

LOLHS IB IN FOCUS

JULY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

As we begin a new school year at Land O' Lakes High School, I am excited to welcome you to another year of learning, growth, and achievement in the International Baccalaureate Programme. As your new Assistant Principal and DP Coordinator, I am honored to join the IB community and look forward to supporting you throughout your journey. My name is Alicia Leary, and I am eager to celebrate your successes, encourage you through challenges, and help you make the most of the opportunities ahead. Be sure to review this newsletter carefully, as it contains important information, key dates, and resources to help you start the school year strong. Have a great year, and remember—we are here to support you every step of the way!



NEW IB GATORS



Gator Growl is scheduled for **July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and is a great opportunity for our incoming 9th-grade students to become familiar with Land O' Lakes High School before the start of the school year. Students should register using this [link](#), also found in the [Gator Gazette](#).

9th Grade IB Parents, please join Assistant Principal Leary for the IB Parent Information Session at 11:25 a.m. During this session, you will learn more about the IB Programme, key expectations for students, and ways you can support your child as they transition to high school. I look forward to meeting you and partnering with you to help ensure a successful start to your student's IB journey.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

IB students in grades 11 and 12 are invited to volunteer at Gator Growl and earn CAS hours while helping welcome our newest Gators! Volunteers should report to the gym at 8:00 a.m. on July 31. Volunteer responsibilities include connecting with incoming 9th-grade students, sharing your experiences in the IB program, and leading small campus tours to help them feel welcomed and prepared for the start of high school.

Please complete this RSVP form to sign up to volunteer.
[Gator Growl Volunteer – Fill out form](#)

JUNIORS SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for **August 24 at 6:00 p.m.** and join us for our annual **IB Junior Induction Ceremony**. This special event provides an opportunity for students and families to learn more about the expectations and requirements of the IB Diploma Programme as students begin this important phase of their IB journey. During the ceremony, students will reaffirm their commitment to the programme by reciting the IB Commitment Statement and will be presented with their official IB Diploma Programme pin. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful milestone with our IB juniors and their families.

IB EXAM RESULTS

IB examination results were released on **July 6**. Students who experience any difficulty accessing their scores or have questions about their results should contact Assistant Principal Leary for assistance at aleary@pasco.k12.fl.us. We are happy to help ensure you have the information and support you need as you review your results.

MEET THE TEACHER DAY!

Secondary Meet the Teacher Day is scheduled for **Friday, August 7**. Please continue to monitor the **Gator Gazette** for important updates regarding schedule release information, event details, and other back-to-school announcements. We look forward to welcoming students and families to campus as we prepare for a successful start to the school year.

BALANCED

We hope you are enjoying a restful and rewarding summer break and have had the opportunity to recharge before the start of the new school year. In the IB Programme, one of the most important learner profile attributes is being Balanced. IB students strive to maintain intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being, recognizing that success is about more than academics alone. [ibo.org]

As you transition back to school, focus on developing healthy habits that support your overall well-being, including getting enough sleep, staying active, managing your time effectively, and making time for family, friends, and activities you enjoy. A balanced approach helps students build resilience, manage challenges, and perform at their best both inside and outside the classroom. We encourage all IB students to start the year strong by prioritizing wellness and maintaining balance throughout their IB journey.

