

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Eugene International High School

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Seminar and CAS Requirements for Juniors and Seniors

Seniors should be focusing on completing their 150 CAS hours which are due by May 1st. **Juniors** have started working on the IB Extended Essay (senior paper) which will be due during trimester 1 of the senior year. Guidelines and deadlines are in their seminar packets. In addition they should be continuing to work on their CAS hours, which includes a minimum of 15 CAS hours per trimester.

Required Juniors/Senior Seminar Meeting Dates for Trimester 3:

Juniors: 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 5/11, 5/18, 6/8
Seniors: 5/4, 6/1

Technical Advisors Needed!

Do you have an expertise in one or several areas of study? Are you willing to spend time mentoring a high school junior on their research and compilation of their senior paper? Please call one of our Eugene IHS offices and lend your support to a Eugene IHS junior who is just beginning the research process!

Model United Nations

Eugene IHS students involved in MUN will be representing Ukraine in the MUN conference to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene on April 7, 8 & 9, 2016.

MUN stands for Model United Nations. MUN provides an opportunity for students to gather together to debate relevant global issues. Participants get valuable lessons in speaking and collaboration skills. The Model United Nations program aims to spread the values of international understanding, cooperation and peace. Students from all over Oregon will come together for the spring conference where student delegates represent various UN states. Through speeches, debates, bloc meetings, and secret diplomacy, students receive a hands-on and exciting lesson in the complexities of global affairs.

CAS FAIR

**Thursday - April 7, 2016
7:00pm - South Cafeteria**

Come visit over 20 local agencies as they share SERVICE opportunities for students, and learn about requirements for CREATIVITY and ACTIVITY

The Eugene IHS Parent Group sponsors this special night for parents and students from all schools in the district. You will have the opportunity to learn details about service requirements for Eugene IHS, the IB Diploma, and immersion programs.

- 7:00-8:30 - Community Service Information Fair**
(Community organizations set up at information tables with representatives ready to place students for summer and next year)
- 7:05-7:35 - Introduction to CAS**
(for 10th grade parents and students)
- 7:45-8:15 - Continuing Your CAS Program**
(for 11th grade parents and students)

EUGENE IHS OFFICES:

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Eugene, OR 97405
541-790-5225

Eugene IHS @ Sheldon
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Eugene, OR 97401
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Eugene IHS @ South
400 East 19th Ave.
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Mission Statement:

As global citizens at Eugene International High School, we aspire to value diversity, ambiguity, and discovery—and to act with responsibility, integrity, and compassion.

Check out the **EUGENE IHS WEBSITE** for information about Eugene IHS, teacher websites and contact info, important calendar dates, and announcements:

www.ihs.4j.lane.edu

Upcoming Dates Trimester 3:

- Mar 16 - Last Day of Tri 2
 - Mar 17 - NO SCHOOL - Grading Day
 - Mar 18 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev/Planning
 - Mar 21-25 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 - Mar 28 - Trimester 3 Begins - B DAY
 - April 1 - Art Gala 6:00pm, South Auditorium**
 - April 7 - CAS Fair 7:00pm, South Cafeteria**
 - April 7-9 - MUN Conference, Hilton**
 - April 12 - Eugene IHS Site Council Mtg, South Eugene, Rm 538, 4:15pm
 - April 15 - Eurasian Conference, 10th graders all day, Wheeler Pavilion**
 - May 2-18 - IB testing window
 - May 6 - Mid-Trimester Grading, NO IHS CLASSES/host-school early release
 - May 9 - Eugene IHS graduation tickets go on sale (\$5 each/max 6)
 - May 10 - Eugene IHS Site Council Mtg, South Eugene, Rm 538, 4:15pm
 - May 23 - Eugene IHS Celebration 5:30-8:00pm, Oakway Center**
 - May 23 - Eugene IHS open ticket sales for graduation (\$5 each/no max)
 - May 30 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 - June 6 - Eugene IHS Graduation Rehearsal, all seniors 8:30am, South Eugene Auditorium**
 - June 6 - Eugene IHS Farewell Assembly, all students 10:15-12:00, South Eugene Auditorium, students attend PM IHS CLASSES ONLY (1/2 Day B)**
 - June 8 - Last day for seniors, students attend AM IHS CLASSES ONLY (1/2 Day B); IHS offices closed in PM for graduation set-up**
 - June 8 - Eugene IHS Graduation 7:00pm, Hult Center (must have ticket to attend)**
 - June 16 - Last Day of Tri 3
 - June 17 - NO SCHOOL - Grading Day
- Please consult your high school and district calendars for other important events.*

10th Grade Eurasian Conference

Eugene IHS sophomores will get a unique experience grappling with global issues at the annual Eurasian Conference which brings students together from all Eugene IHS campuses to share their accumulated knowledge in a day-long, large-scale simulation designed to further their communication, negotiation, and group process skills.

