



The Advocate

Official Newsletter of the St. Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate Program **FALL 2015**

Two Named National Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. We are proud to announce that two St. Petersburg High School students were named as National Merit Semifinalists. Both of these students are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. Congratulations to **Isaac Andersen** and **Samuel Joyce!**

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of



program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one

percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

We wish Isaac and Samuel continued success in their academic pursuits.

Additionally, another eight IB seniors were named as **Commended Students** for their academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2014 PSAT. They are: **Margaret “Rosie” Chittick, Emma Couture, Amy Diaz, Chandler Greene, Maja Haerle, Jacob Hehn, Nathan Huynh, and Mina Truong.**

Please join the SPHS IB Boosters!

If you haven't renewed your membership, it's not too late! Below is a list of benefits, some of which are funded through your membership contributions.

For All Students: Assistance with Magnet Fairs, new parent information nights, IB Office work, T-shirt sales, IB flag purchases, and dinner and refreshments for visiting college speakers.

Freshman Class: Daily snacks and drinks with pizza party at “bootcamp”; hospitality for Freshmen Orientation; and organization and food for freshman end-of-year celebration/awards ceremony.

Sophomore Class: IB Shadowing Assistance; pizza party for students who serve as Shadow Keepers.

Junior Class: Funding and organization of IB Pinning Ceremony which includes IB pin, invitations, programs, photographer, and food and drinks.

Seniors: Extended Essay “Turn In” celebration with cupcakes and drinks; dinner and ticket paid for every student for Senior Celebration, the hallmark event of their senior year held at the Coliseum; coordination of proctoring for IB exams.

For Faculty: Snacks and drinks stocked in the IB Office for teachers; relaxing themed luncheons for IB teachers throughout the year; back to school supplies and treats; Teacher Appreciation Week with continental breakfast and afternoon tea every day along with small gifts and prizes for every IB teacher; fax machine and printer purchases for the

IB Office; classroom supplies, including books, printers, and lab equipment that are usually big ticket items (these can be purchased through pooling IB Booster funds); sending teachers to required training sessions that would be a large expense for them personally.

For Parents: Refreshments for the parent social; maintenance of the Facebook page to inform you of important upcoming dates; production and mailing of the IB newsletter **The Advocate**; Booster parents greeting other parents and handing out information at all parent meetings.

Simply put, IB Boosters make the IB Program at St. Pete High special!

Toby McDuffie

IB Booster Membership Committee Chair

Letter from the IB Coordinator

It's wonderful to have the halls of St. Pete High filled with students and teachers... at last! It's a bit lonely and too quiet around here during the summer months so it's nice to welcome back our sophomores, juniors and seniors and welcome the class of 2019 to the IB Program. I'm looking forward to an exciting year.

I had the opportunity to travel to Chicago this summer to attend the IB Conference of the Americas. It is three days packed with good information about the IB Program as well as well-known speakers, like Ken Robinson! We will be implementing some new IB initiatives this year; one of them is the new IB Approaches to Learning (ATL), which are ways for teachers to help students develop cognitive, affective and metacognitive skills. The goal of ATL is to teach students to become "self-regulated learners." According to the ATL Guide, "Self-regulated learners have learned how to set learning goals, ask good questions, self-interrogate as they learn, generate motivation and perseverance, try out different learning processes, self-monitor the

effectiveness of their learning, reflect on achievement, and make changes to their learning processes where necessary." I believe ATL skills will help prepare students for success in the IB Program and also life beyond school.

Speaking of success in the IB Program, the class of 2015 went out with a roar! The pass rate for earning the coveted IB Diploma was 94.4% which is the highest in Pinellas County. I am so proud of the students and their teachers. And for the very first time in Pinellas County history we had a student earn a perfect score of 45 on the IB Diploma! **Ashley Zhou** was the only student in Florida to earn a 45. She is one of 161 students out of 141,852 candidates throughout the world who earned a perfect score. It's amazing! Ashley is off to be a Blue Devil at Duke University, but will return to St. Pete High in January when we are having an IB assembly to honor this great accomplishment.

I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know a new group of IB students. My position as the Assistant Principal and the IB

Coordinator means that I am your point person if you have questions or concerns about the IB Program. Please feel free to email me (Fariass@pcsb.org), call me (727-893-1842 ext 2011) or schedule a time to meet face-to-face. I am here to help!

