

# LHS-IBPA NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Lakewood High School IBPA



**SAVE THE DATE!** Calling all LHS IB and IB Prep student (9-12) to celebrate Leap Year by playing BINGO with us. There is NO COST to play and there will be prizes given out plus concessions & Girl Scout cookies for sale. You do not want to miss this fun time! Join us on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 3:30-5:30 PM in the Lecture Center. More information coming as we get closer!

## Notes from the IB Coordinator

Happy New Year to all and welcome to our spring semester of the 2023/24 school year!

Where to even begin? A lot of amazing things have happened since our last newsletter. The middle and end of the first semester was a busy one for our IB students and teachers.

Here are just a few highlights from our semester:

- IB retreat for our Juniors and Seniors on the last day of September. The students had a lot of fun and we lucked out with an amazing sunny Colorado day. I am so thankful for our students, parent volunteers and amazing staff that made it happen.
- We had our IB Information Nights on October 16 and 17th and our student and parent panel knocked it out of the ball park. They were honest and did a great job answering questions for future IB tigers.
- As our seniors turned in their Extended Essays (EEs) they got to meet with their advisors and celebrate their amazing effort and work through their last essay interviews in the month of November.
- Our Seniors got to show off their Theory of Knowledge exhibitions to family, friends and staff in December. The creativity of our students is always so amazing to see.
- Our first round of IB Application closed and we had an amazing showing of potential 9th grade families on Saturday, December 2nd. Thank you to all of the student, parent and staff volunteers, we would not have been able to make this such a success without you.
- On January 3rd, we hosted our IB 2023 Graduates as they officially got their IB Diplomas. It was so amazing to see what these young adults pursue their dreams and study in so many different areas. They were all very happy to be back and very excited to share the impact IB has had in their lives.
- I will be meeting with Sophomores during Tiger Times at the end of January to go over the two year IB plan and IB vs. other options, so they can start thinking about their registrations for the Junior year that starts in February.



As we start our second semester I stopped to reflect on everything that our students have already accomplished and so many things still to come. I hope that everyone finds the energy to start this semester fresh and finish the year strong. A lot of decisions will be happening in the Spring semester. From two year plans for our Sophomores, to Extended Essay topic choosing for our Juniors and of course College and after high school decisions for our Seniors. I am here to answer any questions and support our students and parents as you navigate through their high school experience.

Ana Schultz  
IB Coordinator

# Popcorn Party/Calendar

## Teacher Appreciation Popcorn Party

The popcorn extravaganza on Wednesday was a huge success as teachers and staff were back in the building getting ready for our Spring Semester. It was such a treat to come back with a nice welcome from IBPA and allow for a break in the day to stop by get some popcorn and have a conversation with a colleague. Some of our staff had their own kiddos in the building that made it extra special to share some popcorn with. Thank you IBPA!



LHS Staff and Schultz, Seelbach, and LaPlant families found the popcorn!



Popcorn party!



Ms. Mark, Mrs. Belcher, Ms. Izienicki, LHS student Paige and her mom Kristan



Excitement from parent Amanda, IB Coordinator Ana Schultz and Max S., Max L. and Madi S.

## Spring Calendar

### JANUARY

- 3 – IB Diploma Ceremony for Class of 2023; LHS Auditorium; 6:00–7:00 pm
- 3 - Teacher Appreciation Popcorn Party
- 9 – Board Meeting; Zoom and LHS Lecture Center, 5:00–6:15 pm
- 9 – General Meeting; “2023 Grads Tell All”; Lecture Center; 6:30–8:00pm (for all students/parents)

### FEBRUARY

- 7 – Board Meeting; Zoom, 5:00–6:15pm
- 7 – “How to Create your Two-Year IB Plan (and How to Support your IB Students)”; Zoom, 6:30–8:00pm (geared for 10th grade students/parents)
- 29 – Leap Year Bingo, 3:30–5:30pm

### MARCH

- 1 – LHS - IBPA Scholarship Application Process Open to IB Seniors
- 6 – Board Meeting; LHS Library, 5:00–6:15pm
- 13 – IBPA Fundraiser at Chipotle, 4:00–8:00pm at Wadsworth/Belmar
- 18 to 22 – Spring Break