In their history classes, students have been learning about current international issues, geopolitical strategies, media literacy, and global history through the gathering, analysis, and synthesis of data from sources such as the University of Oregon's Knight Library, the United States Library of Congress, international newspapers and periodicals, the internet, guest speakers, and their respective host school libraries. **This year's conference will be held on Friday, April 15th from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Wheeler Pavilion on the Lane County Fairgrounds.**

Special thanks to the Eugene Education Foundation who approved our grant proposal for \$2000. It is only with the support of the EEF that we are able to provide this opportunity for all of our Eugene IHS sophomores.

Eugene IHS Student Government sponsored Penny War

The Penny War has become an annual tradition in Eugene IHS and is a class competition within each campus. Last year students raised \$900 so the goal for this year was to raise \$1,500. This December that goal was surpassed and **students**

raised \$2,264. All proceeds will go to Kiva. The sophomore class won and will get a pizza party and will choose which KIVA projects to donate to. Way to go students of Eugene IHS!!!



Eugene IHS T-shirts

New Eugene IHS gear will be coming out soon. T-shirts and sweatpants from last year are currently on sale in the Eugene IHS offices: t-shirts \$5, sweatpants \$10. Get them while they last!

UPCOMING EUGENE IHS STUDENT GOVERNMENT EVENTS:

ART GALA
Friday, April 1, 2016
6:00-8:30pm - South Auditorium

Eugene International High School will be hosting its first ever Art Gala. This event will display the artwork in various media of IHS students in a professional, formal environment. It is a rare opportunity to expose IHS students' art to their peers, mentors, and IHS alumni. A fun art activity booth sponsored by the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art for the students in attendance who aren't artists is planned in hopes to make all attendees feel included. **Proceeds from this event will help pay for new IB History textbooks.**

Tickets go on sale March 14th and will cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. The event is free for IHS staff, seniors, featured artists, and children under 10.

EUGENE IHS CELEBRATION
Monday, May 23, 2016
5:30-8:00pm - Oakway Center

The **Eugene IHS Celebration** was so successful last year we will do it again this year! This event will be held on **May 23, 2016 at Oakway Center from 5:30-8:00pm.** Alumni, retired teachers, and our present staff will be there as well. Restaurants will donate a percentage of their proceeds during the event to our school. So mark your calendars and come celebrate with us! Please contact Lisa Joye (joye_l@4j.lane.edu) if you are interested in helping with this event. **Proceeds from this event will help pay for new IB History textbooks.**

Eugene IHS Student Government Mission Statement:

As Eugene IHS student government, we encourage awareness, cross-campus unity and student leadership locally and globally.

Student Government Website:
<https://ihs.obaworld.net/welcome>

IB TESTING

All full-diploma, course, and anticipatory candidates who will be IB testing this year have been hard at work completing internal assessments. Students have been juggling papers and taped orals in world language; papers in history, math, economics, and literature; and labs and the group project in science. Shortly after the last of this work gets mailed off around the world, it will be time for review sessions, and before we know it May madness will be upon us...

April is an important month for seniors and juniors preparing for the International Baccalaureate examinations in May. Students will be mailed detailed information about test protocol, test locations, and specific test times. Also, while not required, some teachers hold review sessions to help students prepare. The exams run May 2 through May 18.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO EUGENE IHS

Our educational needs are consistently under-funded. We are experiencing increasing difficulties in keeping up the rich curriculum that makes Eugene International High School such a successful global learning experience. Your financial support can help us continue to provide the kind of education we have been dedicated to for over 30 years.

We are currently trying to raise funds to purchase new-updated IB History textbooks.

Donations go through Eugene Education Foundation. You can donate online at: www.eeflane.org. Be sure to designate EUGENE IHS or you can send a check to: Eugene Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1015, Eugene, Oregon 97440. Make checks payable to: EEF/Eugene IHS.

For more information go to www.eeflane.org or call 541-790-7744. Donors will be appropriately acknowledged and all gifts are tax deductible. If you have any questions, you can contact any of the Eugene International High School Offices.

