SAINT JOHN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

As your child has registered this school year for at least one IB course which will culminate with an external IB exam in May, we felt it incumbent upon us to inform you of the following.

Students taking IB courses will receive a percentage grade on their high school transcript with an IB designation for each IB course completed. However, as IB is an academic programme developed by an outside agency, students who take IB courses have the opportunity to earn credit awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization in addition to their school mark. That IB mark is awarded on a 7-point scale and may be used as credit in post-secondary institutions. Most universities recognize a 5, 6, or 7 for university credit and many accept 4, as well.

Earning the additional IB mark requires completion of all IB-mandated assessments including the IB May exam. These assessments are external and require materials to be sent to the school and then returned to outside examiners. As such, there are costs involved. Currently, to register for IB exams costs $299 CAD and each exam is an additional $207 CAD. These exam fees must be paid by the end of October for submission to IB in November. The school does not retain any of the IB exam fees; they are sent to IBO. **Should the exchange rate change in our favour before fees are submitted to IBO, the school will work to reimburse families the appropriate difference.** Payment can be made on our cashless schools site: http://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com.

Students do not need to complete the IB external exam to be awarded a school credit, but anyone wishing to obtain the additional IB mark out of 7 must complete the exam.

The courses which will culminate with an IB May exam are as follows:
Grade 11 students: IB French 121 / IBFI Language Arts 121; IB Music 121; IB ESS 121
Grade 12 students: IB English 121; IB History 121; IB Math 121; IB Adv. Biology 121; IB Adv. Chemistry 121; IB ESS 121 IB Music 121; IB Art 121.

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinator at tracy.lutz@nbed.nb.ca.

Sincerely,

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