



MEADOWRIDGE SCHOOL

July 31, 2017

Dear Grade 11 Families,

I want to take a minute and welcome you to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Meadowridge School. We are anticipating an exciting two years and eagerly look forward to the journey!

Your Grade 11 year will be the first of a two-year programme. The course selection that you completed will be the courses that you are registered in for the remainder of your time at Meadowridge. It is essential that you have made the right choices as it is impossible to change into different courses once we enter October. I am confident that with the amount of time and effort that both students and teachers put into course choices, you will be successful.

This year will be filled with many “firsts” for you. The first DP courses, first CAS activities and the first Extended Essay prep to name just a few. On the other hand, Meadowridge is still Meadowridge and you will feel a sense of comfort and familiarity.

This will be an exciting year. Some of the highlights include:

- **Week without Walls Trips**
 - These will happen during the second week of school (September 13-15).
 - The Grade 11's and 12's will be participating in a DP retreat at Loon Lake.
- **Classroom without Walls**
 - This exciting initiative helps us offer experiential learning opportunities to all grade levels. This will be a time when you can be engaged in laboratory experiments, presentations, field trips, etc.
- **Group 4 Project**
 - An integrated science trip that all participants in DP complete.

There are a couple of other important reminders and dates that you should know heading into next year:

- The first full day of school is Tuesday, September 5th.
- The DP Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday, September 7th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

When you come to school on September 5th, please wear your #1 uniform. Also, please come prepared to fully participate in all classes, as in the Diploma Programme we hit the ground running and get right into course work.

During the first few days of class, your teachers will be sharing with you any other supply needs for their specific courses. Remember, you should be coming to school with your textbooks purchased. These can be obtained through <https://store.csbe.net/Authentication/login.aspx?route=mead>.

Please make the most of your year. Expect the best from yourself and know that you have a support system that will help you achieve it. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Kristal Bereza
Director - Diploma Programme