We are counting on you to commit to helping Eugene International High School continue to provide rich global learning experiences for the children in our community.

IB Exam Schedule

(For more information, contact the Eugene IHS Office @ South 541-790-8030)

Monday	5/2	English 1	AM
		Economics 1	PM
Tuesday	5/3	English 2	AM
		Economics 2	PM
Wednesday	5/4	Biology 1	AM
		Japanese 1	PM
Thursday	5/5	Biology 2	AM
		Japanese 2	PM
Friday	5/6	Physics 1	AM
		History 1	PM
Monday	5/9	Physics 2	AM
		History 2	PM
Tuesday	5/10	Spanish 1	AM
		Math Studies 1	PM
		Mathematics 1	PM-
Wednesday	5/11	Math Studies 2	AM
		Mathematics 2	AM
		Spanish 2	PM
Thursday	5/12	Chemistry 1	AM
		History 3	PM
Friday	5/13	Chemistry 2	AM
Tuesday	5/17	French 1	PM
Wednesday	5/18	French 2	PM

Morning IB exams begin at 8:30 and afternoon exams begin at 12:30, with the exception of IB Economics 2 which will start at 1:00pm. Dates and times set for IB exams may not be changed. IB exams take place in multiple sessions. For each subject there will be two sessions, except for IB History which has three sessions. The exams are not taken at the high schools, we provide off-campus locations for all exams.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH IB TESTING

During May we will need 50 volunteers to help with exams! The exams vary from one to four hours in length, and are typically either morning or afternoon. If you are interested in helping proctor IB exams in May please contact Kathy Ruggles who is scheduling our IB test volunteers. Kathy can be reached at 790-8012 or ruggles_k@4j.lane.edu. Thanks!

GRADUATION REMINDERS FOR SENIORS:

Eugene IHS Graduation Announcement Inserts to insert and mail along with the host school graduation announcements will be available for purchase in the Eugene IHS offices by the end of April (10 cents each).

Eugene IHS Graduation Ticket sales

Purchase tickets in Eugene IHS offices.

May 9 - 20: \$5 per ticket, maximum of 6 tickets per senior
May 23 - June 7: open ticket sales

The \$60 Eugene IHS graduation fee (\$70 for immersion students) and \$10 CAS fees must be paid before tickets may be purchased.

Eugene IHS Graduation Rehearsal for All Seniors

June 6, 8:30am, South Eugene High School Auditorium

Eugene IHS Farewell Assembly

June 6, 10:15am-12:00pm, South Eugene High School Auditorium

(The intended audience is the Eugene IHS student body.)

Eugene IHS Graduation Rehearsal for Performers/Speakers

June 8, 1:00-3:00pm, Hult Center for the Performing Arts

Eugene IHS Graduation

June 8, 7:00pm, Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets required.

(Seniors arrive at 6:00pm for group photo. Doors open at 6:15 for seating.)

Please note: Eugene IHS offices will be closed in the afternoon on June 8 due to preparation and set-up for graduation. Make sure you purchase your graduation tickets in advance because tickets will not be sold at the door.



Eugene IHS Travel Scholarship

Eugene IHS is proud to announce that this year we were again able to award two travel scholarships to: **Trinity Meyer, senior at Churchill** and **Naomi Warner-McDonald, junior at Churchill**. Both will be traveling with Deon Saraceno and Jess Land to Nepal over spring break. We look forward to them sharing their travel stories with us next fall.

Over the last few years we have been able to award travel scholarships to students who might not otherwise be able to travel internationally. Past scholarship winners have traveled to Spain, Bhutan/India, Borneo/Singapore, Guatemala/Mexico/Belize, Thailand, Tibet/Nepal, Spain, Germany, Poland, and Sri Lanka.

Again, our thanks go to Brian O'Kelley, as well as The Oregon Community Foundation, the scholarship committee, and the applicants. Because of this scholarship opportunity, students' lives have been forever changed.

If you would like to contribute to the Alumni Fund for Eugene IHS simply go to the Oregon Community Foundation website at: <http://oregoncf.org>. Once there you can click on "For Donors" to find out the different ways you can give back to Eugene International High School, then contact the Oregon Community Foundation at (541)431-7099.

