



Denton High School

An International Baccalaureate World School

"In the Ultimate Pursuit of Excellence in Education"



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Dear DHS Class of 2018 and 2019 Full IB DP Candidates:

Our annual IB retreat will be from Thursday, May 11th to Saturday, May 13th at Charis Hills Retreat Center in Sunset, Texas. Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Thursday to eat lunch and load the bus in the bus lane so that we depart by 1:30 p.m. Please see the attached suggested packing list and keep in mind that we will be outside for a portion of each day. We will depart the camp at 10:15 a.m. on the 13th, with an approximate return time of 11:30 a.m. at Denton High.

Besides becoming acquainted with everyone who is a full-diploma candidate in the classes of 2018 and 2019, we will be risk-takers who try new activities together. We will ask that you be open-minded while learning about your IB summer homework requirements. Demonstrating your ability to be reflective, we will share the reasons we all set the goal to be "IB" and develop strategies that will help us stay focused on our IB Diploma goal! Mostly, we want you to have some fun, and have planned two full days designed with that in mind.

Several IB teachers will serve as chaperones and leaders for our retreat like Ms. Phillips from English; Mr. Rosin from art; Mr. Matthews and Mr. Curtis from social studies; Dr. Corsi from science, Christy Cooksey, MYP Coordinator and Don Place from language acquisition. You will NOT want to miss this retreat!

This event is for our class of 2018 and 2019 full-diploma candidates only and is considered a requirement. The cost is \$75 per student (checks payable to DHS IB), and includes transportation via DISD bus, 5 meals, snacks, all activities, and lodging. If the cost will prohibit you from participating, please see Mrs. Hughes as soon as possible. We need the full amount paid in full by April 24th. Please plan ahead with your teachers in order to get assignments in advance for 4th and 5th block on Thursday the 11th (A day) and all day Friday, May 13th (B day). I will turn in a field-trip notice to Mrs. Rivers so that you are coded correctly for attendance. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me know *immediately* so the chefs at Charis Hills can plan accordingly.

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 940-369-2238 or at bhughes@dentonisd.org. I am very proud of you all for accepting the challenge to be a part of our prestigious Denton High School IB Diploma Program.

Regards,

Beth Hughes

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Charis Hills Packing List

Linens

- twin bed sheets or sleeping bag
- pillow with pillow case
- blanket
- shower towel & washcloth
- beach towel

Personal items

- Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, deodorant
- Flashlight
- Two complete changes of clothing (shorts should be school appropriate)
- Jacket
- Swimsuit
- Night clothes/pajamas
- Tennis shoes and socks
- Flip flops
- Insect repellent and sunscreen. We will be outside some.
- Plastic water bottles—3-6 recommended. Some don't like the well water offered at Charis Hills. We will have water and tea at lunch and dinner. Breakfast will also have juice and coffee.

School Backpacks need to be left at school!

- We have limited space on the school bus for luggage, so we will leave backpacks at school. You can get them on Saturday when we return.
- Pack in the smallest overnight bag you can manage. Some of our luggage will be under our seats on the bus.