



Welcome IB Community to the 2010 -2011 School Year

The International Baccalaureate Parent Association (IBPA) includes all families whose students are enrolled in the pre-IB and IB Diploma Program.

The IBPA has a four-fold mission:

- To *inform* the IB community about the IB program at DMHS. We typically communicate through our website www.dmibpa.org and our Parent Education Evenings;
- To *support* the IB program through fundraising, teacher appreciation events and proctoring of IB exams;
- To *connect* the IB community by hosting informal events such as international dinners and parent to parent meetings;
- To *recognize* students, teachers and administrators at the Recognition Event held in May.

The mission of the IBPA is carried out through a volunteer work force. The IBPA is as strong as the volunteers make it. To date, we have had hard-working, committed volunteers who have supported the program, advocated for its continued growth and met teacher requests for supplemental materials.

Two years ago, through the dedication of two volunteers the IBPA created a website. The website is an excellent source for all kinds of information and answers. It is updated regularly and is current on IB events. Please take advantage of its contents and sign up for informational emails.

The IBPA will have a table staffed with knowledgeable volunteers during registration. Please stop by with questions or just to introduce yourself.

Our first Parent Education Night is scheduled for Sept 1st. This is an excellent opportunity to hear from our administrators, meet the IBPA Executive Board and get your questions answered.

All of us who will serve this year on the IBPA Board are dedicated to the program and its continued success. We ask our whole community to join us this year in our programs, our volunteer tasks and in getting to know one another.

Anne H. Gray
2010-2011 IBPA Chair

"The IB Program's emphasis on independent thought, in-depth analysis and strong writing skills prepared me for the rigors of college coursework and instilled a personal dedication to intellectualism." Paul Gray DMHS 2007