

# traveling the WORLD

World language students start their journey to Europe



**Places To See** For the first time in four years, world language students and the department got the okay to start up their travels. "I am most excited to learn new things and explore new places. I feel like it's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Megan Alexander said. As students heard the news, they raced to grab their forms. Information meetings were held to get information out to students and parents. Photo by B. Padalecki

**COMFORT IS EVERYTHING** Yohana Eshetu and Ishana Bhandari laugh as they work on their math homework together in the AP/IB Office. The room was an inclusive place that many went to during lunch or their off periods to study or hang out. "I like talking to people over there because I'm comfortable with a lot of the people there since we have classes together," said Bhandari said. She went there about three times a week with her friends. Photo by A. Kochkanyan

**EDGE OF THEIR SEATS** The IB Class of 2024 sits in the auditorium with wide smiles, appreciating their recent induction into the program. The Juniors had just given their pledge, and were ready to attend the banquet breakfast in the library. "It was really cool to see the other grades of IB show up to support us," said Chelsey Wise. She was also very excited to be able to flaunt her new lanyard. Photo by A. Kochkanyan

**HARD WORK PAYS OFF.** Reagan Dantzer walks back to her seat, having just been called to the stage. The junior had valued collaboration and original thinking, which were huge parts of why she chose the program. "I like being able to work with other people and the way it forces you to think outside the box," said Dantzer. She believed that the level of work was perfect preparation for college. Photo by A. Kochkanyan



## NEW beginnings

Seniors start the year with ordering cap and gowns for graduation



**One Step Closer** Seniors are preparing to and starting to buy their caps and gowns for the graduation at the end of the school year. "This is the time where you finally realize your about to graduate," Ethan Whiting said. Seniors are overwhelmed, but also very happy, to finally begin their journey to graduation and to begin their new lives, beginning with finding colleges and their life afterwards. The trip begins with the purchase of a cap and gown and the realization that it is almost time to leave their high school adventure and begin a new one. Photo by J. Petrovich



**Tightly Knit** Mr. Julian Jones, Assistant Principal, delivers a riveting speech about the rigor and honor of the International Baccalaureate Program. The small group formed a tight-knit community within the school. "I love the family and having our Snapchat group where we can all ask questions," said Madeleine Hacker. She also acknowledged the notifications could get annoying, but thought it was worth it. Photo by A. Kochkanyan

## use your RESOURCES

A place where students can get help without the stigma



**Welcoming** The CRC is a place to go where you can get mentored, tutored, or just a place to work. "One of our main priorities here is to be welcoming," Jenna Seperich said. Other students like Jenna worked in the CRC, willing to help you with anything you may need. Photo by J. Petrovich



**Happy Helpers** Being nervous to get help is something most students struggle with. "Oftentimes it can feel a little intimidating at first," Cameron Barnett said. Tutors in the CRC were happy to help, and reminded their peers that there was no need to be nervous. Photo by B. Padalecki



**Making it Make Sense** The CRC offers tutors with knowledge on many different topics. "I mainly go for geometry to get help" Kamryn Buckley said. The tutors expertise went a long way in ensuring students were in good hands. Photo by J. Petrovich



**Quiet Study** If you need somewhere calming to just sit down and chill after a long day the CRC is the place to be. "I go in there to work on homework during my off period" Brady Finn said. You could go to get work done with the opportunity to ask questions and get help. Photo by J. Petrovich

# no pain *no* GAIN

Juniors are inducted into the IB Program, starting the long and difficult path ahead

**"I love the tight-knit community we have within the school."**

In early September, 63 students from the Class of '24 were inducted into the IB program, an internationally renowned diploma track. Other grades, meaning the IB seniors and the Pre-IB track freshmen and sophomores showed up to support them. The program, European based, was meant to rival the difficulty of college classes, and required service as well as sufficient academic performance to earn the diploma.

For those that chose to do it, IB took a lot of their time outside of school. Hamza H'mimy had been in IB programs since he was six, but still felt like the work load became too much at times. **"SOMETIMES I REGRET IT BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE THE WORK TAKES A LOT OF MY TIME, BUT OVERALL I THINK THE END IS GONNA MAKE IT WORTH IT,"** H'MIMY, said. The courses, while extremely tedious at times, gave students numerous credits so that many could begin their degrees as sophomores or juniors in college.

Unlike AP, IB offers classes that dig

more into the "why" of subjects they study, rather than just learning the content. Alongside 4 cores, 1 world language, and a sixth IB course in the subject of their choice, students were also required to take Theory of Knowledge, a class designed to make them think deeper about the world and the how knowledge is acquired. **"YD SAY THE BEST THING ABOUT IT IS BEING ABLE TO LOOK AT A BROADER SPECTRUM OF THINGS, AND NOT JUST LOOK AT ONE THING WHERE THERE'S ONE ANSWER,"** TAYLOR BROOKS said.

With such a small group of juniors, the new IB students formed a close community where everyone knew one another. They had classes with nearly all the same people, which made it easier to get comfortable and engage more with each other. **"IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY AND JUST SEE THE SAME PEOPLE OVER AND OVER,"** THANH PHAM said. Many new friendships blossomed, and were able to stick due to this new community.

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**FRESHMAN IN AP CLASSES**

"There are more challenges, and they want to push you further."

Chloe Luo

"I like how it pushes me out of my comfort zone and gives me something to do."

Rachel Williams

"Some of the work can be difficult, and it can feel like it's a lot of work at once."

Sam Fuller