Dear Parents and Prospective IB Student,

Renaissance High School is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.**

The IB program is about developing the whole student, helping students learn how to learn, how to analyze, how to reach conclusions about humankind, its language and literature, its ways in society, and the scientific forces of its environment. The IB Program helps to foster a kind of independence, an interdisciplinary style of thinking and questioning that creates worldly scholars and global citizens. For this reason, the IB Diploma and individual IB coursework are widely recognized by universities around the world as a symbol of academic excellence and one of the strongest educational experiences available in secondary education today.

The IB Program is geared for the student who is willing to work hard and seeks increased learning opportunities and challenge. Students who enter the Diploma Program are asked to commit to a two-year plan of study for their junior and senior years. Students may also enroll for IB courses and not pursue the diploma. These students, however, are expected to pursue the IB “course certificate” by taking the IB exams associated with the IB coursework they have completed.

For more information about the proposed IB program at Renaissance please join us for a virtual IB informational meeting June 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Please use the following link for the meeting: https://tinyurl.com/IB-Information.

Educationally yours,

Verynda Stroughter, Principal
Renaissance High School

**Mission Statement from the IB The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

** *Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org

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