

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Eugene International High School

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What an unprecedented time we are in! We are pleased you and your students have decided to join us this school year! Whether your student is a ninth-grader ready to explore the physical and cultural globe, a tenth-grader set to engage in serious philosophical inquiry, an eleventh-grader embarking on their first IB classes, or a senior looking ahead to their extended essay and college applications, we are certain the year will be fun and challenging. We will all work to navigate through this school year together!

As we will not be able to meet in person at the beginning of this school year we are still planning to continue some of our traditions via ZOOM or webinars. Information and ZOOM invitations regarding the following meetings will be sent in an email to parents.

WELCOME TO EUGENE IHS PARENT NIGHT: Parents will hear information about Eugene IHS, including discussion of our philosophy and mission, curriculum, schedule, IB, and upcoming school events. This meeting is intended for parents of students who are new to Eugene IHS, but all are welcome. Eugene IHS families play an integral role in the success of our school. We value your energy, ideas, and creative thought.

ZOOM DATE AND TIME IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TBA.

IB INFORMATION NIGHT: If you think your student might be interested in pursuing the International Baccalaureate diploma, or if you want to find out more about the benefits and possibilities of IB, please attend this special information meeting. **SEPTEMBER 30th, 7:00pm via ZOOM.** ZOOM invitation will be sent to parents in the next few weeks. This is mainly for 11th grade parents and students, but everyone is welcome. There will be an IB information meeting for sophomore parents in February.

World Language Requirement

As part of their commitment to international studies, Eugene IHS students study world language. **Students must complete three years of world language study during high school to receive the honorary Eugene IHS diploma.** Students preparing for college admission should complete two years of the same world language. Students who intend to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma must complete a minimum of four years of the same world language.

EUGENE IHS OFFICES:

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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 1 2020/2021 school year:

- Sept 14 - Online distance learning classes begin for all
- Sept 16 - First SENIOR Seminar Meeting
Wednesday after advisory at 11:20
- Sept 23 - First JUNIOR Seminar Meeting
Wednesday after advisory at 11:20
- Sept 30 - IB Junior Parent Information Night,
ZOOM, 7:00pm (mainly for parents of juniors)
- Sept or Oct - Welcome to Eugene IHS Parent Night, ZOOM, Date and Time TBA
(for all interested Eugene IHS Parents)
- Oct 9 - NO SCHOOL - Statewide Inservice Day
- Oct 13 - Eugene IHS Site Council Mtg, ZOOM, Time TBA
- Oct 15 - IB Fees and Registrations Due
- Oct 16- NO SCHOOL - Mid-Trimester Grading/ Professional Development
- Oct 30 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
- Nov 10 - Eugene IHS Site Council Mtg, ZOOM, Time TBA
- Nov 11 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- Nov 23 - IB Extended Essays Due (Senior Papers)
- Nov 26-27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 3 - Last Day of Trimester 1
- Dec 4 - NO SCHOOL - Grading Day

Note: Please consult your high school and district calendars for other important events.

**The Ed Center Auditorium is located at 200 N. Monroe*

Eugene International High School Schedule

Eugene International High School has a unique schedule, one of its features as an alternative school.

The Eugene IHS schedule provides:

- A block of time that allows for integrated study and a variety of instructional strategies.
- A structure that allows a cohort group of students to share the same classes and teachers for the year, thus establishing a learning community in which students are encouraged to think critically, to challenge ideas, and to be respectful of the ideas of others.
- Instructional time that facilitates student presentations, group work, guest speakers, panel discussions and simulations.
- Common planning time for the staff to meet in teams to collaborate on curriculum, learning activities, and the needs of students.

Eugene IHS students are enrolled in either the Eugene IHS morning block or afternoon block. The rest of their day is spent in the host school attending classes in mathematics, science, world language, physical education, and other courses

of their selection. The morning block is during Periods 1 and 2 at each campus and the afternoon block is during Periods 4 and 5 at each campus. Eugene IHS courses are year long.