Finally, thank you for supporting the IB Program at St. Pete High by becoming an IB Booster member. Your membership dues help us provide fun events for the students and also purchase equipment for the classrooms. We really need your support. If you have not joined the IB Boosters please consider becoming a member. Our goal is 100% participation. It is a great way to get involved. We love our parent volunteers!

I'm looking forward to another great Green Devil year at St. Pete High! Go Devils!

Susan Farias
Assistant Principal
& IB Coordinator



WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!

Students, Parents, Staff, and Faculty:
What would you like to see in future issues of this newsletter?

We welcome ideas and submissions – including photos, artwork, poems, blurbs, and articles –for possible inclusion in upcoming issues.

The Advocate is published 3 times per year, usually in the Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer.

Please send your input to Jan Miller and Maureen Corbett, editors, at sphsibadvocate@gmail.com.

IS YOUR SPORT OR CLUB NOT FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE?

We want your activity to be covered!

We will feature as many organizations and sports for which we get information, though we may edit for length.

We aim to print the next issue in February, so please send your information for the next issue by 1/24/16 to us at sphsibadvocate@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dear Student: May We Email or Text You?

The IB Advocate newsletter occasionally would like to get in touch with IB students. This could be for input, questions, quotes, or fact checks. If you are willing, please take 10 seconds and send your email address and/or cell number to sphsibadvocate@gmail.com or text 727 692 6194 (Maureen Corbett, co-editor). Rest assured that your contact information stays only with Maureen or co-editor Jan Miller unless we get your permission. We really appreciate your participation!

Homecoming Court 2015

Congratulations to the following IB seniors who were selected to this year's
SPHS Homecoming Court:

Abtahee Ali	Caitlin Anderson
Azja Babula	Tabitha Blackwell
Cody Banks	Katie Carroll*
Jake Bowman	Savanah Catalina*
Austin Brown	Julia Gaesser*
Parker Bryant	Alexis Hagma
Quinn Dudley	Vivian Hoang
CJ Macari*	Sarah Hylton*
Cole Powell	Emily Kent
David Rieth *	Rayven Kirkland
George Scribano*	Mariana Ocano*
Will Shelburne	Asianna Williams

Second Annual IB Booster Tailgate Party

Back by popular demand, we are excited to invite you to our 2nd Annual IB Booster Parent Social. This event was a HUGE success last year! This is a great way to mingle with established friends and acquaintances, as well as meet some new ones.

The event will be held at 6:45pm on Friday, October 30th, prior to the start of the Homecoming Football game. We will meet in the concession stand area at the NE corner of SPHS

Stewart Field. We ask that you bring a dish or snack item to share, and we will provide the drinks and paper products. Tickets can be purchased in advance from October 26th – October 30th in the IB Office for \$6 each.

Don't forget to wear your Green and White!!! We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Regards,

SPHS IB Booster Board Members

LEAVING SCHOOL

If your child needs to leave school early, please write and sign a note stating the date and time they need to leave and have your child take the note to the IB Office at the beginning of the school day. Ms. Derrickson will then issue a PTL (Pass to Leave) which your

child will give to the teacher when it's time to leave. In an emergency, please call the IB Office and speak with someone directly (please do not leave a voicemail) to request for your student to leave.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Enrolled in an AP Class?
All IB Seniors and all students enrolled in AP classes are required to take a mid-term exam.

Yearbooks are on sale now! Pre-order and save money at smart-pay.com.

Graduation date has been finalized for June 1st, 2016 at 2:30 at Tropicana Field.

Interested in IB for a sibling or friend?

- 8th grade students can sign up now for a shadow date at SPHS website

- November 12th –Magnet Fair- Gibbs High School 6-8

- November 14th–Magnet Fair-Pinellas Park High School 9-noon

- December 10th- Discovery Night at SPHS 6pm auditorium

- January 6th-16th –Application Period (online)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS:

The following IB students, all current seniors, were recognized for outstanding achievement on their Advanced Placement Exams:

AP Scholar–Granted to students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

Daniel Bohl
Rosie Chittick
Maja Haerle
Jacob Hehn
Mariana Ocano
Maxwell Rosen
Kevin West
Tarek Ziad

AP Scholar with Honor–Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Chandler Greene
Samuel Joyce
Fiona Nematbakhsh
Mina Truong

AP Scholar with Distinction–Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Isaac Andersen
Karalee Corley
Tanner Cullifer

Summer Opportunity at UF

IB Seniors Anna Larangeira and Maxwell Rosen took part in a summer program at University of Florida called Student Science Training Program. This was a seven week residential research program for selected rising seniors who are considering science, technology, engineering, math or medical careers. IB students are encouraged to apply for next summer and applications will be available in December from the website, www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp.