**The LHS-IBPA Scholarship Application Process Opens to IB Seniors on March 1!**

# Board and General Meetings

## LHS-IBPA Board

**Board Chair:** Ann Koerner

**Secretary:** Kim Hughes

**Treasurer:** Carolyn Last

**Treasurer Oversight:**

Mettet Karpinski

**Fundraising:** Michele Short &

Mettet Karpinski

**IB Secretary:** Joann Giusto

**IB Coordinator:** Ana Schultz

## Committee Chairs

**Exam Proctors Coordination:**

Bretton Utz

**Library Program:** Sheri Visani

**Marketing/Corporate Sponsors:**

Sue Ferrere

**Membership:** Jennifer Matteson

**Newsletter/ Website:** Jessica Seybold

**Scholarship:** Carol Fabbri &

Meredith Johnson

**Senior Banquet:** Liz Schneringer &

Mary Lou Mobley

**Social and Special Events:**

Lisa Hughes

**Social Media:** Rebecca Katzer &

Deanna Benzenberg

**Staff Appreciation/ Hospitality:**

Amanda McCord-Icaza &

Kristan Gundel

## Community Rewards

**King Soopers:** Amy Swanson &

Suzanne Hoffman

**RaiseRight:** Leonor Ortega-Till

## Class Advocates

**2024:** Nancy Dempsey

**2025:** Susan Miller-Youll

**2026:** John Martin

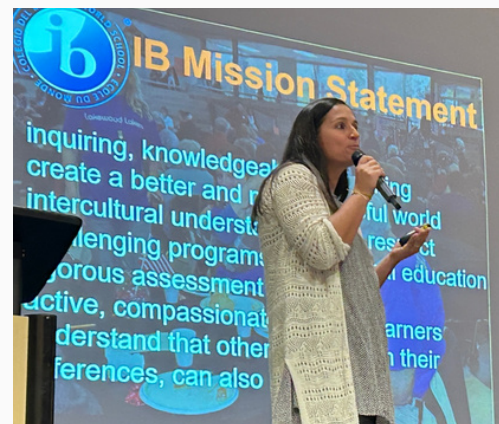
**2027:** Sarah Bromiel

## Upcoming LHS-IBPA Meetings

[VIEW RECENT SESSIONS](#)

- **Jan 9 - General Meeting; "2023 Grads Tell All"; 6:30-8:00pm, (all parents/students welcome), LHS Lecture Center**
  - Our meeting topic was "2023 Grads Tell All." We had an informative and fun evening as our grads shared their experiences and reflections on IB with our current families. If you missed the event, you can view the "Grads Tell All" here: <https://youtu.be/PNxpGKFdu6E>
- **Feb 7 – General Meeting: "How to Create your Two-Year IB Plan (and How to Support your IB Students)"; 6:30-8:00 pm (geared for 10th grade students/parents), Zoom**
  - Our February IBPA Monthly Meeting topic is "How to Create your Two-Year IB Plan (and How to Support your IB Students)." While all are welcome to attend, this is directed especially towards 10th grade students and parents getting ready to embark on their IB journey. Join us on Wed, Feb. 7h at 6:30pm on Zoom for valuable information on how to be successful with the Lakewood IB program!

We are excited about all of the potential IB Lakewood Tigers that we met during our Information Nights! Thanks to all parents and students who provided such great information!



# 2023 IB Diploma Ceremony

## A huge congratulations to the Lakewood High School IB graduates of 2023!



Welcome to IB Diploma Ceremony - Ana Schultz



Amazing turn out!



Families of IB graduates



IB Class of 2023 graduates lining up to get their well-earned diplomas



IB graduates



Thank you IBPA for a wonderful spread



IB 2023 graduates and their families



Refreshments to catch up with friends

# IB Retreat

On Friday, September 29th, our Juniors and Seniors enjoyed the IB Retreat presented by the IBPA!



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# Raise Right

## IB/AP TESTING FEES + IBPA FUNDRAISER



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Download the RaiseRight app and use our IBPA enrollment code: **E55D914764982**







Email our coordinator Sue Ferrere at [lhsibpa.shopwithscrip@gmail.com](mailto:lhsibpa.shopwithscrip@gmail.com) with your parent and student's name and grade or any questions.



### Check your King Soopers Card Balance

You should receive a family number when you submit your earnings from King Soopers. Look in the list below and find the balance next to your family number. This balance will include rewards earned on all of your cards and expenses from all of your cards. The table below is right side of the frame below to scroll down.

Family Number	Starting Balance June 2018	Rewards Earned by gift card (ended 3/31/19)	KS Community Rewards earned since 4/1/19	Shop With Scrip Earnings (minus 10% contribution to scholarship fund)	Reimbursements since June 2018	Balance
16	\$358.88	\$495.00	\$567.14	\$11.70	\$1,250.00	\$212.72
22	\$53.00	\$292.75	\$208.86	\$0.00	\$532.02	\$22.59
32	\$88.50	\$30.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$118.75	\$0.00
34	\$125.50	\$75.00	\$244.45	\$0.00	\$399.08	\$45.87
40	\$40.50	\$180.00	\$123.24	\$0.00	\$343.74	\$0.00
95	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$202.20	\$29.25	\$723.69	\$32.76

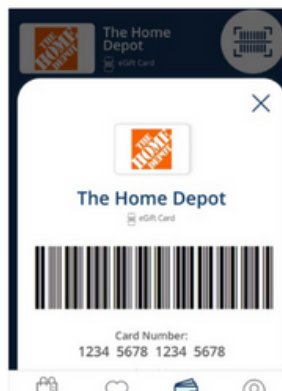
-  Old Navy  
Earn **14%**
-  Outback Steakhouse  
Earn **10%**
-  Chipotle Mexican Grill  
Earn **10%**
-  Lowe's  
Earn **4%**
-  Sephora  
Earn **5%**
-  Under Armour  
Earn **11%**

## HOW IT WORKS:

- Buy an eGift card from 750+ stores in the RaiseRight app, earning up to 20% rebate.
- We only support eGift cards, no physical cards.
- Use the eGift card instantly from the app or save it for a later purchase.
- Earn money in your family's balance account. IBPA website balances are updated monthly.

