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The Business End of Quartz Hill IB: Ms. Kathy Smith

When faculty, staff, students and parents need assistance with IB matters, the chances are very good that they will come to the IB Office and speak with Ms. Kathy Smith. For the past two and a half years, Ms. Smith has served as the Intermediate Clerk Typist for the Quartz Hill High School IB Program. Ms. Smith grew up primarily in Long Beach, but also spent a year in Hawaii and one year living the farm life in Iowa. She has lived in Tehachapi for six years, and has lived in Antelope Acres for the past twelve years. She is married with three grown step-children. Her husband Steve is currently in Afghanistan working as a Fire Inspector on one of the American military bases.

Prior to her service in our IB Program, Ms. Smith worked as Executive Secretary/Administrative Secretary in the Advertising and Product Testing Departments of American Honda Motor Company in Gardena, California. She was the Executive Secretary for the Hailey-Corwin Advertising Agency in Los Angeles. From there, she became the Personnel and Executive Secretary to the Western Region Vice President of A.M. Castle and

Company, a large metals distributor located in Paramount, California. Ms. Smith served as Administrative Secretary and Bookkeeper for the Berg-Nelson Company, a family-owned business in Long Beach, California. She also worked as an Administrative Assistant for DuBois in Tehachapi. In her professional positions, Ms. Smith has handled business and payroll accounts and administrative records of all kinds.

Ms. Smith is not new to the Antelope Valley Union High School District. She started her career in the District at Lancaster High School, serving as Intermediate Clerk Typist in the Security Office. She then went to Littlerock High to serve as the Instructional Aide for Mr. Josh Evans' Algebra class. Now she is with us.

Ms. Smith is very, very active outside of her profession. She is an extremely tasteful home decorator. She tackles outdoor chores with alacrity and expertise, and she says that her two horses, Mandy and Dixie, and four dogs, Teddy, Max, Mikita and Starr, "are the joys of my life!"

In the IB Office, Ms. Smith takes incoming calls, keeps and



manages information and records for Honors and IB, organizes and mails IB tests and external assessment items, serves as a liaison between IB and QHHS Accounting, remembers anything that Mr. Cassady forgets, and assists in on-campus offices as needed. She is not only bright, competent and energetic, but also intuitive as well so that very little is likely to "fall through the cracks" on her watch.

Simply put, Ms. Smith is the administrative heart and soul of the business end of Quartz Hill IB. We are very lucky to have her with us.

IB Staff Training for Upcoming Self-Study

The IB Office is currently preparing the paperwork for the District Office for the authorization of funding for staff training at IB Diploma Program Workshops. If District administrators grant permission and funding, the staff training will begin in early summer and run through October of 2012.

The IB requires that staff be “up to date” on the program, on the curriculum in each of the six curricular groups, on CAS, and on Theory of Knowledge. The school’s program is evaluated through a “self-study,” and through the self-study an IB school can

identify program strengths and weaknesses. Through the self-study, the IB can maintain the rigor and integrity of its Diploma Programs world wide. In part, our program will be evaluated on the currency of staff training.

The next IB Self-Study process for Quartz Hill High School will begin in June of 2012. At that time, the IB Office will receive information from IB Cardiff on required procedure. By that time, if given District funding and authorization, teachers in most of the six curricular groups will begin to go through extensive

and current training at workshops in places such as Montezuma, New Mexico, San Diego, Los Angeles and Lake Tahoe. At some of these locations, the IB also offers highly specialized workshops for counselors and administrators.

Our teachers, counselors and administrators have willingly and enthusiastically expressed interest in attending the workshops. What this means is that we fully expect to meet or exceed the staffing requirements of the IB by the end of the self-study process.

“Through the self-study, the IB can maintain the rigor and integrity of its Diploma Programs world wide.”

IB ALUMNI PROFILE: MS. ELIZABETH WOOSTER, DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2006

EDUCATION:

Attended Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and graduated with High Distinction in 2010 with a B.S. in Cellular and Molecular Biology and Minors in Chemistry and Spanish. Currently enrolled in Creighton University Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska, Class of 2014.

