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Dear 12th Grade Families,

Well, this is it - senior year! We are thrilled to work with your child and support them in all endeavors as they work towards their post-graduation goals. The IA has some unique policies and procedures that are in place to ensure the long-term success of our students. Your student will again receive the IA Student Guidebook which outlines all of these policies and procedures. Given its detailed nature, the counseling department has highlighted some of the major points below to ensure you are fully informed, but hope you read the whole guidebook.

Senior Focus-

College & Career Planning:

College applications are now requiring much of your student's free time. Please encourage your student to continue to utilize all of the resources in SCOIR - all college information is in SCOIR's My Drive in the College Information Folder. Take the guesswork out of the application process by checking the documents and then asking questions if there is any uncertainty. Students have been encouraged to wait to submit applications until the first group meeting with the counselor in August. Be aware of deadlines. Plan to attend the Financial Aid evening program on September 18th (7pm at Okma campus). Students will commit to their college choice by May 1. Students are required to complete their career exploration inventory as part of their career mentorship enrichment and save at least 3 career options. These can be accessed through the Career Profile of their SCOIR account.

Standardized Testing:

Unless a student is retaking the ACT/SAT, the only standardized tests this year are the IB Exams in May. **Students should be sure to send ACT/SAT test scores directly from the testing organization to the colleges to which they apply, unless the college accepts self-reported scores (don't wait on this step).**

IB Requirements:

Students will continuously work on their IB Courses. Students will work on CAS experiences & reflections through March 15th. Seniors will pick their SL/HL exam subjects and pay for their IB tests early in the first semester. Please refer to Mrs. Juco for IB related questions.

Grading Policies:

Please familiarize yourself with both the Grading Policy and the Failure and Low Grade Policy sections in the guidebook.

If you have questions about anything listed above, please contact your counselor.

Sincerely,

Brigid Piagentini, Counselor



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