

The IB Programme Newsletter

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Rangeela dancers impress audience



This year the WSHS Rangeela Dancers have performed at several events including pep rallies and the Hunnybears Showcase. Founded by team captain, senior Diya Patel, these IB dancers cultivate an appreciation for culture, as well as promoting diversity and inclusivity, by performing Indian dances with a modern day twist.



Students sketch historical structures

Students in Mr. Ty Karnitz's AP Art History class don't just read about history, they participate in hands on activities that bring the history into clear perspective. Recently, his students researched medieval architecture and then drew interpretations of their favorite buildings in the courtyard. Structures included landmark buildings such as cathedrals. Using sidewalk chalk, these students also labeled their buildings so that the rest of the school could learn a lit-





tle bit about historical architecture. AP Art History is open to IB, Pre-IB and AP level students.

Veteran AP teacher, Mr. Ty Karnitz makes it a point to provide for his students opportunities to experience historical culture instead of just reading about it. His method to teaching emphasizes multiple approaches including group projects, class discussions and debates, and games to deepen knowledge of subject matter.

Upcoming Events

IB Club meets every other Tuesday.

HOSA meets very other Wednesday. Regional Competition- January

Chemistry Club- Dec. 15, in room 6-214

Winter Break- Dec. 21- Jan. 7

Deadline for IB Magnet Applications has been extended. Application Link-https://scpsflc.scriborder.com

IB 10th grade Registration Presentation in AP English Lang: 10th grade: Dec. 13 LINK: https://forms.gle/5vhE4eVBfd6P-d6Zp8

IB 11th grade Registration Presentation in 11th grade TOK: January 11 LINK: https://forms.gle/Sie8vfSRsn-15SYF96

IB 9th grade Registration: Pre-IB English 1 Honors: January 18 LINK: https://forms.gle/zezCEVAEx-krfjQNX7

Ni stands for Nikles Teacher Spotlight



Ms. Nikles, right, with fellow science teachers, Ms. Torres and Ms. Hart

WSHS alumna, Ms. Jenna Nikles has been a science teacher at our school for 13 years. This year she, along with IB students Caitlin Brosch, Annabel Pines, Ana Vilchez, and Sheryl Daniel, recently started the Chemistry club where students meet to discuss all things chemistry. The students also offer tutoring to those who need a little extra help.

Ms. Nikles earned her BS in Molecular Biology, with a minor in Chemistry, and MA in Teaching Science Education from UCF. She is currently attending UWF in pursuit of her doctorate in the field of Education in Instructional Design and Performance Technology. When not working on her studies, Ms. Nikles enjoys reading and playing video games.

When asked what she enjoys most about being a part of the IB program, Ms. Nikles responded, "IB Chemistry includes organic and biochemistry, which are so interesting! Also, getting to work with an outstanding group of educators in the program that I wouldn't get to interact with otherwise."

IB Club celebrates end of semester



On December 5, members of the IB club met in the media center to celebrate the end of the first semester. Club

President Abhinav Malhotra organized a covered dish affair along with games and a white elephant gift exchange. Students had fun socializing and playing games throughout the evening.

During the white elephant gift exchange, stuffed animals seemed to be the most popular gift





as they were swapped among guests repeatedly. Overall, the large turnout signified the unity and friendship of the IB students as they celebrated all of their hard work and success this school year.



HOSA sponsors toy drive for children

Members of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) chose the festive winter season to set up a toy drive for children who are currently in the hospital.

HOSA officers include President Saisamanvi Nadimpalli, VP Asma Roshi, Secretary Marven Oza, Treasurer Yashna Singh, Historian Poojita, Fundraising Head Diya Patel, Member Services Head-Zachary Roz, and Parliamentarian Bianca Andrea Perez.

Toys will be delivered to children at Arnold Palmer hospital in mid-December.