This year Eugene IHS classes will be on the same AB rotation as the host high schools. Students will be expected to be online during the specified class times. Students in the morning IHS block will have their classes on their schedule listed as periods 10-11-12, instead of 1-2, and will attend on Mondays and Thursdays. Students in the afternoon block will have their classes on their schedule listed as periods 15-16-17, instead of 4-5, and will attend on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays all students will attend an advisory class. Juniors and seniors will attend their seminar class on designated Wednesdays after advisory. A schedule for required seminar meeting dates for juniors and seniors will be given to students in class during the first week of school. *(See the Eugene IHS AB Schedule at the end of this newsletter for the bell schedule).*

During the 1st week of school, Sept. 14-18, there will be a special schedule at all campuses. (See the Eugene IHS 1st Week of School Schedule at the end of this newsletter).

Eugene IHS teachers will be available via email or during their ZOOM office hours, which are during the asynchronous learning times listed on the Eugene IHS AB schedule.

Eugene IHS staff e-mail addresses 2020-2021

To send an e-mail to any of the addresses below, add: @4j.lane.edu

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Stephanni Bahr (bahr_s)	Kreg Hulings (hulings_k)	Christine Pettingill (pettingill)
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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Eugene International High School:

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International Baccalaureate:

Steve Smith, IB Coordinator 541-790-8033

General Information:

Secretary, South Melanie Namkoong 541-790-8030

Secretary, Churchill Lynne Given 541-790-5225

Secretary, Sheldon TBA 541-790-6636

(contact Melanie or Lynne)

Attention Juniors and Seniors (Classes of 2021 & 2022)

Earning the Eugene International High School Diploma

Students who successfully complete the Eugene International High School curriculum receive an honorary Eugene International High School diploma in addition to an official high school diploma. To earn the Eugene International High School diploma, students must:

1. Complete grades eleven and twelve in Eugene International High School with passing grades.*
2. Complete three years of world language study.
3. Complete 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) during junior and senior year. *(This requirement will be modified for current juniors and seniors due to COVID-19).*
4. Satisfy requirements for high school graduation.

**A year of study abroad may substitute for either the junior or senior Eugene IHS course work toward earning the Eugene International High School diploma. Please contact the head teacher as early as possible if you are considering study abroad.*

Eugene IHS students who have not met the requirements for the Eugene IHS diploma may still participate in the Eugene IHS graduation ceremony if they meet their host school's requirements for participation in the host school's graduation ceremony.

Early Graduation: Eugene IHS juniors who plan to graduate early from their host schools at the end of junior year must complete the year of Eugene IHS courses in IB Comparative Political and Economic Systems, IB History of the Americas, IB Literature of the Americas, and Junior Seminar; must meet all host school graduation requirements; and must work with their counselors on a district-approved early graduation plan. Early graduation does not qualify the student for the Eugene IHS honorary diploma.

Junior and Senior Seminar

All Eugene IHS juniors and seniors are scheduled into a seminar class (for seniors the title of the class is IB Extended Essay for two trimesters and IB CAS for one). The purpose of seminar is for students to develop community mindedness, independent learning habits, self-reflection, and research writing skills. Junior seminar also covers the high school graduation requirements known as the Career Related Learning Standards (CRLS).

Seminar is a class that will meet on Wednesdays after Advisory for one hour from 11:20-12:20 via ZOOM. The Wednesday meetings will alternate between junior and senior seminar, but not always. Juniors and seniors will receive a seminar packet during the first week of school which will include seminar meeting dates and assignments and due dates.

FIRST MANDATORY SEMINAR MEETING FOR SENIORS: September 16th

FIRST MANDATORY SEMINAR MEETING FOR JUNIORS: September 23th

Seminar meets for an hour after Advisory on Wednesdays from 11:20-12:20 via ZOOM on designated dates.

