what you are doing, it takes outside eyes to show you the obvious.

**Third**, Using the IB assessment model requires a reporting system that is not bound by grades but by rubrics that guide students into differentiated levels of learning based on how they are willing or expected to perform. Always using rubrics has been part of our work. Using it as a total assessment and reporting process will take education of our families and time for us to develop the process here.

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**An interesting point about IB...**they are not here to tell you what content to teach. Their focus is on standards for process and best practices across all subject areas and grade levels. **By the way**, in case you are wondering, in order to be part of IB's international network and programming, it takes *authorization* and continuous training and evaluation. In order to be *accredited* by well-respected organizations who monitor best practices and standards, it takes an accreditation process and also continuous evaluation every five years. Our accreditation organizations are FCIS (Florida Council of Independent Schools), SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and FKC (Florida Kindergarten Council) which oversees all early primary grades. We will be going through that five year process in 2012 - 2013. By the way, we started to prepare for the next reaccreditation visit, the day after the last one.

**A request to all:** When you see Teachers, Specials Teachers and staff that work with Middle School, please be sure to congratulate them on a job done with extraordinary detail, dedication and diligence on behalf of our IDS community!  
**ONE MORE THING:** At our in-service on Tuesday, Middle School Division Leaders and MYP Coordinators Mrs. Betty George and Ms. Heather Robinson received a well-deserved standing ovation from their colleagues for all of the amount of hours, work, structure provided over the last years, months, and weeks to guide and coordinate this successful effort! BRAVO Betty and Heather!

## OUR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAM ROCKS!

Did you know that we have six physical education teachers for a school of 500+ students? Why so many? The answer is that a real brain-based school understands that movement, that is nurtured, trained and organized, can help grow vibrant active brains! Our IDSers from age 3 through 8th grades have organized and free play supervised and instructed by experts, which most likely contribute to the success of our athletic teams. They have both positive attitudes and expertise supporting them throughout their years at IDS.

Physical Education (PE) is also part of our IB program along with all of the other subject areas at offered at IDS. Here is just one of many examples, on ways that PE knows how to create exciting and meaningful interdisciplinary connections with our classroom teachers reported by veteran PE teacher and mentor Coach Kathy who reports:

*"PE is connecting a unit on throwing and catching with Upper Primary's IB unit called "We work hard for the money", by simulating an assembly line to produce a product called Ghastly Ghostie Balls in PE class. Students are improving their throwing and catching skills while learning about production and profit and how being a business partner is like being a team mate in PE games or as part of a sports team.*

*The PE unit will culminate with another simulation of students advertizing and selling their ghastly ghostie ball products to classmates. What a great way to bring the concept of running a business to life. We are proud of our time to help grow the right side of the brain each and every day for our students through meaningful movement!"*

## SCHOOL PICTURES ENCLOSED IN YOUR THURSDAY FOLDER! SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUP DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

Be sure to check this week's Thursday folder for your child's school photos. If your child was absent for his/her picture, we have them on the retake list. If your child needs a picture re-take, please return the enclosed proof form to the office by Monday, November 15, 2010. The picture retake date is Tuesday, November 16. Please remember the dress code for re-takes; the picture chosen will be in the 2010 – 2011 Yearbook.

## IDS ANNOUNCES: COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: AUDITIONS FOR CSA MUSICAL THEATRE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 FROM 9:00 TO 1:00

**Auditions are this Saturday**, November 13, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, in Corbett Hall for the CSA performance of Broadway musical *Into the Woods*. Students should be prepared to sing 16-32 bars of a song that shows their vocal range. Please have sheet music or a CD, with or without vocals, to accompany your performance. You will also be asked to do a cold reading from *Into the Woods*. Students in **grades 3-12** can audition for **two separate casts** based on age. Both casts will be directed by Seth Travaglino. Rehearsals begin on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you need to audition at another time, please contact us at [csa@idsyes.com](mailto:csa@idsyes.com) to make arrangements.

