

# • Sixth Grade Parent Information

## What is MYP?

- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

- Expectations

1. **Fundamental Concepts**- international focus and help students understand the connection between their classes and the real world (teachers looking for connections across the curriculum, spending time planning together as subject area and across the grade levels)

2. **Learner Profile** -10 traits we'd like to foster in all of our stakeholders

3. **Quality Work**- on deeper level work with an attention to detail

4. **Culminating Project**- on deeper level work with an attention to detail

5. **Community Service**-- Only 2 hours are required of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders

- Ideally students would complete the proposal form BEFORE completing their hours, but realize they were told summer hours could count.
- Forms are located on school website under the IB MYP tab/community service. Read the steps listed there and click on the forms that are mentioned – are hyperlinks
- Cannot suggest/endorse/share information about any specific community service opportunities
- Not many rules – but what we have are all listed on the website: outside of school hours; for the benefit of people other than family members; cannot be part of a competition, for pay or for a grade
- Both forms due March 28 to humanities teacher
- Students will complete a reflection essay for a grade. Students who have not completed their community service requirement will only be able to earn partial credit.

6. **What can you do to help?**

- Share items from other countries for display by the office
- Guest speakers – forms available to help you prepare your presentation – IB MYP information page a link in the middle of that page
- Review the agenda daily & ask to see your child's work periodically to evaluate its quality.

- Help your children find ways to help others so they can complete their community service requirement.
- Remind/check with your children in February to see if they have turned in their community service forms.

## Grades

- Check grades online via Parent and Student Portal.
- Coming soon ---Homework online using the Moodle Program (via Parent Portal)
- When checking grades remember the following:

**“Z” means student was absent and can make it up.**

**“O” means student earned a “O” .**

**“X” means student was excused from this assignment.**

- Grade alert emails can be requested.

## Homework Policy

- Late homework coupons are given out once every nine weeks in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; once a semester in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade; and once a year in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - This coupon is to be used on a daily assignment, not any type of project.
- Students need to turn in their late work (using the coupon) the day after the date the assignment was due.

## Organization

- Agenda---Don't leave home or school without it!!

This is your child's lifeline.

- Folders---this is the best place to look when you have a question about your student's grade.
- Please ask your student and check their folder before contacting the teacher.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY is the KEY!**

- *Don't allow your child to become dependent on you. It is imperative that you **GUIDE** them to become an independent thinker and doer.*
- *Once they have finished their work and you have looked it over, have them put it in the back pack near the door.*

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Sports--Basketball---Boys & Girls**

**Golf**

**Tennis**

**Volleyball**

**Wrestling**

**Clubs-- Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

**Scrapbook Club**

**Competitive Teams - Chess**

**E-team**