Earn money towards your child's IB/AP test fees and help IBPA fundraise with no cost to you and not selling anything!

Example:  
Buy \$100 eGift w/10% rebate.  
Use your \$100 at the store or online.  
Earn \$9 for your IBPA test fees (90%)  
Earn \$1 for IBPA scholarship fund (10%).



**Pro Tip:**  
Pay with a linked checking account for minimal \$0.29 fee.

Buy multiple eGift cards in one transactions.

Buy the eGift card while in line to pay at the store.

Save the Date!



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**IB SENIOR BANQUET  
HOSTED BY LHS-IBPA**

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

**5:00-9:00 PM**

# It's always a Great Day to be an (IB) Tiger!

## Join the LHS-IBPA!

Now you can easily sign up for IBPA membership online! Simply go to our new [website](#), and use our secure online-payment system. You can also pay for your membership via Infinite Campus in your students fee account.

Our modest dues enable the LHS - IBPA to help Lakewood's renowned IB program in many significant ways. So if you're not already a member, please join today. The LHS - IBPA is a 501(c)3 organization - Tax ID Number 46-1450238.

Special Note to Families of Seniors: For your senior to be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the LHS - IBPA in the spring of graduation year, a parent or guardian must be a member by April 15th of that year.

Your \$20 IBPA membership goes a long way each year!  
Thanks for making a difference!



## IBPA Benefits

A benefit for LHS-IBPA Members Only! Did you know you can effortlessly earn contributions to defray your student's AP and IP test exams?

The LHS - IBPA is pleased to offer two programs for member to earn credit towards IB and AP testing fees while also supporting the organization. 10% of the overall donations from both programs will be allocated to the LHS-IBPA general fund and you must be a member of the LHS - IBPA to take advantage of this opportunity!

- Click [here](#) for information on Kings Soopers
- Click [here](#) for information for RaiseRight. Please use RaiseRight enrollment code E55D914764982.







# Resources

## Stay connected with LHS-IBPA on social media!

- Facebook Page: We have created a [Facebook page](#) that shares reminders and helpful information for upcoming IBPA meetings and events. Like us on Facebook @LakewoodIBPA
- Facebook Group: We also have a private [Facebook Group](#) if you're more comfortable asking questions or getting advice that is only seen by members in the group, your fellow IBPA parents, both new and experienced. Join the group here or search for Lakewood IBPA Parents.
- Instagram: [Our Instagram](#) @LakewoodIBPA account shares IBPA reminders and information, similar to our Facebook page.
- LinkedIn: Connect with the [Lakewood IBPA professional community](#) by following Lakewood High School IBPA and add Lakewood IB students, alumni, and families to your growing network. We look forward to connecting with you!

To strengthen support for IB and IB prep families, we have added resource links to the newsletter. We hope they will come in handy. If you have a link you would like to recommend, please submit it to [lakewoodibpa@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodibpa@gmail.com).

## Mental Health

- [Robbie's Hope](#)
- [The Second Wind Fund](#)
- [Colorado Wellness Center for Girls](#)
- [Colorado Crisis Services](#)

## College Planning/Career Readiness

- [Going Merry](#)
- [IB Scholarships](#)
- [Lakewood High School Counseling](#)
- [Naviance: Student Success](#)
- [National Association for College Admission Counseling](#)

## Student Aid

- [Student Aid Assistance](#)

## International Baccalaureate Organization

- [Lakewood High School IB](#)
- [About the IB](#)

## Gifted and Talented

- [Jefferson County Gifted and Talented](#)
- [Terry Bradley, M.A. - Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children](#)

## Stress Management

- [Manage Stress through Mindfulness](#)

## Lakewood IBPA Scholarships

**Since the IBPA Scholarship was started 10 years ago, 65 LHS IB Students have received scholarships!**

This merit-based scholarship is a valuable way to offset part of college financial needs. Here is important information for parents and students.

- For students: The scholarship application can be submitted between March 1st and April 15th this year.
- For parents: There are several ways to get involved in this great program - as a donor, sponsor and/or as a reviewer.
- Donors can go to: <http://tinyurl.com/LHS2024Scholarship> to make donation. (As a 501(c)3 organization, your contribution may qualify for a tax deduction.)
- Potential sponsors should reach out to [ibpascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ibpascholarships@gmail.com) to learn more about this great opportunity.
- We welcome reviewers to join our team and help identify the talented students who will receive the 2024 LHS IBPA Scholarship. It's a low time commitment way to make a difference in the lives of some young achievers (and spend an evening with a great group).