ALUMNI NEWS

Sean Lynch graduated UF and rode his bike home.

Sean Lynch, '11 has had a busy summer! He received commissioned Army 2nd Lieutenant, graduated from UF with a BA in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, and raced internationally for Colavita/Bacci team as a professional junior cyclist. Sean is the oldest of five Lynch children who have all been part of the IB program.



Marina Palese '15, attends the University of Arizona, Tucson. She is a cartoonist for the school's newspaper, The Daily Wildcat. Above is one of her actual published comics:

Trenton Sweigart '15 and Emma Robinson '15 have been selected as two of the newest members of the University of Florida's "No Southern Accent", the premier, 18 member co-ed a cappella group at UF. Over 140 students signed up for auditions this year. The group actively competes at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA), and performs at various UF events as well as events in the Gainesville area and the South.

JT Hadley '15, had his 15 seconds of fame this summer. He sent a tweet to The Jimmy Fallon Show and it was read on air. Here is what he said:

I once dropped my pen in the waiting area and when I reached in between the seats to grab it I grabbed a barefoot man's toe.
#AirportFail

We owe **Trenton Sweigart '15**, a belated congratulations! He was a National Merit Scholar this past year and he received the "Florida Incentive Scholarship" which was a full scholarship to UF. We failed to publish this in our last issue. That brings our number of National Merit Scholars to three and we include **Trenton** with **Ashley Zhou** and **Carl Plant**.

From the desk of La'Tina Johnson: IB Guidance Counselor

Greetings from IB Guidance!

My role as the IB School Counselor is to support and assist the school in preparing all students for success as they become contributing members of society. I will provide a comprehensive, developmental guidance program designed to assist all students and their families in addressing the personal, social and emotional concerns and problems that may impede their educational development. Also, I will prepare students for post-secondary opportunities (college planning).

The high school life:

- Avoid anxiety with planning and preparation
- Join a club
- Study skills for success (tools to help students achieve more)



Getting into college:

- Create a system to keep the college application information organized
- Find out which school is right for me
- Evaluate the important factors in choosing a college
- ACT / SAT information

Please review the IB Guidance site for more resources. You can access this via www.stpetehigh.com by clicking on "Programs" then "IB" then "IB Guidance".

IB Class of 2015: College Confidential

We caught up with the **Class of '15** and found out how college life was going so far!

-Harry Potter '15, Florida State University:

“Walking into business stats worrying, then looking at the syllabus, seeing that it’s all stuff I’ve been over a thousand times, and finally realizing that yes, IB was definitely worth it.”

-Faith Saylor '15, Georgia Tech:

Excerpts of her letter to Mrs. Ladd: College is going really well. This semester I’m taking Linear Algebra, which is basically matrices and vectors. Thank you soooo much {Mrs. Ladd} for teaching us most of this stuff. I miss you and your teaching style so much. You were so excited to be there, and you explained things really well, and when we asked you questions you would actually answer them! I hope your students know how lucky they are to have the best math teacher ever...Just some advice for

your HL Math kids. Make sure to tell them that IB HL Math is soooo worth it - my 5 on BC and 5 on IB both contributed to clearing out 2 classes (6 hours) worth of math. Plus, I’m much better off than lots of the other people in the class with my background knowledge and study skills.

-Camille Torres '15, American University:

Camille comments on time management and work ethic: College work is definitely different from IB in that there’s a lot more “on your own work” that’s expected of you that isn’t covered during class. Understanding how to manage my time and work ahead during the easier weeks in IB has helped me to better manage my time here in college and take the incentive to work ahead even when it’s not an entirely pressing assignment.

-William Glenn '15, Villanova University:

After the first few weeks of college I’ve never been so happy to say I’m an IB graduate. The easiest way to explain this is that I feel more prepared for any college course, exam or essay. IB forced me to be organized and manage my time well, which has translated flawlessly into the schoolwork in college. While other students may stress about upcoming deadlines, I feel comfortable with how I’ve prepared and organized myself for these deadlines. IB pushed me to be the best student possible and in turn I’ve become the best possible college student as well.

-Lina Miller '15, Washington University in St. Louis:

IB taught me how to ask for help when I need it and how to deal with a ton of work at once. I know how to manage my time and my stress while leaving room for free time.

