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Letter From the Editor

BY RAHMAH ALAMOUDI

pro-cras-ti-na-tion:

noun

the action of delaying or postponing something.

Procrastination has hit hard in the Riverdale IB program, that being said, we have decided to publish issues of the Raider Record every other month as opposed to monthly. We are hoping that this means every issue will be on time (emphasis on hoping) and better than the one before!

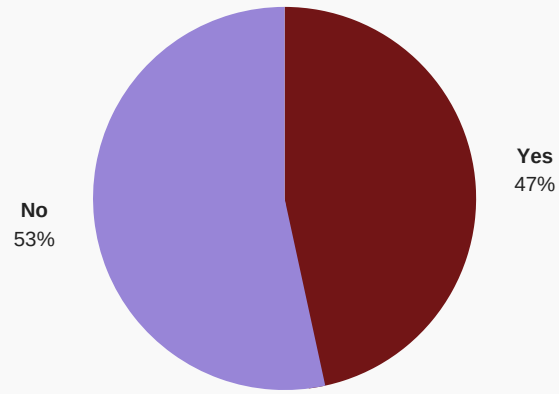
This month's issue is going to be focused on finding the balance in IB. As we all know, there is this stigma surrounding IB that if you're in the program, it's impossible to have a life outside of it; in this issue we wanted to show that this isn't the case for most students. Enjoy!



Finding Balance in IB

BY: KAILEY NATELLA

Before joining IB, you probably heard the horror stories of doing a billion hours of homework and having zero free time. In reality, most of us have jobs, participate in sports, are involved in club and (usually) get all of our homework done. Being in IB requires us to be well-rounded and it encourages students to be involved in their school community.

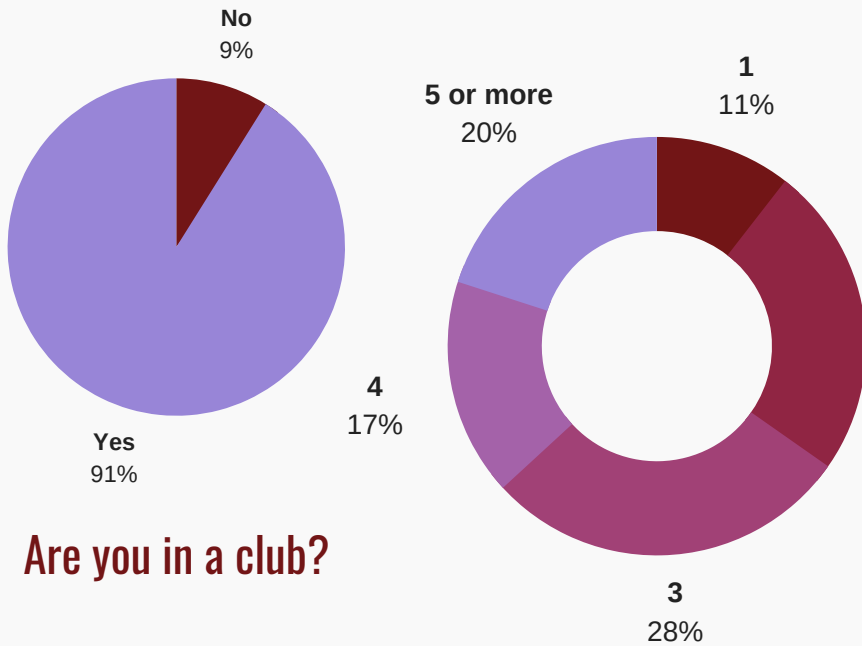


Do you have a job?

Staying involved is extremely important, especially in IB. Joining extracurriculars helps you be a part of your school community, you find your niche and people who have the same interests as you. I remember as a freshman I was so scared to branch out and make new friends. When I joined golf and FBLA that year, it introduced me to friends that I still talk to, to this day.

