

IB-MYP Update

October 2020

It's great to see students back on campus! You'll never get them to admit they missed us, but we know they did. We missed them too!

Last year we began our school year focusing on an Approach to Learning (ATL) skill that is a necessity throughout one's life: **Self-Management, Organization**. As we adjust to being back on campus and not having access to teachers when we're home, the need for students to be organized is once again a focus.

Progress Reports went out last week. You can access your student's progress report via the dropdown menu (Home Access Center) under the parent tab on the school website. Once logged in, you'll need to select "grades" and then Interim Progress Report (IPR). This is a snapshot of where your student stood *at that moment in time*. You can see updated grades under the classes tab.

You might be congratulating your student on being organized and meeting deadlines. Or, you might be confirming just how important it is for your student to stay organized. Either way, organization will remain a focus of ours as we adjust to our new schedule and work our way through October. We have developed a few expectations for **managing time and tasks effectively**:

- **Keep and use a weekly planner for assignments.** All students received a school planner when the year started. You can support your student's organization by asking to see their planner from time to time. Assignments should be listed for each subject area as a way to keep track of what is expected during "at home" work time. Remember, teachers are not available to answer questions when your student is at home. Referring to a well kept planner can be a great advantage.
- **Bring necessary equipment and supplies to class.** Students are expected to bring their chromebooks to school, fully charged, each day unless otherwise noted. Their planner and other supplies should also come to school each day.
- **Meet deadlines.** Teachers are supporting students in knowing when assignments are due. In many cases, this information can also be found on Google Classroom and/or on your teacher's website. Additionally, teachers are asking students to record assignments in their planners. If you are noticing missing assignments, please remind students to refer to their planner, Google Classroom and/or their teacher's website to access the work.

Please let us know how we can support your student in being organized. We are looking forward to a very productive school year.