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Dear Middle School Parent:

As the parent of an eighth grader in a Volusia County School, you may wish to consider the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program as a viable high school option for your son or daughter. IB is a pre-university program of advanced studies beginning in ninth and tenth grades with advanced preparatory classes and culminating with the actual IB courses in eleventh and twelfth grades.

Spruce Creek High School's Pre-IB/IB is designated to be a four-year program which helps motivated students reach their potential in six subject areas: English, World Language, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and a sixth IB area of choice. Due to the comprehensive and challenging nature of the curriculum, many universities and colleges offer advanced standing or credit to IB students.

To qualify for the IB Program, a student must:

- Currently be enrolled in Algebra I or Algebra II
- Complete an application no later than January 31st
- Have a 3.0 grade point average or better in academic courses in grade 8
- Present 7th grade FCAT test scores (SSS 1-5) (or other standardized test scores)
- Obtain recommendations from five teachers
- Complete an on-site essay on either Thursday, January 20th from 5:00 – 5:45 pm in the SCHS Cafeteria **OR**

Saturday, January 22nd from 9:00-9:45 am in the SCHS Auditorium. An IB presentation will be held simultaneously for interested parents

****Meeting criteria does not guarantee admission to the IB program**

IB is a “magnet program” in Volusia County and, as such, the school district currently supplies limited transportation using a depot-centralized pick-up system. Transportation services are subject to change on an annual basis.

Applications for the program are available online at www.sprucecreekhigh.com/ib. Due to staffing needs, course selection, and space considerations, we are able to accept applications through January 31st, 2011. Applications must be completed and returned to Spruce Creek High School by that date.

There will be a Spruce Creek Showcase Open House and Club Expo for the Class of 2015 on Thursday, January 20th. Prospective IB students will also have the opportunity to write the admissions essay (5:00 – 5:45 pm) while parents hear an IB program overview and speak with current IB students and parents. From 5:45 – 6:30 p.m., we will offer student-led IB seminars on a variety of topics. Enclosed you will find a list of those seminar choices. You will have time to attend any three of those listed or you may choose instead to visit specialty-area classrooms or speak with club representatives during that time. We have it all that evening!

If you would like more information, please call Spruce Creek High School at 322-6272 extension 37720. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Vicki Murphy
IB Coordinator