

# ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

August 9, 2025

# Welcome SPHS IB Class of 2029



Mrs. Darlene Lebo – SPHS Principal

Mrs. Latina Johnson – IB Guidance Counselor

Ms. Shahlaine Kaur Barrett– SPHS AP, IB Coordinator

Ms. Caitlin Gryder – IB Secretary

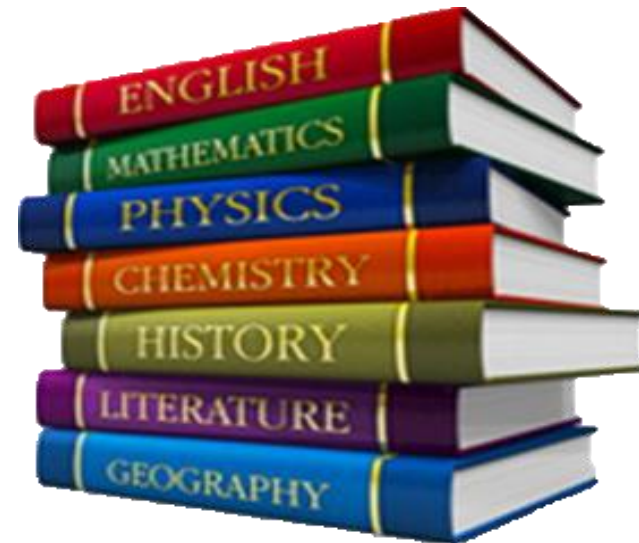
# Important Things to Know

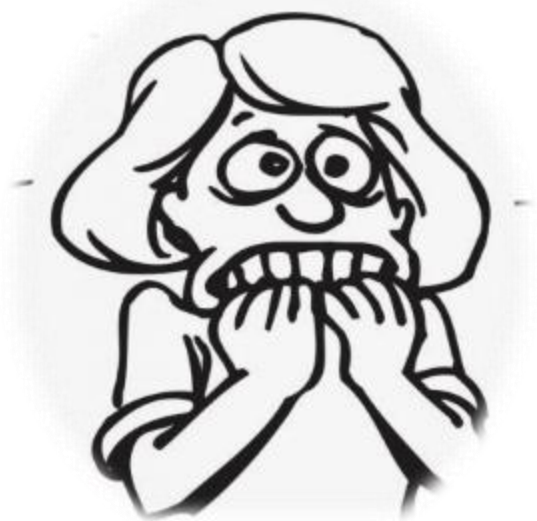
SPHS Code of Conduct

**KNOW THE RULES!**



IB Academics





KEEP CALM  
and you will  
SURVIVE THE  
FIRST DAY OF  
HIGH SCHOOL

# First Day of School

## What do you wear?

- Please refer to SPHS Dress Code

## Where do I go?

- Homeroom- Rooms are posted throughout campus.

## What do I eat?

- Breakfast is free, bring lunch or school lunch is free

## What to bring?

- Backpack with basic supplies





# IB Academics

- Bell Schedule (7:25-1:55pm)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Graders will take 7 classes
    - 3 Blocked Classes
      - English, Biology and History
    - 5 Regular “Skinny” Classes
      - Geometry, World Language, Approaches to Learning, and an Elective



# BELL SCHEDULE

Blocks	Periods	Start/End	Minutes	Minutes
1/2	1	7:25-8:12	47	104
	2	8:17-9:09**	52	
3/4	3	9:14-10:01	47	99
	4	10:06-10:53	47	
5	5	10:58-11:45	47	47
LUNCH		11:45-12:15	30	30
6/7	6	12:15-1:02	47	100
	7	1:07-1:55	48*	



# EXAMPLE PRE-SPIB SCHEDULE

	A Day	B Day	C Day
1	English	History	Biology
2			
3	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
4	Elective	Elective	Elective
5			
6	ATL	ATL	ATL
7	Math	Math	Math

# Unpacking your Schedule (#1)

Period	Rotation Days	Course
01 01	ABC	IB APPROACH TO LRNG
02 02	ABC	FL PRE-IB FRENCH 2
03 03	ABC	GEO HON
04 04	ABC	DIGITAL INFO TECH
05 05	ABC	PERS CAR SCH DEV 1
06 07	A	FL PRE-IB BIO 1
06 07	B	AP WORLD HIST:MODERN
06 07	C	FL PRE-IB ENG 2

Teacher	Room	Term
RIOUX, BETTY	01-204	Full Year
VANNESTE, LAURENT	01-205	Full Year
TRUNK, JONATHAN	01-152	Full Year
POGORELC, EDWARD	04-314	Full Year
SCUSSEL, ELIZABETH	01-232	Full Year
VINCIGUERRA, BRITTANY	04-119	Full Year
DURHAM, AUDREY	01-227	Full Year
BENTON, RODNEY	01-223	Full Year

Periods 1, 2, 3 and 4 are  
single period "skinnies"

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06 07	C	FL PRE-IB ENG 2

Period 5 is either DS or  
an extra block meeting

Block classes meet  
during period 6 & 7

- Bio on A-day
- History on B-day
- English on C-day

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri
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# School Safety – Mr. Ron Hemmingway

## Leaving Campus

- *Students must get a pass to leave campus.*
- *Please plan in advance when possible*

### PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause \_\_\_\_\_

Leave at \_\_\_\_\_

Excused      Non-Excused

By \_\_\_\_\_

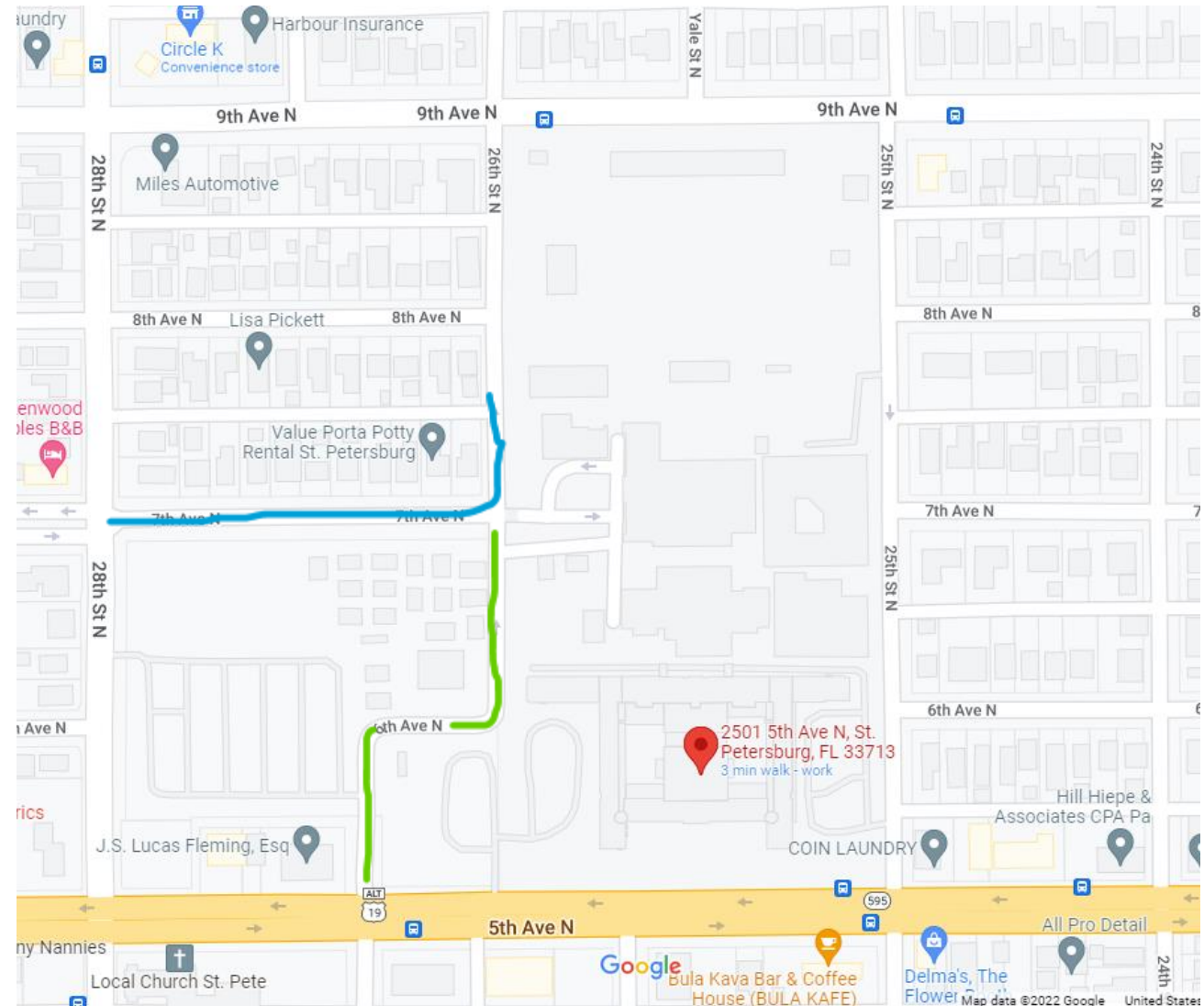
Permit Returned \_\_\_\_\_

(This excuse is good only for day issued)

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## Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off

- Parents can use:
  - Devils Drive
  - 7th Ave. to 26t St.





# Honor Code

SPHS IB Students are expected to maintain the highest standard of academic and personal integrity.

- Malpractice- Behavior that results in gaining an unfair advantage.
- Attendance- Students should attend every class, everyday.
- Dismissal- Students will be dismissed for serious disciplinary infractions.



# Academic Guidelines

Membership in the IB program is a privilege. Academic and behavior standards are necessary.

- Students must maintain a 2.69 GPA to stay in the program.
  - Anytime a student falls below the minimum GPA they will receive an “academic alert”, be placed on a success plan, and provided an academic advisor.
- Dismissal, End of the Year
  - Less than a 2.69 GPA OR
  - An F in an EOC course OR
  - More than one D in an academic class.



# IB Support Systems



## Multiple Stakeholders

Coordinator, Counselor,  
Teachers



## Study/Tutor Time

Diploma Support, Lunch,  
Before & After School tutoring



## Academic Advisors

Success plans and individual  
meetings

# Final Points for Students

ManageBac

Get Involved and Connected!

Hints for success

Process for computers

## Growth Mindset

- Rethink how students learn
- Students will have questions and need to ask for help
- Ask your students questions about what they are learning and have them set goals

## Trust the Process

- What happens if your student doesn't get an A?
- How do you know if this program is right for your student?

# Transitioning to HS and IB



# How parents can help

Know the resources offered and encourage students to take advantage of them.

Get and stay connected

- Managebac, Focus, email, social media

Communicate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Student to teacher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent to Teacher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent to Counselor or Coordinator

Encourage and support a growth mindset



# A Parents Perspective Surviving Freshman year in IB

- Ms. Tierra Archer
  - IB Booster President
  - SPHS International Baccalaureate parent of:
    - London Davis, class of 2029







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HAVE A GREAT  
YEAR AND WELCOME  
TO PRE-SPIB