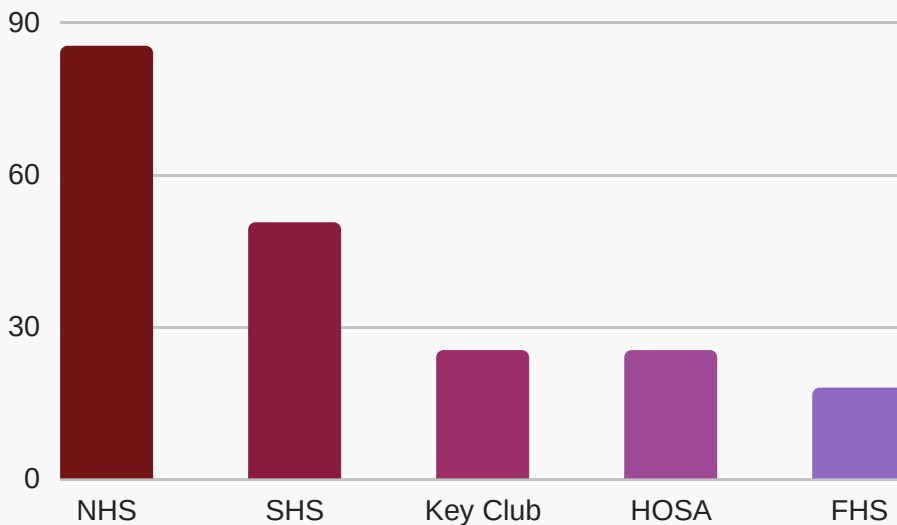
Even though most of us are apart of different clubs, we all aim to reach the same goal. We want to be well-rounded for college and applications. Being a part of sports and other extracurriculars teaches us how to better manage our time while giving us an escape from the stressful world of IB.

*** charts show the poll results of IB 11th and 12th graders**



Are you in a club?

How many clubs are you in ?



Top 5 clubs among IB students

Teacher Profile- Jennifer Wallace



BY: RAHMAH ALAMOUDI



Q- What is your favorite part about teaching IB?

A- 100 % the kids! (wait, and the literature, so really 80/20, kids!) There is this dedication to education and expectations that all of you possess, and it's the aspect of the job I love the most. Your desire to want to learn and to better yourselves makes the endless preparation and grading worthwhile. Also, IB kids are weird, and I just really like weird people...

Q- What made you want to be a teacher?

A- My degree is in literature, but I never thought of becoming a teacher or ever actually wanted to be one. Once my son was born, I realized that managing a country club and working 80 hours a week was not something I wanted to do anymore. A family friend encouraged me to come to Riverdale and use my obsession with literature in the classroom. I was skeptical and never really saw myself in a classroom, but after my first quarter, I had THAT moment with my 9th grade students. We were reading a short story that I loved and slowly, very slowly, they fell in love with it too, and I thought, this is why teachers teach...this moment here! And I get to have that every day with IB!

Q- What is it like being the sponsor of NHS? What kind of things do you do for it?

A- I love being the sponsor for NHS! There are 156 members and each student has a GPA of 3.75 or higher and completes community service, so it's rewarding being around kids that are bettering themselves and the community. I schedule community service activities, such as; the tie dye fundraiser for Buckingham, the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, and Pennies for Patients. The majority of my time is spent on checking GPAs, worrying about new member induction and honor stoles in the spring.

Q- Why do you think it's important for students to be able to get involved in organizations like NHS?

A- Being involved in organizations, clubs, and sports in high school is very important. It's a great way to form connections with your peers and to create memories. Getting into college is extremely competitive, and admissions offices want to see that they are bringing kids to their universities that are willing to get involved. If I could stress one thing though, don't just sign up for every club in hopes to pad your application, you need to find a handful that you care about; activities that mean something to you or where you have a leadership role, so you can show those schools that you not only want to be involved, but that making a change in your local community or the world is important to you.

Q- As a teacher, how do you find balance in managing all of your responsibilities?

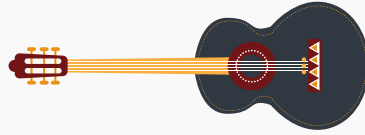
A- I have a hierarchy of responsibilities in my mind, and it makes it easier for me to focus if I know my family is good, Riverdale and IB responsibilities are good, then I can focus on grading. I have check lists and plenty of sleepless nights when it comes to the last part of my responsibilities, though. I can't really say that I always have the best balance; I procrastinate, too. You guys turn in 100 paper ones and I'm thinking, "okay, I'm going to go home and grade all night"...then I get home and I sit down, open the first composition book and immediately get up from the table. I will find ANYTHING else to focus on...Tatum's fraction homework, laundry, dishes, learning a new language, cleaning the fireplace (I don't have a fireplace, but I'll build one and then clean it just to avoid those papers). After all of that procrastination though, I set a deadline for myself and with my students. I might procrastinate, but I NEVER miss my deadline, nor do I skip school (umm, seniors, that's for you) to catch up on my work.