Barcelona Reflections by Mr. Todd Maxwell

In March, I applied to be a Global Action Team (GAT) Leader for the Barcelona World Student Conference (WSC), with the focus topic of Technology in the World Today. Though I did not know my chances of being selected, I felt confident. Within a few weeks I received word that I had been chosen as one of just a handful of IB faculty members from around the world to attend the WSC in this leadership position, to be placed in charge of a group of rising juniors and seniors in IB from around the world to guide and facilitate their growth and development as young adults learning that their place in the world is both amazingly small-based on how many of us there are- and monumentally large- the changes they all have the opportunity to make, both together and individually.

Over the course of the week-long conference, I met students from nearly 40 different countries and was able to commiserate with cultures that I had read about and taught about for years but had not interacted with up close and in person. From discovering the ways that technology is forcing us to address questions and situations that just a few years ago were not yet even on the mainstream public’s radar to the ethics of Artificial Intelligence movements in the field of robotics, the students and I were exposed to a world of globally significant topics that require attention and thought provoking questions. Connecting with students on these topics while each embraced the uniqueness of the perspectives being shared propelled us towards commonalities that exist just beneath the layers that in our day-to-day lives are too deep to find time to reach. However, gathering within one

of the world’s smart cities -another topic we covered- under the auspice of open-mindedness and internationalism, we felt it natural to ask questions that moved us beyond ourselves.

The time in Barcelona was inspiring; it was a time that was quite literally like nothing I’ve ever done before- as it was my first time in Europe. The WSC, like venturing to more new countries, is an event I have every intention to be a part of in the future and I hope more of our students take part in this incredible opportunity as well.



New Teacher Introductions



Meet Randall Harrod

Mr. Harrod was born and raised in St Petersburg and is proud to say he is a graduate of the St Petersburg High School class of 1976. He started teaching in 2008 as a second career after serving as a long term sub at St Petersburg High School and this led to a full time position in 2010. Originally, Mr. Harrod was an IEBD/ ESE Algebra 1 teacher along with co-teaching World History. In 2013, he transferred to the Social Studies department teaching APUSH, US History, Law Studies and Psychology. Currently, he teaches APUSH and 9th Grade US History Honors IB.

When not in school, Mr. Harrod enjoys hiking, wildlife photography (he is an avid birdwatcher), and riding his motorcycle. Summertime is spent traveling around the US with his wife of 32 years, Marcy. They raise Guide Dogs for Southeastern Guide Dogs and just finished with puppy #14. The Harrods have one son who is a 2005 graduate of Shorecrest Prep and just recently completed his MBA at USF St Petersburg. Mr. Harrod says he has a great group of students this year and is looking forward to an awesome year.



Meet Brittany Copeland

Brittany Copeland feels very lucky to be a part of such a fantastic program.

She was born and raised in St. Petersburg and is an alumna of St. Petersburg High, as is her mother. It is safe to say the Green Devil spirit runs through their veins. This is her first year teaching full time and she is thrilled to be here at SPHS and part of IB. She was a long-term substitute at SPHS for multiple teachers last year. Ms. Copeland graduated from USFSP with a Bachelor of Science with a marine science concentration. After college, she worked in research biology for a short time and then for a non-profit organization educating school groups and she discovered her love for teaching! Ms. Copeland continued her education in secondary education afterwards. She is also the assistant swim coach.

Her hobbies include doing anything outdoors. She loves running (currently training for a half marathon in December), kayaking/ fishing, going to the beach with her dogs and working out at the gym. She is a very active person and loves to be on the go.



Meet Gisella Bosco

Hola!! Gisella Bosco is thrilled to be the new Spanish IB teacher. She was born in Peru and lived in both the capital, Lima, and outside Lima. She arrived in the United States when she was 19 and lived in New York City and Weehawken New Jersey with her mother and extended family.

While working in a bank, she studied and eventually graduated from Baruch College with a degree in accounting. In 1998, she married Paolo and spent almost two years in Milan, Italy before coming to the Sunshine City of Saint Petersburg in 2005.

After a few months here, she got her first job teaching in the area and has been working as an educator in Saint Petersburg ever since.

Ms. Bosco is honored to be our new Spanish IB teacher (Spanish II Pre-IB, Spanish III Pre-IB, Spanish Honors) and looks forward to spending time with all of the students.

Muchas gracias!!

Thank you!