## PFA NEWS

**TASTE OF IDS at the FALL FESTIVAL** - All presale orders for the Taste of IDS at the Fall Festival are due **TOMORROW** as we must give our vendors our count for next Saturday. If there are any extra tickets available for the Taste of IDS, you may purchase them on a first come, first served basis at the event for \$10. Please note that there have been a few vendor changes to the Taste of IDS! If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Minick, Fall Festival Chair, at [yminick@hotmail.com](mailto:yminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630.

**FUN RUN** - Registration for the Fun Run at the Fall Festival is ongoing! Please sign-up to be a part of a fun morning, and join us as we run in the 2-mile, 1-mile, or the 1/2 mile Peacock Trot! The races will be at 9:00, 9:30, and 10:00 am respectively on Saturday, November 20. See the enclosed order form for more information.

**TENTS NEEDED FOR TASTE OF IDS** - We are in great need of the pop-up style 10x10 (or similar size) canopy tents to use for our Taste of IDS vendors. They are graciously donating their food and time to us, so we'd like to give them some shade! If you are able to bring your tent to the eastside office by 3:00 pm on Friday, November 19, we can return it to you at the conclusion of the festival on November 20<sup>th</sup> or on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Vanessa Minick at [yminick@hotmail.com](mailto:yminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630 if you are able to help.

**LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION!! The Fifth Annual IDS-CC Winter Boutique and Brunch! - Friday, December 3, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm** - IDS families enjoy shopping from boutique vendors, a wonderful brunch, and a fun meet and greet with IDS friends. Guests are welcome too! Also, PLEASE REMEMBER... IDS parents and families have an opportunity to be a vendor at the Boutique and Brunch! If you have Boutique items that you would like to sell at the boutique, see the vendor registration form attached to this week's Heads' Letter or please contact Cindy Wendell, Winter Boutique Chair, at [dwcl@aol.com](mailto:dwcl@aol.com) or (813)746-8924 for vendor information.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME COLLECTION** - In preparation for the PFA Halloween Costume Boo-tique next year, we will be collecting your gently used Halloween costumes and props from Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The collection box will be in the eastside office. If you have any costumes that you would like to donate, please be sure that they are clean and in good condition. Place the costume in a bag with any matching props and/or accessories, and label the bag with the following information: the type of costume (i.e., pirate, princess, cowboy, etc.), the size, and the intended wearer (i.e., adult, child, infant, toddler, or pet). Next September, we'll have a great selection available for our Second Annual Costume Boo-tique!



## IDS HELPS THOSE IN NEED AT METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES



Metropolitan Ministries will feed 29,000 struggling families this holiday season and IDS can help! IDS-CC is partnering with Metropolitan Ministries for our annual fall food drive. The biggest needs this fall are canned fruits and cereals. The Middle School Student Council is sponsoring the drive and would love your help! We would be grateful for *donations* of canned and boxed food items! **Beginning today, Thursday, November 11 and running through Friday, November 19.** Look for the brown Metropolitan Ministries barrels that will be set throughout campus and get into the IDS spirit of giving for Thanksgiving!

## DID YOU KNOW?

*“i9Sports is very excited to have partnered with IDS and move our programs back to the original Carrollwood neighborhood,”* said Alex Miranda, program director for i9Sports. *“Parents have had a great fall season with the excellent facilities IDS provides at a convenient location.”* Alex also stated that he is very thankful for the wonderful staff at IDS to be so accommodating for our needs and looks forward to a long term relationship with the school. i9Sports plays on our west side field every Saturday with flag football in the morning and soccer beginning at noon. See their website (<http://www.i9sports.com/Welcome.aspx>) if you are interested in learning more about them.

# IT'S FINALLY HERE: THE ANNUAL IDS BOOK FAIR

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010

It is so much fun to wander through a book store, smell the fresh aroma of rows and rows of books, pull them off the shelves and look inside them and feel the wonder of what information or story is inside them! Do you remember that or do you wish you could go back and have the joy of being surrounded by books and more books? Well, let's do it! Join the IDS volunteers along with our Librarian/Media Specialist, Kim Fields for the Annual IDS Book Fair...Read more:



"Please support the **Independent Day School Laney Library/Media Center** by joining us for our semi-annual book fair being held at Barnes & Noble, Carrollwood. All sales, including café consumables will count toward book fair totals. When using *Barnes & Noble Scrip for purchases*, the school receives additional funds. please add to the fun and proceeds by ordering your Scrip now!"