Current Student Profiles

BY: RAHMAH ALAMOUDI

Bella Santos

As IB students, we are very familiar with dealing with a busy schedule, something Bella Santos knows all too well. Bella Santos is an IB Junior who strives to succeed and find balance with the busy agenda that comes with being an IB student. Despite the large amount of responsibility and work that comes with the program, Bella is still able to do things that she enjoys outside of school. Bella takes pride in being able to stay organized; her favorite way is to make lists, which allows her to keep a good balance between her school work and personal obligations.



One of her favorite activities is playing the guitar, something she uses to relieve stress. Bella's favorite classes are psychology and calculus, because they are unlike any classes she's taken before and she enjoys the challenge. Among her favorite aspects of IB, she enjoys the fact that there is always something new to do and learn instead of having to do the same thing each and every day. When it comes to clubs, she is a proud member of National Honor Society as well as Spanish Honor Society.

BY: MACEY CALLANS



Rhiguens Fortune



Meet Rhiguens Fortune. Rhiguens is a senior in the International Baccalaureate program here at Riverdale. He is involved in many clubs and sports, a few of those including marching band, tennis, FBLA, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and more. Rhiguens enjoys being a part of IB because it allows him to be a well-rounded individual and he can build close relationships with his classmates and teachers.

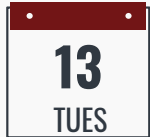
Rhiguens says it is important to be involved in high school for many reasons. It allows you to build your resume, which is an important aspect to making a name for yourself when preparing for college. It is also a way to meet new people with similar interests, balance school work more efficiently, and it better prepares you for the real world after high school.



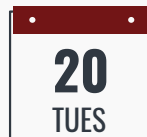
Recently, Rhiguens started a band with another IB student, Madison Drovdic and a few of their other classmates. The band, which is named "The Fortune 5" plans to perform at events throughout the year and they plan to host a concert at the end of the year as well. As of right now, "The Fortune 5" is a group CAS project that performs for free at community events, but they plan to eventually raise money to donate towards a good cause.



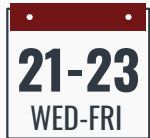
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Parent Meeting**

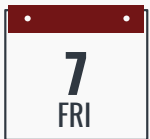


River Crossing

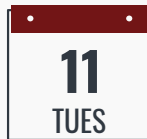


Thanksgiving Break

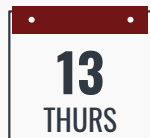
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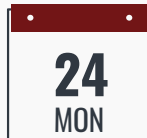
**Hoops for Hope at the
Buckingham
Exceptional Student Center**



IB Parent Organization Meeting

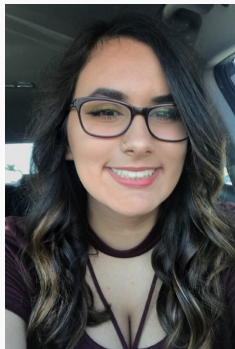


**IB Informational Meeting for
Incoming Freshmen**



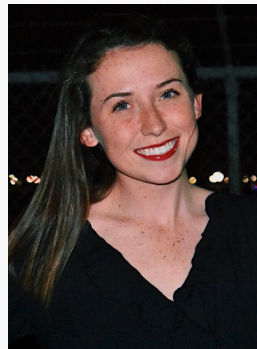
First Day of Winter Break

Staff



**Rahmah Alamoudi
Sr. Editor**

I am a senior in Riverdale's IB Diploma Program. This is my second year with the Raider Record and I am extremely excited to see how it grows this year and for years to come! After high school I hope to attend college for digital media production, with a focus on video journalism.



**Macey Callans
Sr. Editor**

I am a senior in the Riverdale IB Diploma Program. For extracurriculars, I have been involved with the varsity golf team and I have an internship with the Lee County School District. After high school, I hope to pursue a career in Journalism and I'm excited to get some experience by working on the Raider Record!



**Kailey Natella
Sr. Editor**

I am a senior in the Riverdale IB Diploma Program. This is my first year with the Raider Record and I'm excited to see where it takes me. I've been apart of an internship at the Lee County School District for two years and after school I plan on pursuing a career as a traveling video journalist.