**The IB Programme FAQ’s**

***What is the IB Programme?***

* IB stands for International Baccalaureate, a challenging academic program for students in grade 11 and 12.
* The IB Programme at Kenner offers a specialized enriched curriculum unique in Peterborough which is internationally-minded and interdisciplinary.
* The IB is a KPR Board-supported programme and students are guaranteed busing if they live within Peterborough County.

***What does an IB Diploma consist of?***

* The IB philosophy promotes academic roundedness. As such, there are IB courses in **6** subject areas: English, French, Humanities, Sciences, Mathematics and Arts.
* Students take a critical thinking course called the Theory of Knowledge which addresses the question ***“How do you know what you know?”***
* The IB features an enhanced community leadership component called Creativity Action and Service (CAS) of approximately 150 hours.
* With support from specially-trained faculty, students write a mini-thesis of 4000 words called the Extended Essay in a subject matter of the students own design.

***Describe the Pre-IB Programme?***

* Students gradually become familiar with the skills and challenges of IB by being exposed to these during grades 9 and 10.
* Students are streamed in their IB prep subjects and enjoy electives as well.
* Students are surrounded by like-minded peers who love learning and inspire each other.
* Students who complete the pre-IB program have two extra years in enriched classrooms which serves as a foundation for their entire secondary experience.

***Mark These Dates***

**IB Open House “Be IB for a Day”**

Thursday, November 16th Thursday, December 7th

*Hear what IB is all about Spend a day in the unique IB Programme*

6:00 pm -- 8:00 pm in Kenner library 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Kenner (**Lunch provided**)

705-743-2181 x 259 705-743-2181 x 259 to RSVP



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***What Courses are available in IB?***

* The IB Programme at Kenner offers internationally-respected, advanced University preparation in the following subjects: English Literature, French, World History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Visual Art. *NEW: Dance and Film Studies joined in 2016!!*

***What are the advantages of IB?***

* Preferred program placement in many universities.
* Transfer credits exempt students from first-year courses: valued at $1500-$2000 apiece.
* Advanced consideration for scholarships and bursaries.
* Lifelong skills in thinking, critical analysis, writing, speaking and community leadership.
* Global competency in a highly competitive international economy.

***How does IB French Compare to Immersion?***

* ***Favourably.*** IB Graduates develop advanced skills in French, both oral and written, along with a rich understanding of the French diaspora. Kenner IB French students consistently score well above the world IB average, with competitive results on independent measures such as DELF.

***How does IB compare to AP?***

* ***IB is superior***. With its interdisciplinary focus, subjects are not taught in isolation. Students emerge with a more complex understanding of their disciplines, and how disciplines interact.

**Can students with IEP’s apply to the IB Programme? What about ELL students?**

* **Yes.** Allaccommodations in a student’s IEP are respected in the IB Programme at Kenner.
* **Yes**. The IB Programme includes students who speak 19 languages other than English and French; language accommodations are available for these students to thrive in IB.

**How do I apply?**

* You need a copy of your recent report card, a letter of reference from a current teacher, a sample of a piece of writing and samples of a recent Unit test in Math and Science.
* Go to our website, or call Peter Mullins, our IB Coordinator, at 705-743-2181 x 259 for an application. ***Deadline for applications is Friday, January 26th 2018.***

**To find out more, contact*: Peter Mullins, IB Programme Coordinator***

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