This fall's Book Fair events include some special additions at Barnes & Noble!

- **Primary Night, Wednesday, November 17** will highlight performances by our talented *Spirit of IDS and Broadway Babies*
- **EDU-TALK with Dr. Swarzman, Tuesday, November 16 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Dr. Swarzman will be discussing recommended books being displayed on the book fair table in the children's department.
- **Want to view the new Harry Potter movie? On Primary Night, be sure and enter to win a drawing for free movie tickets. The drawing will be held at Barnes & Noble after the conclusion of student performances!**
- All students in grades three through eight will travel to the book fair on a class trip. Please remember to wear your IDS field trip polo shirt.



## AND THE WINNER IS...

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAUTHEN FAMILY, HERSCOVICI FAMILY, SLEETER FAMILY, AND SWOPE FAMILY!!** Each of these families won 4 tickets in the Bank of America luxury suite for the December 20<sup>th</sup> Lightning vs. Hurricanes game.



A **HUGE** thanks to all the families who have already turned in their pledge cards for the Annual Giving Campaign. Your early commitment to the campaign is important to all in our school community. We look forward to receiving pledges from the rest of our community as we strive to meet our goal of 100% participation. Reminders and pledge cards will be mailed out in the next few weeks.



Many thanks to the many families who have joined the Warrior Club Level in our campaign! We have distributed many magnets to families and love seeing them around town.













**Please see  
"All School"  
enclosures also  
found in  
Thursday Folder.**

**Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FALL FESTIVAL  
on Saturday, November 20, 2010! Time: 10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! Our family will be having lunch at the Taste of IDS.** Lunch will be served from 11:30am-2pm.

Restaurants represented at the Taste of IDS are:

	1. Creative Cuisine Desserts		
	2. Cold Stone Creamery (N.Dale Mabry)		
	3. Datz Deli (S. MacDill)		
	4. Eddie & Sam's New York Pizza (E. Twiggs St.)		
	5. Evos		
	6. La Pollera Colorado (Armenia & Linebaugh)		
	7. Mrs. Madewell		
	8. Rita's Italian Ice (N. Dale Mabry)		
	9. IDS Catering Services		
	10. Tijuana Flats (N. Dale Mabry & Busch)		

**Thanks goes to all of our Taste of IDS vendors for donating their time and food to this event! An additional thank you goes to Chick-fil-a on N. Dale Mabry for their contribution of prizes for our runners!**



Food tickets are **\$8.00 in advance**. If any additional tickets are available, they will be sold on the day of the event for \$10.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of presale meals x \$8.00 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

*For all orders, on the day of the event, please go to the lunch pavilion,  
and we will give you your food ticket(s) at that time.*

**Orders are to be turned into the main office by TOMORROW, November 12, 2010.**



**IDS ANNUAL FUN RUN**



\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FUN RUN!**

**Attention all Runners .....It's time to get out your running shoes for the FUN RUN!** Come enjoy a beautiful Run or Walk on our **Buchanan Sport Field at our Middle School!** Our 2 mile run begins at 9:00 a.m. (*for all runners*), our 1 mile run/walk begins at 9:30 a.m. (*for beginning runners or fast walkers*), and our ½ mile Primary Trot will follow at 10:00 a.m. (*for primary kids or walkers*). All runners will receive a special Run for Fun T-shirt, a medal, snacks, & drinks. **Top Finishers will receive a gift card to Target!**

**Yes! Sign our family up**

NAME	Shirt Size*	Group**	2 Mile	1 Mile	Primary Trot

\* **Shirt Sizes – YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL**

\*\* **Group - P (Primary), Int (Intermediate), MS (Middle School), A (Adult)**

Total number of Runners x \$15.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

**PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER FORM INTO THE MAIN OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2010.**  
**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO IDS**

You are cordially to the



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IDS Boutique & Brunch



Please join us for a delicious brunch and a wonderful opportunity to shop from a group of "boutique" merchants selling jewelry, clothing, handbags, accessories, home décor, candles, edible treats, and MORE!

