



Falcon News

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IB Learner Profile trait -

Knowledgeable

They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they inquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Activities for Parents

Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it:

- “Why do you think that is an important thing to know about?”
- “Can you think of anything happening in the world today that might be similar to that aspect of History?”

Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate.

NutriKids

NutriKids will begin in February 2011, any students with a lunch balance WILL NOT be able to go through the line. The system will not allow the charge to go through if your student has a balance in their account.

All students lunch accounts must be current in order to get a meal.

Please make sure these balances are clear by the middle of January 2011.

Sincerely, Elena

What is the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)?

It is an internationally recognized education program designed to challenge 6th-10th grade students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to participate as active and responsible citizens in a changing world.

Williams Preparatory is in the process of becoming an IB World School authorized MYP campus. We submit our application April 1, 2011!

IB learners strive to be:

- inquirers
- knowledgeable
- thinkers
- communicators
- Principled
- open-minded
- caring
- risk-takers
- balanced
- reflective

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	12	13	14	15 AP Calculus Lab for Seniors
17 Martin Luther King holiday No School	18	19 Senior Financial Aid Night 6:30-7:30	20	21	22 Saturday School Science Fair Progress Reports
No Name Calling Week No Place for Hate					29
31	Williams Preparatory Parents are focused on Community and Service: many Williams parents will be attending the “Communities United Parent Rally” February 9th in Austin, Texas to support Uplift Education and Williams and grow our school communities.				

Student Updated Information

This story can fit 150-200 words.

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While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop



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and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So,

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Inside Story Headline

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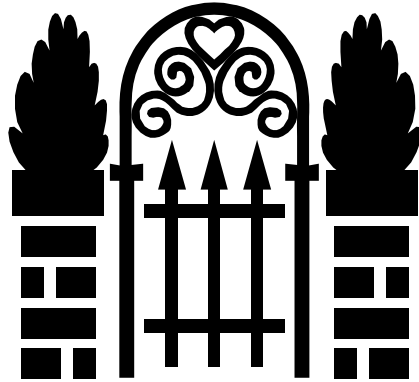
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IB MYP Curriculum

The **MYP curriculum** contains eight subject groups together with a core made up of five areas of interaction. The subjects include two languages, humanities, technology, mathematics, arts, science and physical education.

The areas of interaction are:

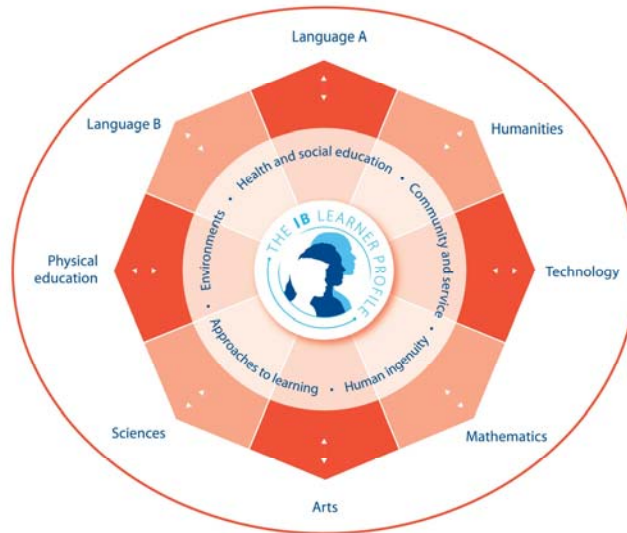
Approaches to Learning: Teachers provide students with the tools to enable them to take responsibility for their own learning and develop an awareness of how they learn best, of thought processes and learning strategies.

Community and service: Students are required to take an active part in the communities in which they live, thereby encouraging responsible citizenship. Every **Williams Preparatory student is required to do 25 hours of community service** a year to graduate.

Human ingenuity: Students explore multiple ways the processes and products of human creativity, learning to appreciate and develop the human capacity to influence, transform, enjoy and improve the quality of life.

Environments: This area aims to develop students' awareness of their interdependencies with the environment so they understand and accept their responsibilities.

Health and social education: This area deals with physical, social and emotional health and intelligence—keys aspects of development leading to complete and healthy lives. Our wellness Fair uses this Area of Interaction to focus our students on their future health and the health of their community.



Do you have an 8th or a 9th Grader at Williams Prep - if so ask them what they are working on for their Pinnacle and Personal Project?

If you had the

time and permission to do something you've always wanted to do, what would you do? Compose your own music? Write and star in your own film? Restore a motorcycle? Organize a 10K run?

Our 8th and 9th Graders have this chance! The **MYP Pinnacle and Personal Project** is our student's opportunity to learn about and actually do what they want to do.

The ultimate purpose of the Personal Project is to provide you with a formal means to demonstrate your understanding of the **MYP Areas of Interaction (AOI)** and how they can enhance our learning and understanding of the world around us. By incorporating these skills, developed through our academic courses, the design cycle and applying the **Approaches to Learning (ATL)**, students will be demonstrating their ability to plan, research, design, create and present something that is truly their own.

Williams Preparatory Athletics and Wellness

Activity fee: student athletes participation fees are coming due for 2010-2011. Fee amount is \$25.00 per sport. Please see your head coach or Coach Mack by January 15, 2010.

Basketball: 4 weeks/games left in basketball season come out and support the Falcons and the Lady Falcons. See the basketball info board in the high school hallway.

P.E.: planning for the wellness fair has begun and this year we are working closely with summit prep to collaborate a collaborative wellness fair for Williams and Summit students that may include a tour of Cowboys stadium. Stay tuned for more details.