Suzanne Jarvis

Eugene IHS Learning Support Specialist

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Suzanne Jarvis is our Learning Support Specialist. She is available on a rotating schedule at each campus to assist students with Eugene IHS assignments. Her main priority is students who need additional support with reading and writing strategies. Please contact her if you would like her to work with your student.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

These trips and exchange opportunities are organized and offered by private individuals, groups, businesses, or non-profits. They are not sponsored by Eugene IHS or the 4J School District. For more information email the contact listed.

**IB World Student Conferences
Summer 2016**

Consider the possibilities of a truly international experience. The IB World Student Conferences offer a week of transformative adventures, collaborating with other IB students from all over the world. These conferences are open to all current 10th and 11th grade Eugene IHS students and provide a great opportunity to interact and work on projects as part of an international community!

Summer 2016 Locations and Dates:

Les Roches

**International School of Hotel Management
Bluche, Switzerland, July 3-9, 2016**

**Denver University
Denver, CO, July 18-24, 2016**

Estimated costs are approximately \$900 for registration which includes room, board and all conference activities. Students will also be responsible for their own transportation to and from the site.

Check the conference website for more details:

www.ibo.org/wsc

Scholarships are available through the IB Organization! For more information you can also contact Jocelyn Harley, IB Coordinator (harley_j@4j.lane.edu), or any of our Eugene IHS offices.

Summer 2016 study abroad opportunity for any IHS senior currently applying to the UO (as freshmen /Fall 2016)

GEO, Global Education Oregon (the UO study abroad office) will run a program mid-July through mid-August at its center in London called Advancing Your Academic Success: Pre-Freshman Studies in London. To be eligible, you must be an incoming freshman at the UO in Fall 2016.

To find out more visit this website:

http://geo.uoregon.edu/London_prefreshman

or contact: Lisa Calevi, Campus and Partner Relations Manager, Global Education Oregon, 541-346-5825

**Chile Exchange Program
Become fluent in Spanish!**

Short-term, "reciprocal" exchange: You will host a student from Chile during winter term 2016, and you study in Chile during spring term or summer of 2017, and live with the student that you hosted.

Personal care: We are a local and small organization and work with 4-5 students at a time to ensure each student is given personal attention and care. We select our students and families carefully.

Would you like to find out more? Please contact Sachi:

541-285-3778, oregonadventure@icloud.com

<http://oregonadventure.weebly.com>

Nicaragua Summer Exchange

Are you looking for an opportunity to improve your Spanish? We're on a mission to make Spanish fluency affordable, authentic and impactful! The Nicaragua Summer Exchange and the University of Leon have partnered to offer a dynamic high school summer experience in colonial Granada & Leon. Better than a student tour - gain a lifetime of skills in Latin America's only high school summer exchange. This program allows students to immerse themselves in the culture and language of Nicaragua while spending time in the quaint colonial city of Granada. Many students from this area have taken part in this program which also includes family stays and a community service component. We offer AP Spanish support, and gap year without program fees, internships and college credit. Want to learn more? Visit www.highschoolspanish.org.

*I am a parent whose three children have attended the Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program, and one of them actually attended two years in a row. I highly recommend the program to anyone who wants to experience the joy of a new culture and the feeling of confidence that only the immersion into a language and culture can offer. For my children, it was the first time they had been presented with a situation where English was not the primary language, and while it was a shock at first, they all gained so much in terms of maturity, understanding, and advancement of their skill level in Spanish. The opportunity to use grammar and vocabulary in real life situations, with native speakers, greatly enhanced their self-assuredness and ability. Additionally, they were fortunate to be taken to some amazing sights and activities in this diverse and beautiful country. I recommend the program to anyone with a sense of adventure and desire to further their comprehension and confidence in Spanish.
Kris Keepman (kriskeepman@gmail.com)*

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Host an Italian student and your son or daughter will be invited to Italy!

Ergon Student Exchange seeks families to host a 16-17 year-old Italian student during the 2016-17 school year. Ergon's program ensures a true cross-cultural opportunity: Italian families offer to your son or daughter a direct exposure to Italian culture through an all-expenses paid summer vacation. Ergon sponsors the flight! Many IHS parents are particularly interested in sharing their homes with someone from Italy and having the chance for their own son or daughter to vacation abroad.

We specialize in a rigorous selection process and carefully match students with host families. This year students are attending South and Sheldon. Attending school in Eugene has been an excellent experience for students and host families. Our IHS and other Eugene high school host families are happy to share their experiences with you.

Please email Kim O'Brien, Eugene coordinator, at kobrien334@comcast.net and visit our website at www.ergon-se.org.

Bring Europe To You This Summer!

