

# LHS-IBPA NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Lakewood High School IBPA

IB Information Nights in the Lakewood High School Auditorium from 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday October 16th and Tuesday October 17th.

## IB COORDINATOR NOTES

Welcome back IB Tigers!

It has been so amazing to see all of our returning students get settled in the new year and also welcome to all of our 9th graders. I want to wholeheartedly welcome our new IB prep 9th graders and a few 10th and 11th graders who have joined our LHS family and IB. This time of the year is always so busy for all of us, whether it is sports, activities, performing arts, deadlines or just simply the process of getting back in the swing of things after a summer break.



- Our IB seniors and some juniors are starting to work on their Internal Assessments and have already registered for the IB exams. Parents can expect information on test fees in the next few weeks.
- Seniors submitted their Extended Essays on September 18th which is such an amazing accomplishment! Congrats!
- We are also excited to offer all LHS seniors a “no new homework week” Oct. 14-19th so they can work on college applications/post high school plans just in time for the Colorado Free Application Days: Oct. 17-19.
- IB Juniors are working hard in their first year of the Diploma program. Mrs. Shackett, our CAS coordinator, went into IB 11 English classes a couple of weeks ago to share information about what to expect in the Diploma program and CAS requirements. All parents, please join us for the Oct. 4th IBPA general meeting where we will talk about IB and College Applications. We will have a panel of former students, current Senior parents, a College Admissions Counselor and our own counselors that will go over the process of College application and how IB fits in it.
- We have our annual IB retreat for our juniors and seniors on Sept. 29th, and are looking forward to the team building at Addenbrooke Park.
- Please follow us @lakewood\_ib. To share pictures, DM @lakewood\_ib.
- IB Junior/Senior Google classrooms and Remind messages- This is one of the best ways for me to communicate with our IB students. Please ask your Junior/Senior student if they have joined:
- IB Senior (class of 2024) google classroom join code: wzrkjx
- IB Junior (class of 2025) google classroom join code: 3v6kkdb
- Class of 2024 Remind join code: @db8649
- Class of 2025 Remind join code: @k8fed9

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to working with all of you this year!

Best regards,  
Ana Schultz  
IB Coordinator

# Words from the Chair

## FROM THE CHAIR

Dear IB and IB-Prep Families,

I'm excited about this coming 2023-2024 LHS school year for many reasons! 3Ms - Meetings, helping families earn Money for test fees, and Marketing!

### General IBPA Meetings

We've simplified our general meeting calendar this year and decided to focus on the most important topics based on your feedback. Please save the dates; all meetings start at 6:30pm in the LHS Lecture Center. Parents and students are all welcome!



- Wed, Oct. 4th: "IB and College." Hear how to best support your student as they start thinking about college or start applying to college. Our panelists include experienced LHS IB parents, LHS high school counselor, a former college admissions officer, and recent IB graduates. Email any questions in advance to [lakewoodibpa@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodibpa@gmail.com).
- Wed, Jan. 10th: "Grads Tell All." Welcome back to some of our graduated IB Class of 2023 - come hear their reflections on their IB education, now that they've completed their first semester of college. You won't want to miss hearing these very honest opinions from these young adults and see if it's worth the hard work! (spoiler: it is!)
- Wed, Feb. 7th: "Create Your Two-Year IB Plan." This meeting is geared towards 10th grade families and students as you navigate from pre-IB honor classes to the formal [IB Diploma pathway](#). We'll also provide a refresher to the fun IB acronyms and highlight key milestones. We've received great feedback on the information presented in this meeting.

### Amazing IBPA Volunteers

We have an amazing group of IBPA volunteers, many returning and many new faces. This is a resourceful, productive, and fun team! Our mission is to empower students, support the faculty, and promote academic excellence. I am grateful for everyone and will highlight a few programs already in progress:

- Our 4th Annual Chalk Festival wouldn't happen without our coordinator Lisa Hughes - thank you! It's open to all LHS students and a nice way to spend the late afternoon sunshine, having fun.
- Earn FREE rebate \$\$\$ for IB/AP Test Fees with our RaiseRight program. The total cost of your test fees will range around ~\$1,000 over 4 years. It's how I've paid for my kids' test fees. While shopping or paying for dinner, I'll buy, say a \$100 eGift card to pay for it and earn \$10-\$15 towards my test fee balance. Start NOW - the testing bill comes due in November. Our IBPA RaiseRight enrollment code is: E55D914764982. Use e-gift cards only, no physical gift cards. Instructions can be found on our [website](#). Thank you Leonor Ortega-Till for managing this program!
- We host four Teacher/Staff Appreciation events for all LHS staff during the year. This is in addition to the PTSA appreciation on parent-teacher conferences, because they deserve all the love! Thank you Amanda Icaza-McCord and Kristan Gundal for organizing!