OTHER POST-QHHS EXPERIENCE:

Elizabeth has traveled extensively since earning her IB Diploma at QHHS. She has traveled to Spain as an undergraduate Spanish student. She has done medical missions in Belize, Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Hong Kong. She also visited the U.S. Virgin Islands to study Marine Biology.

As Ms. Wooster looks back on her time in QHHS IB, she says that “I took it (the internationalism and multiculturalism of IB) to heart, and have really loved getting to see, learn, and enjoy other cultures.” She also agreed to have her information put into this newsletter because, in her words, she wanted to do something to “inform people on how helpful the IB Program is.”



IB Diploma Programme

May 2012 examination schedule

Morning examinations must start after 0700 and finish by 1300 hours local time.
Afternoon examinations must start after 12 noon and finish by 1800 hours local time.

| DATE | MORNING | TIME | AFTERNOON | TIME |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Monday 30 April | School-based syllabus SL paper 1 School-based syllabus SL paper 2 <i>Where required</i> | - | □ | □ |
| Wednesday 2 May | English A1 HL paper 1 English A1 SL paper 1 English A2 HL paper 1 English A2 SL paper 1 Text & performance SL paper 1 Text & performance SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m | Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1 Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1 | 2h 30m 1h 45m 2h 2h 1h 15m |
| Thursday 3 May | Philosophy HL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3 Philosophy SL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2 World religions SL paper 2 | 1h 1h 30m 1h 2h 1h 1h 1h 30m | Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1 Mathematical studies SL paper 1 | 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| Friday 4 May | Mathematics HL paper 2 Mathematics SL paper 2 Mathematical studies SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m | Further mathematics SL paper 1 ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1 Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1 Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 15m 1h 45m 1h 30m 1h 30m 3h 2h 15m |
| Monday 7 May | Further mathematics SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3 ITGS SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3 Geography SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 15m 1h 15m 1h 15m 2h 1h 1h 20m | Mathematics HL paper 3 German A1 HL paper 1 German A1 SL paper 1 German A2 HL paper 1 German A2 SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m |
| Tuesday 8 May | German A1 HL paper 2 German A1 SL paper 2 German A2 HL paper 2 German A2 SL paper 2 German B HL paper 1 German B HL paper 2 German B SL paper 1 German B SL paper 2 German ab initio SL paper 1 German ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m | Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2 Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology HL paper 2 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 2 | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 1h 45m 45m 1h |
| Wednesday 9 May | Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3 Design technology HL paper 3 Design technology SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h 1h 15m 1h | English A1 HL paper 2 English A1 SL paper 2 English A2 HL paper 2 English A2 SL paper 2 English B HL paper 1 English B HL paper 2 English B SL paper 1 English B SL paper 2 English ab initio SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| Thursday 10 May | Language A1 HL paper 1 Language A1 SL paper 1 Language A2 HL paper 1 Language A2 SL paper 1 Except: English, French, German and Spanish | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2 Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1 | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h |