A BIG shout-out to Mila Turtle (parent of Owen Turtle) for printing the IB logos for the planners.

St. Petersburg High School Student Government

Official Freshmen Election Results!!!

President: Aaron Bonner

Vice President: Nancy Tran (IB student)

Treasurer: Carson Crockett

Secretary: Kevin Nguyen (IB student)

Council People: Abby Wilson, Aman Patel, Steven Wang (all IB students)

How's It Going, IB Freshmen?

Every IB student who has ever walked SPHS halls started the program with expectations that were either confirmed or unfounded. We polled several incoming freshmen about their own expectations, and what was unexpected. Not surprisingly, nearly all expected the program to be immediately challenging and more work than they were accustomed to. There were initial adjustments to the campus size and many new and unfamiliar faces. However, after eight weeks they found that they have adapted to the pace and understand how to manage the workload. They have also discovered some unexpected aspects of the program.

Carmen Jones, who attended Holy Family Catholic School, shared that the homework “brings the students together. You make friends fast...I came to St. Pete High knowing no one, so it was nice to make friends quickly.” New friends and student camaraderie were mentioned by several students. “There is a certain sense of trust and

sense of safety between the students and also a sense that if you are struggling someone is willing to help you,” says **Seth Yeager**.

In addition to simply working harder, the students were glad that aspects of the schedule allow them to be productive. Several students mentioned the Critical Thinking and Study Skills class (CTSS) as a strong plus. **Ahnaf Rahman** finds “you can get a good chunk (i.e. 50%) of your work done.” The block schedule allows Seth Yeager to “stay organized and put real effort” into the work.

Teachers’ willingness to help was another common theme. **Lindsay Wilson** feels “more confident having great teachers and classmates help me through it.” “It’s really comforting to know that my teachers are going to do what they need to get me through the class,” says Carmen Jones.

Div Bhatt notes, “The best part of the program is the challenges it provides

so I can become better academically and strive for excellence.” According to **Madison Winter**, “The IB program has really made me become a more organized and focused person. I expected the homework every night and the challenging coursework but I didn’t expect all of the interesting things we would be learning about. For example, in English, we are reading *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe which is a text that has made me realize that the picture is so much bigger than just SPHS and our little town.”

And many are participating in extracurricular experiences. Seth Yeager, a member of the marching band, enjoys St. Pete High traditions and said, “They really add to the high school experience.”

The **IB Advocate** thanks the freshmen who shared their thoughts, and we wish all freshmen a year of continued growth, learning, and pleasant surprises.

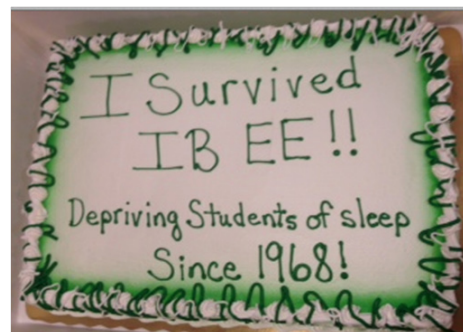


World Religions and Mr Rader’s class:

All 10th grade students conducted a mock interview with a member of a different religious faith in class as a means of teaching the class about a different religion. They were asked to dress professionally and to bring in religious attire or props related to each

religion. Each group had to create a website about the religion as well.

The religion above is Taoism. The students from left to right are: **Emma Viola, Daniel Loney, Miles Green, Monet Clarkson, and Dat Huynh.**



Extended Essay Elation Celebration!

On September 21st, the Class of 2016 celebrated the completion of the IB Extended Essay (EE) with a cake, cupcakes and refreshments. The EE is a 4000 word essay in which the students demonstrate knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm on a topic of their choice. It is a requirement for the IB Diploma. The EE has often proven to be a valuable stimulus for discussion at college interviews and/or applications.

Band News



Director of Bands Mr. Cameron Vaadi reports that the SPHS Band had several IB students audition for the All State Band - **Austin Gavern, Ashley Finster, and Max Rosen**. Traditional students Christa Miller and Natalie Danner also auditioned. Results will be reported in the next issue.

SPHS Marching Band Middle School Band Night was on Friday October 16th, during our home game vs. Pinellas Park High School. All 8th grade band students coming to St. Pete High next year were invited. This is a major recruiting tool for the band.

The Marching Band has been performing at various competitions this season. The Seminole Sound Spectacular was October 10. The band performed beautifully, winning 3rd place in their Division.