### Marketing Efforts

We are making an effort to spread the word about our excellent Lakewood IB Program, starting with our IB Info Night on Oct. 16 and 17. The #1 method that families learn about our IB program is word of mouth so we need your help to share how great this program is!

A few highlights::

- Academic rigor
- Lots of electives, sports, clubs and activities
- Exceptional performing arts and music program
- Largest IB Diploma program in Jefferson County
- Over 95% IB Diploma pass rate
- Coordinated, supportive teaching staff
- Integrated into the LHS "We are family" vibe

We have a new website URL - [www.lakewoodibpa.org](http://www.lakewoodibpa.org) (thank you Jessica Seybold!). Please also follow us on Facebook and Instagram: [@LakewoodIBPA](#)

Feel free to reach out anytime. Thank you for your support and participation!

Ann Koerner  
LHS-IBPA Chair 2023-2024  
[lakewoodibpa@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodibpa@gmail.com)

# Board and Calendar

## 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

## Fall Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 – Board Meeting; LHS Library, 5:00 - 6:15pm (Wednesday)
- 6 – General Meeting; LHS Lecture Center, “IBPA Welcome and 5 Best IB Practices”; 6:30-8:00 pm (all parents/students are welcome)
- 20 – Social Event: LHS Chalk Festival
- 29 – IB Junior/Senior retreat – Addenbrooke Park

### OCTOBER

- 4 – Board Meeting; LHS Library, 5:00pm - 6:15 pm (Wednesday)
- 4 – General Meeting; “IB and College, Experienced IB Parents Panel”; 6:30-8:00pm, (all parents/students welcome), LHS Lecture Center
- 6 - Staff Appreciation - Ice Cream Social
- 16/17 – IB Information Night for Incoming 9th Graders and Parents; 6:30-8:00 pm

### NOVEMBER

- 1 – Board Meeting; LHS Library, 5:00pm - 6:15 pm (Wednesday)
- 8 or 9 – Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 20 to 24 – Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- 2 – IB Application Day for Incoming 9th Graders and Parents (Saturday)
- 6 – Board Meeting; Zoom, 5:00 - 6:15 pm
- 20 to 1-3-2024 – Winter Break

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# Tiger Prowl 2023



Thank you to all our families who chose LHS-IBPA to receive their registration amount which totaled \$640. We appreciate your support!



# 2023 Chalk Festival

Thank you to all of our 2023 Chalk Festival participants!



Winners Ren M., Adan M., and Clara M.



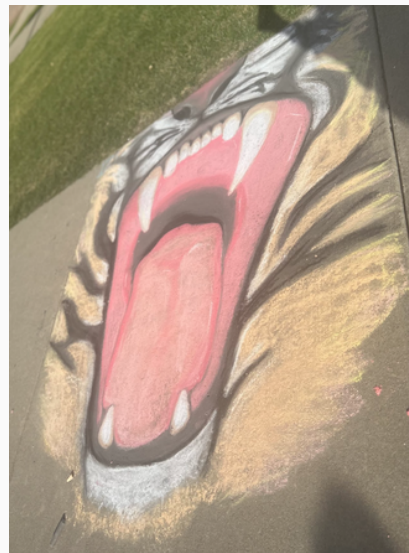
Disciplined Jump - Yun C.



The Lorax



Tigers Roar by Adan



Tiger Pride winner by Ren...  
Roar!



Barrett and her profile...most creative!



Spotting a jellyfish in the ocean!



Words to live by...courtesy of Kaitlyn H.



Clara's shadow with the help of  
her friends.



Our fearless leaders! L to R: Ana Schultz, Lisa Hughes, judge Chris Lager and volunteer Hope Mukai...thank you all!

