

May 30, 2017

Dear IB Family,

As we finish strong and successfully complete another year of school, I am so proud of the work, the passion and the character of our students and faculty. Year after year, the IB community of learners continues to excel in the tradition of excellence that is the hallmark of the world-class Riverview IB education. I want to thank our teachers and our support staff that work tirelessly in support of our children; the IBPO for being an integral part of our leadership, advisement and fund-raising efforts; and the administrative support for giving us the resources we need to forge ahead in promoting the IB education in its totality.

Please use the time this summer to enjoy family and friends, to relax and also to reflect on the many accomplishments of this past year as well as the disappointments and opportunities for improvement. Summertime is a wonderful time to re-center, to focus and to continue to search out the things of which each of us is so passionate. For me, those passions are traveling, cooking, music and reading.

As in past years, summer is also a time to think critically about our studies and also to do some pre-school reading and viewings that will allow you to continue to think about those important IB topics that you have studied in the past or will be studying in the future. These summer "assignments" are available on our website (riverviewib.com). As in the past, students are expected to have these completed by the opening of school as teachers will engage students in conversation, dialogue, presentations and reflective writing within the first week or so of school. Of particular importance this summer is the "Summer Learner Profile Reflection Project." All pre-IB and IB students, grades 9-12, will complete this. What a wonderful way to open our year with mentorship and dialogue between our upper-classmen and our Pre-IB students! Please pay close attention to forthcoming information about orientation (dates and times). IB students will complete their orientation on the third floor of building five by handing in the following items:

- A signed copy of the honor code for all students will be required to pick your new schedule.
- **Seniors** must also turn in a paper copy of their extended essay as well as have a copy uploaded to Managebac with two extended essay reflections completed. This is mandatory, and it is required to pick up your schedule.

IB and Pre-IB parents, I cannot stress to you the importance of joining our IB Parent Organization. This is a wonderful way to have your voice heard, to be kept aware of the superlative things going on in Riverview IB, and to lend a helping hand as part of our family in supporting all of our kids. Membership applications are available online at riverviewib.com, or you can sign up on orientation day. This is so, so important for our program!

To my wonderful IB colleagues, our supportive parents and our extraordinary students, I am wishing you a most wonderful summer. If you are traveling this summer, I wish you safe travels. If you are staying home, enjoy all of the beauty and amenities that our wonderful Sarasota community has to offer.

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