The Advocate will report results for other competitions including the annual Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival (10/17), Music Performance Assessment at Dunedin High School (11/7), Braden River Invitational (November 14), and FMBC State Semifinals at Clearwater High School (11/21).

The Pitchforks: St. Pete High's A Cappella Group



Please congratulate these students selected for the 2015-2016 Pitchforks: Natalie Cottrill*, Tucker DeGregory*, Lydia Diedidue, Helena Dominick, Brian Fitzpatrick, Madison Fullarton, Matthew Hyatt, Kennedy Jones, Elyssa Saldanha, Alexis Schuenke*, Nils Sheppard, Lucy Shoaf, Alexander Smitt, Patrick Tobin*, and Hannah White*.

Under the direction of Mr. David Lawhead, the Pitchforks sing the National Anthem and Alma Mater at Friday night home Football

games and will perform at the following engagements:

- Oct 24 7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay Rowdies game (National Anthem)
- Nov. 16 6:30 p.m. Treasure Island Community Center
- Dec. 11 1:30 p.m. Point Brittany Condominium Association
- Dec. 11 3:00 p.m. St. Pete Beach Library
- Dec. 18 8:00 pm Private Party

Theatre Department News



To play Hamlet, or not to play Hamlet, that is the question!

Don't miss this comedic take at all things theatre and Shakespeare!

The Theatre department will be putting on the play **I Hate Hamlet**. In the play, the great John Barrymore (**Tucker DeGregory***) coaches Andrew Rally (**Tarek Ziad***) into artistic hilarity complete with a girlfriend who thinks she is Ophelia (**Angela Lynch***) and an eccentric New York realtor (**Emma Couture***, also Student Director). A talent agent (**Lara McCallister***) fondly remembers her fling with Barrymore. Tech Director Will Ryhmer has transformed the set into a gothic two-story apartment. **See I Hate Hamlet** Wednesday through Friday, November 11-13, at 7pm in the Auditorium Theater. Tickets are \$8 students, \$12 adults, and \$5 ITS. Disabled and preferred seating are available.

GOLDFEVER 2016 will take place Friday, January 8 at 7 pm. The annual smashingly popular lip synch/dance contest, which raises funds for Theatre, is open to all campus clubs and organizations and independent groups. The theme is "Once Upon a Goldfever." **Auditions will be November 17 -18 from 2-4 after school in the auditorium.**

Thespian Festival: "Break a leg" to the performers at the District Thespian Festival December 3-5.

London's calling! Drama instructor, Ms. Grunz, is organizing a London Theatre tour trip this summer for anyone interested. She has led four trips previously to Europe with students. This is not a school-sponsored trip. Please contact Ms. Grunz directly for further information.

Complete theatre news can be found at www.stpetehightheatre.com.

Creativity Action Service (CAS) Project Highlights

Cheerleading Camp for Big Cat Rescue



Holly Carlson, Head of School, at LCC Day School sent an email to let SPHS know how impressed she was with IB girls who were involved in a Cheer camp at her school this summer. **Caroline Stroud, Delaney Ryan, Allie Hellier and Katie Carroll** put together an outstanding week-long camp for rising first through fourth grade girls with 25 participants. They were thanked for showing such poise and professionalism as well as being wonderful role models to these young students. Each camper paid a fee to participate that was directly donated to the Big Cat Rescue. Each camper received a camp shirt and pom-poms to take home! This project took a lot of organization and planning before the camp took place. The students met with the school multiple times and also met with the other instructors to choreograph the dance and plan a daily schedule. By the end of the week, the camp had raised \$2,338 for the Big Cat Rescue.

The Historic Greenwood Cemetery:

ABC Action News ran a news piece that included some of our students' CAS project based on their experience in Coach Farias' History of St. Pete course. These students have been restoring and cleaning up Historic Greenwood Cemetery on 9th St. and 10th Ave. S. for the past year. The cemetery is the burial site for many of the city's founders, and they decided

Vegetable Garden for Daystar Life Center:

Written by Lauren LaPeter:

I started this project in August 2014 because I volunteered at Daystar Life Center in St. Petersburg and I noticed that they didn't have many fresh vegetables. I thought that it would be a good idea to start a community garden at Daystar so that their clients could have access to more fresh vegetables. Daystar welcomed the garden and provided me space on their land. Edible Peace Patch helped me put in the garden. Deb Hilbert taught me all about how to grow vegetables and harvest them. Volunteers from National Honor Society helped put it in last spring. Then I trained Daystar volunteers to maintain the garden.