# General Meetings

## Upcoming LHS-IBPA General Meetings

[VIEW RECENT SESSIONS](#)

### OCTOBER

- 4 - General Meeting; "IB and College, Experienced IB Parents Panel"; 6:30-8:00pm, (all parents/students welcome), LHS Lecture Center
  - Our October IBPA Monthly Meeting topic is "IB and College." All students and parents of all grades are encouraged to attend. Our panelists include a former admissions/financial aid officer, LHS counselor, LHS IB student alumni, and LHS IB parents who have survived the college admissions cycle. Join us on Wed, Oct. 4th at 6:30pm in the LHS Lecture Center for this informative session!
- 16/17 – IB Information Night for Incoming 9th Graders and Parents; 6:30-8:00 pm
  - If you know any 8th grade families, please spread the word about IB Info Night on Monday, Oct. 16th or Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 6:30pm in the LHS Auditorium. Word of mouth is the #1 way that people learn about our IB program, so we need your help! More LHS IB details can be found [here](#).

### IB INFO NIGHTS

For Incoming Freshman  
Class of 2028

**When:** October 16th and 17th

**Where:** Lakewood High School  
Auditorium

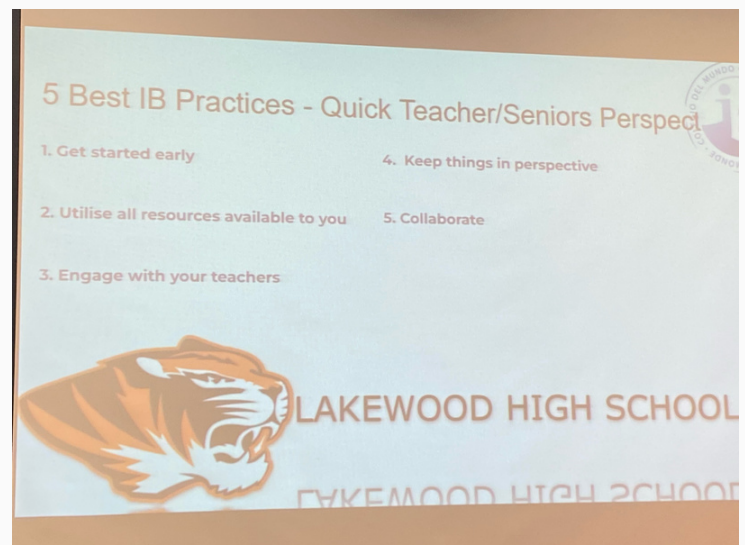
**Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM

Learn about the  
International  
Baccalaureate  
Program (IB)!

Looking for rigorous  
college prep  
program?



Thank you to all that attended and spoke at our September 6 general meeting, featuring students talking about Best IB Practices!



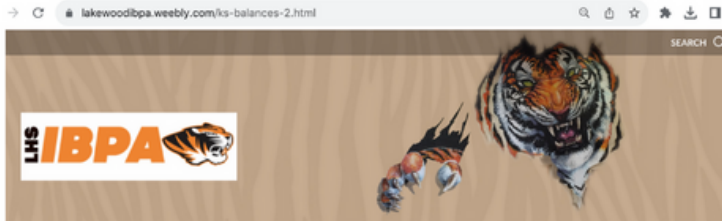
# Raise Right



RaiseRight™

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







Email our coordinator **Leonor Ortega-Till @ 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. Please do not scroll to the 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	\$597.14	\$11.70	\$1,250.00	\$212.72
22	\$93.00	\$292.75	\$208.86	\$0.00	\$632.02	\$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

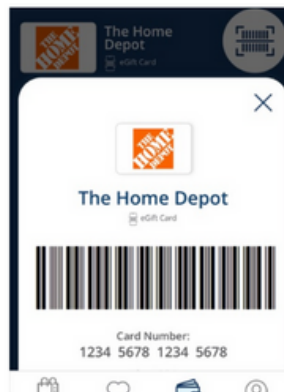
-  Old Navy  
Earn 14%
-  Outback Steakhouse  
Earn 10%
-  Chipotle Mexican Grill  
Earn 10%
-  Lowe's  
Earn 4%
-  Sephora  
Earn 5%
-  Under Armour  
Earn 11%

## 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.

# 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 February 1st 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](#)