Our local, Eugene-based company is seeking volunteer host families to open up their homes for 3 weeks to a French or Spanish high school student this summer. We've been running programs in Eugene for over 24 years. Our homestay programs are short-term commitments that provide your family and kids an amazing experience of cultural exchange, and the opportunity to create lifelong friendships. We have a variety of program types and dates so that you can pick what will work best for your summer plans and your family's schedule.

Visit us at: <http://americandiscovery.net/>
Email us at: info@americandiscovery.net
or call our office at 541-302-3392

Caitlin Arnot-Copenhaver, Executive Assistant



Host an International Student

International exchange students are coming to your area and we are looking for loving families to host them. We have a great group of students arriving in Oregon for the 2016-2017 school year. Our students are age 15-18 and have the appropriate visa, medical insurance and their own spending money. We have students from over 60 countries with a variety of interests, talents, and hobbies.

Hosting an exchange student proves to be a great promoter of diversity and diplomacy for our local communities. It is also an incredible opportunity to make the lifelong dream of an international teen come true, enrich the lives of your family and those in your community, and contribute in a significant way to global peace and understanding.

You may also visit our website for more information and to begin the host family application at <https://www.cci-exchange.com/host-families/long-term-hosting/>

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If you are interested in other study abroad organizations see a list on our website at: www.ihs.4j.lane.edu, under "links" of those who participated in our past International Study Abroad Fair.

Learning to Appreciate History

By Robert Coolman, Class of 2004

Everyone has had the experience of having to learn something even though they don't want to. In my IHS days, that something was history. I couldn't stay awake doing IHS history readings. I avoided papers and projects to the point where junior year, Courtney Leonard gave me test feedback saying I had a serious problem with formulating a thesis, offering supporting evidence, and eluded to my inability to demonstrate even a cursory understanding of the material. I guess I must have shaped up a little because I did pass the class... somehow.

It took a decade for this to completely turn around. I really enjoyed the experience of earning my bachelors in Chemical Engineering, but I found I really didn't care for doctoral work. I landed an internship in Germany as I was having thoughts about leaving... and I turned out to like that even less. As a coping mechanism, I started making educational science videos on YouTube.

One evening I was writing a script about water-level change from melting ice. I had to take pause because I wasn't sure what happens when a freshwater cube melts in saltwater. I did what any scientist would do: I made a sketch, assigned some variables, did some algebra, and got an answer in a few minutes: it goes up.

Any scientist has done this more times than they can count, but because I was trying to communicate this to a general audience, something hit me: "When was the first time somebody used symbolic math to figure out something like this?" Because I saw all three of Newton's laws of motion on the page in front of me, I realized that he must have been the first one to solve a problem this way. These laws were only published in 1687. What on Earth took this tool so long to be developed?

That was the beginning. I started reading about the history of science and math as far back as they went: all the way back to Mesopotamia. The more I read, the more questions I raised. I started writing about the things I was learning. The things I wrote actually sold. Suddenly I cared about history - a lot. I realized that history is the background story for everything I ever found interesting.

So where does IHS fit into this? Despite my best efforts to retain as few historic details as possible, what I retained from IHS functioned as a sketchy bare-bones

scaffolding to launch myself into new explorations. To my surprise I thoroughly enjoyed Jared Diamond's "Guns, Germs, and Steel," a topic that flew miles over my head a decade earlier. Thinking of history as context for things I already cared about gave me new cause to value all the things I'd taken for granted as an IHS student.

The other thing that IHS gave me was an appreciation for historiography. IHS taught me that human endeavors are shared across all cultures, and if any work indicates otherwise it deserves scrutiny. The fact that the Scientific Revolution occurred around 17th-century Europe – a time when the rest of the world was bearing the brunt of European Colonialism – has drastically shaped how people think about where science and math came from. Even when faced with the facts that our numeral system, the concept of zero, and the trigonometric functions sine and cosine all came from Ancient India and became combined with Medieval Islamic developments in algebra, and that much of this knowledge arose to learn about astronomy, and that this knowledge only came to Europe after Iberia, Sicily, and the Levant were taken by European powers... Westerners are still prone to thinking of science as belonging to them.

History is where I started as a science writer. This year I landed an internship with the Tech+Health Desk at TheDailyBeast.com. While that was fun, it's become clear I won't make it purely on my journalist merits, so the time has come to actually finish my doctorate. As for the future, that's to be determined, but my days of taking IHS for granted are certainly over.

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