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Dear Parent/Guardian of an IB Student:

Your student is currently registered in one or more International Baccalaureate classes at Chief Sealth. We applaud your student's willingness to take on the challenge of this curriculum and assessment, and we would like to be able to support each student as well as possible. Studies suggest that those who prepare for college by studying for and taking an IB exam, perform better in their college classes.

Your student should register for the end-of-course exam by Wednesday, November 4. Registration costs are \$135 for the registration fee and \$92 for each exam. If your student has registered in the Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) program, the fees are reduced by 90% making the registration fee \$13 and the exam fee \$9. If your student is not FRL, but you would like some assistance with the fees, please check that box on the registration form.

Once your student has taken the end-of-course exam in May, 2010, the grade for the exam is reported electronically in July to the student, and to any college or university the student chooses. The exam is graded on a scale of 1 to 7. The grade of 4 is passing, and a grade of 5 or better on a Higher Level exam is generally awarded college credit, although you should check with the school of choice to verify their college credit award levels.

In some courses both the Standard Level and the Higher Level exam is offered. Passing a Higher Level exam is more likely to gain your student college credit, but preparing for either level greatly benefits your student. In world language courses, three levels of testing are generally available: ab initio, Standard, and Higher Level. It is not always easy for your student to decide in November about which level will be appropriate in May, but it is extremely helpful to the administration of the exam if your student carefully considers the choice before deciding.

**Please fill out the enclosed registration form and ask your student to bring it to the Chief Sealth bookroom with a check or money order by Wednesday, November 4.** If you have questions about payment or any aspect of the exam, please contact me by phone or email as listed below.

Again, we are very pleased with your student's decision to participate in the IB program, and we hope your student enjoys a fruitful year of study and learning.

Sincerely,

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