WHEN: Friday, December 3, 2010  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

WHERE: IDS Parish Center

Tickets are \$15 in advance;  
\$20 at the door

Enjoy a start to your day with IDS friends and begin your holiday shopping with a delicious brunch prepared by Chef Garrett!

To make your reservation, please complete the form below and return it to the IDS Office by Monday, November 29, 2010.

✕ ✕ ✕ PLEASE CUT AND RETURN TO THE IDS MAIN OFFICE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 ✕ ✕

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IDS Boutique & Brunch Reservation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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ONE PER FAMILY

## 2010 Boutique and Brunch Vendor Registration Form

**Event Date:** Friday, December 3, 2010

**Event Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Event Place:** Independent Day School: Corbett Campus – Farish Center

**Event Cost:** Table space rental is \$50.00 plus a door prize donation. This entitles you to ONE (1) brunch ticket, ONE (1) six foot table, and TWO (2) chairs. You will need to provide all decorations and table skirting, if desired. Electrical outlets will be a first come, first serve basis.

### EVENT GUIDELINES

1. Make checks payable to IDS.
2. Setup time begins at 8:30 am on Friday, December 3, 2010.
3. Take down time is immediately following the event.
4. All vehicles may drop off materials at the circle of the event center but **MUST PARK** at the front of the event center or in the overflow parking located just north of the event center.

Please submit the bottom of this form along with a check to the IDS office or mail (by November 19) to:

Independent Day School: Corbett Campus  
Attention: IDS Boutique and Brunch  
12015 Orange Grove Drive  
Tampa, FL. 33618

**SPACE IS LIMITED! Send in your fee today!**

Please contact Cindy Wendell at (813) 527-1239 or email [dwcl@aol.com](mailto:dwcl@aol.com) with any questions.

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### **2010 BOUTIQUE AND BRUNCH VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best No. to Reach You:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of items to be sold (Please be specific):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs/Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Description to be used in catalog:** \_\_\_\_\_

# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

November 15 - 19, 2010

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 11/15	3:00	Basketball-All Boy's Teams	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-All Girls's Teams	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	Parent Meeting Following
	3:00	Cheerleading	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:30	
Tues. 11/16		Athletes' Day Off				
Weds. 11/17	3:00	Basketball-All Boy's Teams	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-All Girl's Teams	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
Thur. 11/18	3:00	Boy's Basketball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:00	
	4:00	Boy's Basketball-Silver Team	Odessa Christian	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	5:00	Boy's Basketball-Green Team	Odessa Christian	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	3:00	Girl's Basketball-All Teams	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	4:00	Cheerleading	Game	Corbett Hall	6:00	
Fri. 11/19	4:00	Boy's Basketball-Silver Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	7:45	
	5:00	Boy's Basketball-Green Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	7:45	
	6:00	Boy's Basketball-Purple Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	7:45	
	4:00	Girl's Basketball-Green Team	St. John's (E)	MS Gym	5:00	
	5:00	Girl's Basketball-Purple Team	St. John's (E)	MS Gym	6:00	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
Sat. 11/20	9:30	Wrestling	Tournament	Berkeley Prep	2:00	
	1:30	Competive Cheerleading	Practice	MS Gym	3:30	

**Directions: On reverse**

**DIRECTIONS:****ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL New Middle School:**

1. Take Dale Mabry Hwy south to Kennedy Blvd.
2. Make a left onto Kennedy Blvd.
3. Make a right onto Willow St.
4. Go to the second light and make a LEFT onto Platt St.
5. Go 3/4 mile - the school is on the left side and look for the yellow building.

St. John's Episcopal Middle School does not own the parking lot beside the school so no matter how full or empty the it is, we cannot park there. As you know, the school is located on the corner of Platt St. and Plant Ave. If you turn on Plant Ave., you will see the Crosstown Expressway in front of you. Directly beneath the Crosstown Expressway is their parking.

**BERKELEY PREP SCHOOL:**

1. Take Dale Mabry Hwy south to the Hillborough Ave. exit ramp and take a right onto Hillsborough Ave.
2. Take a LEFT onto Kelly Rd. (TJ Maxx and a Mobil Gas Station is on the corner).
3. The school os on the left hand side of Kelly Rd.
4. The Berkeley gym is in the back of the main set of buildings.