My project ultimately benefited a lot of people who are clients at Daystar, which helps 40,000 people in need every year. They were able to take home and eat kale, bush beans, purple snake beans, collard greens, Swiss chard, and other vegetables. I'm still working on the garden. I planted the fall harvest seedlings at home a few weeks ago and am transplanting them into the garden soon.



First Time CAS Showcase

Mr. Halstead organized our first ever CAS Showcase attended by the junior class. His thought was to spark ideas for juniors as they begin the IB CAS component of the IB Diploma. The juniors who attended got a lot out of it, and this has potential to help link the

junior and senior classes. Six projects/CAS experiences were presented which made it manageable, with about 30-40 attendees.

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) is a mandatory core component of the IB Diploma Program. It aims to provide a 'counterbalance' to the academic rigor of the educational program. All IB students must complete a CAS program which can be documented as early as the first day of junior year and continues throughout senior year (lasts a minimum of 18 months). The CAS program includes documented evidence of participating in various experiences and at least one CAS project (minimum of one month's duration) with a reasonable balance between creativity, activity, and service.

Donations Requested

From Ms. Tracey Keim

The Green Devil's Pantry & Closet serves any member of the SPHS family who is in a difficult time of their life. We assist them with clothing, food and school supplies. We strive to keep them in class and occasionally provide them with clothing appropriate for job interviews and dances.

We are in need of gently used school uniform clothing including: collared polo type shirts or any SPHS shirt, regardless of year or club. We also need new undergarments in all sizes and styles for young men and women plus socks and belts. Toiletries are always accepted. Women's deodorant is the most popular, even amongst young men. Sanitary products, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste are always needed. As far as school supplies, we need highlighters, binders, folders and notebook paper plus pencils and pens.

For food items, it must be easy to open, prepare and eat such as: peanut butter, crackers with peanut butter, soups, ramen noodles (particularly those

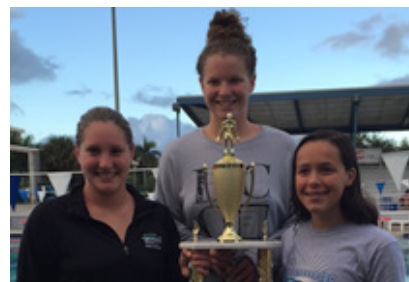
in the cups), Vienna sausages, tuna fish, cereal, shelf milk, granola and cereal bars, nuts, microwave popcorn, macaroni and cheese (boxed), canned pasta of any type, canned chili, premade meals in a dish, bagged type of juices, and healthy snacks. Nothing needs to be name brand. We can always find homes for can openers, paper plates and bowls and cutlery—plastic or metal.

Donations can be made to SPHS Green Devils Closet wherein the sponsor can buy specific items for students based on their sizes for pants and shoes. For example, pants in a size 20 can be ordered directly from Sears for a young lady who is living in a shelter or a size 14 shoe for a young man who owns only one pair from another vendor with money from our account.

Questions can be directed to Tracey Keim Keimt@pcsb.org or 727-709-9841. Drop off donations in the main office. We are not accepting gowns or suits at this time. Please call to inquire about other clothing needs as we are limited as far as storage.

Congratulations to our Swimmers and Divers

Coach Raquel Montoya reported big news from the last City Meet, hosted by St. Pete High. Congratulations to senior **Lauren LaPeter (IB)** who took 1st place in diving. The swimming portion took place October 3rd at Northshore Pool. Our girls took 1st place and our boys took 3rd place, resulting in an overall 2nd place finish for our team! (•denotes IB)



(l to r) Leah Kunins•, Peyton Palsha, Madison Pyhel*



(l to r) Kieran Rozycki*, Kurt Hessler, Jeff Kempinski, Nikolay Nikolaev*, Owen Turtle*



Tiger Bay Club

Two "politically-minded" IB Students **Lillian Shirley** and **Samuel Joyce** were invited to Suncoast Tiger Bay Club (a unique, non-partisan political club) founded in 1978. This club seeks to foster a better understanding of public issues. They are pictured with Daryl Rouson (State Representative). Mr. Todd Maxwell was the teacher chaperone. They each got to ask a question to the key note speaker for the session.

Track and Field Begins Soon

If you are interested in Track and Field, please complete and submit your application and paperwork to: Coach Jessica Miller in Room B201. This is required before attending any conditioning or practice.