A student must pass all Eugene IHS courses in the junior and senior years to earn the Eugene IHS Diploma; this includes the seminar classes.

CAS REQUIREMENT REMINDER:

CAS hours can start being earned towards the Eugene IHS CAS requirement after July 1st of the summer between sophomore and junior year. The requirement for CAS hours for this year's juniors and seniors will be modified. If students earned CAS hours over the summer, they should use the **CAS Hours Verification Form** to keep track of the hours and get supervisor signatures if possible for CAS hours they completed. This form can be found under CAS info on our website. Students will be keeping track of CAS requirements on an online management system and instructions for turning in those hours will be discussed in seminar classes.

Site Council

Eugene IHS was one of the first schools in the district to have parent representatives on its governing board or site council, which was established in 1985. If you are interested in the Eugene IHS Site Council contact Brian Kuzma, Head Teacher, 541-790-8032 or kuzma_b@4j.lane.edu.

EUGENE IHS SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are on second Tuesday of each month and will be on ZOOM via invitation, Time TBA: October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11

Suzanne Jarvis and Andrew Wright

Eugene IHS Learning Support Specialists

E-mail: jarvis@4j.lane.edu
wright_a@4j.lane.edu

Our Learning Support Specialists, Suzanne Jarvis and Andrew Wright, are available on a rotating schedule at each campus to assist students with Eugene IHS assignments. Their main priority is students who need additional support with reading and writing strategies. Please contact either of them if you would like them to work with your student.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB Learner Profile: *“The aim of all IB Programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.”*

Eugene International High School is one of 17 International Baccalaureate Schools in Oregon offering the IB diploma program. The International Baccalaureate program is open to all interested students who are academically motivated. The International Baccalaureate is becoming more widely known among university communities and across the country IB scores are being accepted for college credit by an increasing number of universities. Now nearly every North American university has a credit policy regarding IB and increasingly gives weight to IB in determining admissions. We hope that your student will seriously consider participation in IB as we enter into the new school year. It is a decision that should, ultimately, be made by the student, but advice and encouragement from a parent is always helpful.

To Parents of Incoming Juniors and Seniors:

Students will be making decisions on whether to participate in IB testing at the beginning of their junior and senior years. We try to facilitate that decision making process for students and parents in a number of ways.

- **The IB Parent Information Meeting, September 30th, 7:00pm via ZOOM.** ZOOM invitation will be sent to parents. This is geared towards parents of juniors, but everyone is welcome.
- IB Parent Handbooks will be discussed at the IB Parent Information Meeting and are available online on our website at: www.ihs.4j.lane.edu.
- Class counseling sessions are offered in your student’s Eugene IHS classes at the end of sophomore year, the beginning of junior year, and the beginning of senior year. We will also provide individual counseling for interested juniors starting the first week in October via ZOOM.

**IB REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 15**

Non-refundable IB fees and completed registration forms are due by October 15, 2020. Details about registration and how to make payments will be coming soon.

- Registration forms for juniors will be available after counseling sessions with teachers. Seniors who are considered full IB Diploma candidates were invited to a special ZOOM IB counseling session at each campus on Friday, September 11th where they will get information about registration from Steve Smith, IB Coordinator. Once school starts all IB students will have the opportunity to meet individually on ZOOM with Steve Smith, IB Coordinator, or a senior teacher, if students have specific concerns or questions about IB options.
- An IB information night for sophomore parents and students will be held in February.
- For more information visit the Eugene IHS website at: www.ihs.4j.lane.edu.

Eugene IHS Student Government

Eugene IHS Student Government is a student council geared toward creating unity across our three campuses, celebrating IHS’s unique culture and students, and inspiring awareness about global issues and making steps toward change. We organize cross-campus events such as the Eugene IHS Celebration and the classic Penny Wars. Eugene IHS Student Government allows the IHS student body to have a voice through our representatives on Site Council at each campus and the School Board. These representatives allow the student body to be aware of major decisions being made and have a say in these decisions. Information will be coming via email after the first few weeks of school about what Eugene IHS Student Government is up to and how students can join.