QHHS SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

March - June 2012

| Date Due | Scholarship | Criteria for Selection |
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| Various Each scholarship has a different due date. Check each website. | Asian Pacific Fund \$Various Follow the links to the right | Senior Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Filipino Bar Association of Northern California Legal Scholarship Helen and L.S. Wong Memorial Scholarship Human Capital Scholarship Jack and Jeanette Chu Scholarship Fund Lapiz Family Scholarship Maria Elena Yuchengco Memorial Journalism Scholarship Sang Chul Lee and Donald O. Cameron Memorial Scholarship Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship Tina Yeh Memorial Fund REGISTER ONLINE: www.asianpacificfund.org |
| March 30, 2012 June 30, 2012 | L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future \$500 - \$5,000 | No age given Works of prose up to 17,000 in length Not having been published before http://www.writersofthefuture.com/ |
| March 30, 2012 June 30, 2012 | L. Ron Hubbard Illustrators of the Future \$500 - \$4,000 | No age given Themes of Science Fiction and Fantasy Illustrations are welcome Not having been published before http://www.writersofthefuture.com/ |
| March 1, 2012 | Playing With Purpose Award \$undisclosed | 10th, 11th, 12th Grade Minimum "C" or higher grade average Varsity Athlete Committed to be a follower of Jesus Christ www.playingwithpurpose.org |
| March 1, 2012 | Edwards AFB Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship \$1,000 to \$3,000 | Senior Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 Must hold a current family member military ID card Full-time student at accredited institution in fall of 2011. Have well rounded background in academic, extracurricular activities and leadership qualities. Have military sponsor from one of 7 listed Applications can be picked up in Career Center. |
| March 5, 2012 | Miss City of Palmdale \$750 - \$1,000 | Miss 16-19 yrs of age Junior Miss 11-14 yrs of age Little Miss 6-8 yrs of age Contact Palmdale Chamber of Commerce @ 661-273-3232 |
| March 15, 2012 | Italian Catholic Federation \$400 | Senior Italian ancestry Catholic Faith Minimum GPA of 3.2 See Mrs. Cowan for application |

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| March 15, 2012 | Caners Foundation \$ undisclosed | Senior Interested in pursuing an education and career in Horticulture, Agribusiness, Viticulture or Pomology Grades important but a "B" student in horticulture related activities takes precedent over an "A" student who does not. See Mrs. Cowan for Application guidelines |
| March 15, 2012 | Caners Foundation | Senior Enrolled in 6 units with a nursery (plant) related program 2 reference letters Transcript required |
| March 15, 2012 | Italian Catholic Federation \$400 | Senior Italian ancestry Catholic Faith Minimum GPA of 3.2 |
| March 15, 2012 | Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California \$500 | Senior Portuguese descent 3.50 cumulative GPA Participated in a minimum of 3 extracurricular activities while in high school |
| March 20, 2012 | Anthem Essay Contest \$30 - \$2,000 | 9th / 10th Grader Must read novel <i>Anthem</i> by Ayn Rand and complete 600-1200 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details) Pick up criteria – handouts from Mrs. Cowan www.aynrand.org/contests |
| March 27, 2012 | Questbridge College Prep Scholarship <i>Full Scholarship to attend summer school programs at Brandeis, Emory, Harvard, Notre Dame, Penn, Stanford or Yale. Travel/ Tuition/Room & Board</i> | Junior Have great academic achievement, good writing ability and good standardized test scores. Financial need (most families make less than \$60,000 annually) www.questbridge.org or www.facebook.com/questbridge |
| March 30, 2012 | Odenza Marketing Scholarship \$500 | Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on March 30, 2012 Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the March 30, 2012 deadline. Have at least one full year of post secondary studies remaining at the time of the award Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Be a citizen of the United States or Canada |
| March 31, 2012 | U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program \$1,000 | Senior Entering a 4 year university in the Fall Apply online only http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/studentloans/ |
| March 30, 2012 | The Jackie Robinson Scholarship Program \$ up to 7,200 annually | Senior Minority showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need Attend a 4 year college or university in Fall of 07' Must have taken the SAT or ACT Must register and apply online |