Conditioning is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays the weeks of November 16 and 30, December 7, and January 5. Conditioning will switch to

Monday/Wednesday/Friday the week of January 11.

Try outs occur the week of January 19, which is also the first day of mandatory practice.

Practice is every day from 2:30-4:00, except for Wednesdays (3:30-5:00) to accommodate tutoring and after school activities.

Seniors: Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Senior Celebration date has been set for May 25, 2016. This is the culmination of the IB students' years at SPHS. This special event salutes their accomplishments, talents, and the journey they have taken together. The evening includes dinner, a slide show, performances and speakers.

Parents! Become a part of this celebration by helping plan and execute the evening. We need parent volunteers at all grade levels. The committee is open to all and will meet next on January 19th at 6:30 at the school. Please call the IB office for more details or contact the Committee Chair Janet Carroll at jcarrol4@tampabay.rr.com.

Sports News



Lady Devil Golf Team Mustang Invitational

Please congratulate your Lady Devil Golf Team on their fine performance at the Mustang Invitational on September 10. Led by Mariana Ocano (posting 71) and Kayla Shelton (78), the Lady Devils finished in third place with a team score of 324 behind Tampa Prep (322) and Osceola (323), who finished 4th in the state last year. Note that the 3 teams finished within 2 strokes of each other.

Special congratulations to Mariana Ocano who once again led her team to a strong finish by placing 3rd as an individual and ahead of last year's individual state champion from Osceola. Kayla Shelton gets the award for shot of the day by hitting a ball out of sand to within 2 feet of the cup. Ally Zamitalo had a career best (85). Meredith Kiernan posted a 90 during her FIRST match appearance for St. Pete High. Ana Elise Cunneen was one of the 4 low scores in her first match appearance, and Victoria Zamitalo has shown flashes of brilliance as a new team member this year. Returning state finalist Christine Wilbur and freshman Beverly Maddux are also members of the team and have been scheduled for action.

Varsity Football

Joe Fabrizio, coach of the Green Devils football team, has the slogan "BE A CHAMPION", so that the players act as champions in all aspects of their lives. They represent our school with



Cross Country News

Cross Country is off to a winning season! The Varsity team went to the UF Mountain Dew meet in September in Gainesville and after an early start with over 500 runners for boys and the same for the girls' team, everyone chalked the race up to a great experience. It takes discipline and commitment to run distance, and IB students obviously have what it takes as they make up over half the team.

They went on to take the **City Meet** with 3 out of 4 of our teams taking first place and a second place win for the girls' Varsity runners. IB students who help "run" the JV and VARSITY team are:

GIRLS: Sydney Gault, Naomi Miller, Diana Fonte, Kristina Vilkialis, Mirista Galanos, Georgia Meehaw, Rolina Ho, Josephine Ho, Kara Nichols, Shannon Strohbar, Paris Jewell

BOYS: Aidan Nelson, Dalton Nordquist, Charles Renninger, Weston Willingham, Josue Gonzalez, Ried Carlisle, Matt Fruland, Askar O'Malley, Zachary Morrison, Daniel Loney, Miles Green, Marc Levine, Matthew Wohlwend, Diego Price, Rex Russell, Gabe Lopez, Weyman Cohen

class at all times. The IB players are **Jared Peters, Peter Franzek, Zack Caulfeld, and Brenden Burrows.** They have had a great season with a remaining two games:

Friday 10/30	Sunlake (Homecoming) St. Pete	7:30pm
Friday 11/6	Boca Ciega (Sr. Night) St. Pete	7:30pm

Cheer News

Congrats to our SPHS Cheerleaders who went to camp at UF this summer and received several awards including the Cheer and Chant Competition. IB student Katie Carroll received the America Needs Cheerleaders leadership award. The squad is planning to participate in the Breast Cancer Awareness walk in St. Pete. The cheerleaders who are in the IB program are **Katie Carroll, Caroline Stroud, Delaney Ryan, Allie Hellier, Jenna McQueen, Kylie Begin, Caroline Stiles and Emily Goodis.** **Caroline Stroud and Katie Carroll** are the captains.



Volleyball News

Spike, Set, Bumps, Assists, Digs and Ace St. Pete High Girl's volleyball team (Class 7A-10) is considered to be one of the top four teams in this six-team district and competed recently in the PCAC tournament finals. St. Petersburg turned out to be highly competitive at 17-6.



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