Eugene IHS Student Government Mission Statement:

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

Eugene IHS Student Government Staff Advisor:

Devan Fahsholz (fahsholz_d@4j.lane.edu)

**EUGENE IHS COURSE AND BELL SCHEDULE FOR ONLINE
DISTANCE LEARNING AND HYBRID MODEL
SCHOOL YEAR - 2020-2021**

This year Eugene IHS classes will not be on an ABC rotation. We will be on the same AB rotation as the host high schools.

STUDENTS IN THE **MORNING IHS BLOCK** WILL HAVE THEIR IHS CLASSES DURING PERIODS 10,11,12 INSTEAD OF 1 AND 2 ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

STUDENTS IN THE **AFTERNOON IHS BLOCK** WILL HAVE THEIR IHS CLASSES DURING PERIOD 15,16,17 INSTEAD OF 4 AND 5 ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Students will be expected to attend IHS classes during the designated times on either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday
(either online or in-person if/when we go to the hybrid model)

On Wednesdays all students will attend an advisory class.

A DAY - Monday, Thursday		Wednesday	B DAY - Tuesday, Friday	
HOST SCHOOL	IHS	ALL	HOST SCHOOL	IHS
Period 1 8:30-9:50am	Period 10 8:30 – 9:25am Period 11 9:30 – 10:25am Period 12 10:30 – 11:20am	Asynchronous Learning 8:30 – 10:10	Period 4 8:30-9:50am	Period 15 8:30 – 9:25am Period 16 9:30 – 10:25am Period 17 10:30 – 11:20am
Period 2 10:00 – 11:20am		Period 18 - Advisory 10:15 – 11:00am	Period 5 10:00 – 11:20am	
Period 3 11:30 – 12:50pm		IHS Junior/Senior Seminar time 11:20-12:20	0 Period 11:30 – 12:50pm	
Lunch 12:50 – 1:30pm		Asynchronous (staff available for support) 11:00- 3:30pm	Lunch 12:50 – 1:30pm	
Asynchronous Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm			Asynchronous Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm	

Please see the IHS Event Calendar on the Eugene IHS website for events happening on specific dates:

www.ihs.4j.lane.edu

EUGENE IHS SCHEDULE - Sept 14 - 18, 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	
HOST SCHOOL	IHS	HOST SCHOOL	IHS		HOST SCHOOL	IHS	HOST SCHOOL	IHS
Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Applied Learning 8:30 – 10:10	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am	Period 18 - Advisory 8:30 - 9:15am
Period 1 9:25 - 10:25am	Period 10 9:25 - 10:05am	Period 4 9:25 - 10:25am	Period 15 9:25 - 10:05am	Period 18 - Advisory 10:15 – 11:00am	Period 1 9:25 - 10:25am	Period 10 9:25 - 10:05am	Period 4 9:25 - 10:25am	Period 15 9:25 - 10:05am
Period 2 10:35 - 11:35am	Period 11 10:10 - 10:50am	Period 5 10:35 - 11:35am	Period 16 10:10 - 10:50am	Applied Learning (staff available for support) 11:00- 3:30pm	Period 2 10:35 - 11:35am	Period 11 10:10 - 10:50am	Period 5 10:35 - 11:35am	Period 16 10:10 - 10:50am
Period 3 11:50 - 12:50pm	Period 12 10:55 - 11:35am	Period 17 10:55 - 11:35am	Period 17 10:55 - 11:35am		Period 3 11:50 - 12:50pm	Period 12 10:55 - 11:35am	Period 17 10:55 - 11:35am	Period 17 10:55 - 11:35am
Lunch 12:50 – 1:30pm	0 Period 11:50 – 12:50pm		0 Period 11:50 – 12:50pm		Lunch 12:50 – 1:30pm	0 Period 11:50 – 12:50pm		0 Period 11:50 – 12:50pm
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	Applied Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm		Applied Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm			Applied Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm		Applied Learning (staff available for support) 1:30 – 3:30pm

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.

