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Dear Parents and Guardians of Sturgis **East & West** Sophomores:

Congratulations! Your students are about to undertake the challenge of one of the most rigorous academic programs in the world, the International Baccalaureate (IB). All students in grades 11 and 12 at Sturgis take all IB courses. We would like to take an opportunity to meet with you for a primer of all things IB: The IB philosophy and vocabulary, the options in course selection and programs, and the anticipated workload and assessments.

**Please join us for a Virtual IB Parent/Guardian Information Session on the evening of Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** This is an evening designed for you to gain more insight into the exciting opportunities and expectations facing your child and to help you understand the role you play in supporting your child as they travel the educational journey through the IB program. **A brief presentation by IB Coordinators will be followed by a question and answer session with a panel of Sturgis East & West Juniors and Seniors.**

*Google Meet Video call link:* [meet.google.com/mky-hdgq-xcq](https://meet.google.com/mky-hdgq-xcq)

This meeting is for the parents/guardians of students at the East and West campuses. All sophomores will experience the same **IB Information Session in person at school during the 1st double block on the morning of March 5th at each respective campus.** All 10th graders will receive a paper copy of their course selection form at this time.

**Students are also invited to an IB EXPO at West during lunch on Thursday, March 7th and at East during lunch on Friday, March 8th.** Here, students will encounter all the course offerings as well as a CAS showcase and sample Extended Essays from our current seniors.

If you are not able to attend our virtual meeting on the evening of March 5th, please know that our presentation will be on the [Sturgis Parent/Guardian IB Website](#) and you may always reach out to your IB Coordinator with any questions. You can also take a look at the [Subject Descriptors](#) to see all courses offered at Sturgis.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,

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