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| April 2, 2012 | California Wine and Grape Growers Foundation \$8,000 | Senior Attending college in the Fall Parent or legal guardian is/was a vineyard employee of a wine grape grower during 2010/2011 Have taken the SAT or ACT 500 word essay See Mrs. Cowan for criteria www.cwggf.org |
| April 15, 2012 | CALSA- California Association of Latino Superintendents & Administrators \$1,000 | Senior Latino / Latina Documented Community Service Written recommendation for CALSA member sponsoring the applicant Essay on given topic See Mrs. Cowan for handout |
| April 15, 2012 | Verbal Ink Transcription Services Scholarship \$1500 renewable for 4 years | Senior GPA of 3.0 or higher, attending an accredited college/university in the Fall. Essay must be submitted of 500-1,000 words on: "Why is life meaningful, and how has language (spoken or written word, storytelling, communication, etc) added meaning to my life?" http://www.verbalink.com/scholarship |
| April 16, 2012 | Matters of Life & Death Scholarship Writing Contest \$ undisclosed | Juniors and Seniors Essay of 1500 words See Mrs. Cowan for guidelines |
| April 22, 2012 | Student-View Scholarship Program \$500 - \$4,000 | Senior No minimums 15-20 minute survey www.student-view.com |
| April 26, 2012 | Fountainhead Essay Contest \$50 - \$10,000 | 11th / 12th Grader Must read novel The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand and complete 800-1600 word essay on one of three choice topics. (see website for details) www.aynrand.org/contests |
| April 30, 2012 | Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship \$5,000 | As of the deadline, be under the age of 25 Be a senior in high school or in the first year of university or college Be a resident of United States or Canada. Answer both of the two following essay questions: In under 1,000 words: "Why is a healthy lifestyle important in school?" and in under 500 words: Describe your career plans, goals and ambitions. There is no formal Scholarship Application. To apply for the Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship, please write your scholarship essay in Microsoft Word http://www.zinch.com/scholarships/healthy-lifestyles-scholarship |
| May 11, 2012 | CSE Insurance Group Youth Automobile Safety Scholarship Program \$250 - \$1,500 | Senior Son/Daughter of full-time or retired Public Employee Application available online at www.cseinsurance.com/scholarship.htm |

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| June 1, 2012 | Big Dig Scholarship \$3,000 | Senior Entering college in Fall of 2012 In 200 years one of your relatives is going to be digging in what is now your backyard. They will find something you buried in 2012 and it is going to put any financial worries they have to rest. See Mrs. Cowan for handout |
| June 1, 2012 | Man Mac Automatic Scholarship \$500 | Senior Be enrolled or expect to be enrolled in an undergraduate program by the Fall of 2012. The school you attend must be located within Canada or the United States Must have a GPA of at least 2.75 in your last academic year Fill out the Online Application Form Submit Letter of Recommendation from Parent/Guardian http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10118/man_mac_automatic_scholarship_scholarship.php |
| June 15, 2012 | Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants \$1,000 | Junior and Senior Essay of 500-1000 Words "What was the most difficult time of your life and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty? Email submission to: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com |
| June 22, 2012 | Big Sun Scholarship \$500 | Senior / Athlete Will be attending a 2 or 4 year college/university in the Fall of 2012 Short Essay "How has your participation in sports affected the person you are becoming? Submit: athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com To view criteria: http://www.bigsunathletics.com/ |
| June 30, 2012 | Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship \$ Varies | Senior 3.0 GPA or higher Accepted at accredited college, university or trade school for Full Time Status Sincere interest in an Automotive career US Citizen or on Student Visa http://www.automotivehalloffame.org/education/scholarships |
| June 30, 2012 | BBG Communications Scholarship \$1,000 | Senior Be between the ages of 16 and 21 on June 30, 2012 Submit answers to the two essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the June 30, 2012 deadline Have at least one full year of post secondary studies remaining at the time of the award Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Be a citizen of the United States or Canada http://www.breylancommunications.com/bbgcommunications/132/scholarships.php |

****Ask for an application or more information in the Career Center****

Schedule of Events



IB Calendar



- ◆ **February/March 2012:** Predicted Grades/Internal Assessments prepared by IB teachers and submitted to IB Coordinator.
- ◆ **March 15, 2012:** Absolute deadline for submission of ToK essays.
- ◆ **April 10—11, 2012:** Visit by Visual Arts Examiner.
- ◆ **May 1, 2012:** Deadline for withdrawing candidates.
- ◆ **April 30—May 22, 2012:** IB Testing.
- ◆ **June 1, 2012:** Deadline for CAS Status submission by IB Coordinator.