Madagascar: Baobabs & Beyond June 2021

Last summer's adventure to Madagascar is being rescheduled and there is currently space available. Deon Saraceno will lead student travelers on a 13-day journey exploring the diverse landscapes of one of the most spellbinding countries on the African continent. From the emerald-green crater lakes of the Antsirabe district, to the golden hues of sunset in the Avenue of the Baobabs, travelers will experience Madagascar's rainbow terrain and traverse remote paths and waterways into the wild. The experience will include exploration of the Tsiribihina Delta on a two-day cruise, visiting the legendary tombs of the Vazimba people, floating down the Manambolo River in a dugout canoe and vistas of the Great Tsingy.

If interested, send an e-mail to Deon Saraceno at deonabone@yahoo.com and include "Madagascar Trip Information" in the subject line.

TWO ADVENTURES SUMMER 2021:

Even in these uncertain times, we have to keep planning for the future. Lisa Joye, an IHS Global Health and Literature teacher, will be taking students on 2 amazing adventures this summer. She will be traveling with EF (Education First - a travel company with over 50 years of experience and offices around the world).

**The Galapagos Islands / South and Central America
July 26th, 2021 (9 days)**

**Oslo, Norway, Copenhagen, Denmark, and Stockholm,
Sweden August 12th, 2021 (9 days)**

There are travel protections when a student signs up. The future is unpredictable, and if you are interested in learning more about this travel opportunity, Lisa will walk you through all of the protections in place and the refund options, in the event that we continue to deal with Covid-19.

Lisa will be holding a ZOOM information session in early October. In the meantime, if you would like to reach out to Lisa, please email her at TravelwithLisaJoye@gmail.com.

Would you like more information on the 2 trips?

Please visit Lisa's blog at:
http://blogs.4j.lane.edu/joye_l/travel-with-lisa-joye/

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO
EUGENE IHS THROUGH EEF!**

Eugene Education Foundation's Board of Directors approved Eugene International High School's grant proposal last year for \$3500 for creating Book Love in 9th grade Global Literature classrooms. Book Love is a program designed to develop passion and stamina in adolescent readers by giving them access to quality, high interest books and time every day in class for silent reading.

This grant support is in addition to donor-earmarked gifts for Eugene International High School received through EEF.

Your financial support can help us continue to provide the kind of education we have been dedicated to for over 35 years. We are experiencing increasing difficulties in keeping up the rich curriculum that makes Eugene International High School such a successful global learning experience. Your donation to Eugene IHS would help us fulfill our needs and replenish our funds for the future. If you have not already made a gift this year, would you consider doing so now?

Make your check payable to "Eugene IHS/EEF" and mail it to Eugene Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1015, Eugene, Oregon 97440. You can also contribute by credit card or monthly bank transfers. For more information go to <https://eefflane.org> or call 541-790-7744. Donors will be appropriately acknowledged and all gifts are tax deductible.

**OTHER WAYS TO DONATE TO
EUGENE IHS:**

Oregon Community Foundation IHS Alumni Fund: <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.

Eugene IHS Offices: You can always donate directly to any Eugene IHS Office.

We appreciate your commitment to helping Eugene International High School continue to provide rich global learning experiences for students in our community.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Due to a generous donation from alumnus Brian O'Kelley, Class of 1995, Eugene IHS is able to offer a travel scholarship. Scholarships funds are awarded based on financial need and academic merit. **Scholarship applications will be available in October.** Information will be coming soon. Scholarship funds can be used for recognized and organized travel or study programs. For more information about the scholarships or for information on how to donate to the fund please contact one of our Eugene IHS offices.

It's your world. Explore it!