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Welcome to IB:

Congratulations, your student has chosen to be a part of an exceptional program! I understand that some of the language and requirements seem new and unfamiliar. Through this newsletter, I hope to make you more comfortable with IB as well as keep you updated on all of the great things happening in the Diploma Programme at Brien McMahon / Center For Global Studies.

What is the IB Core?

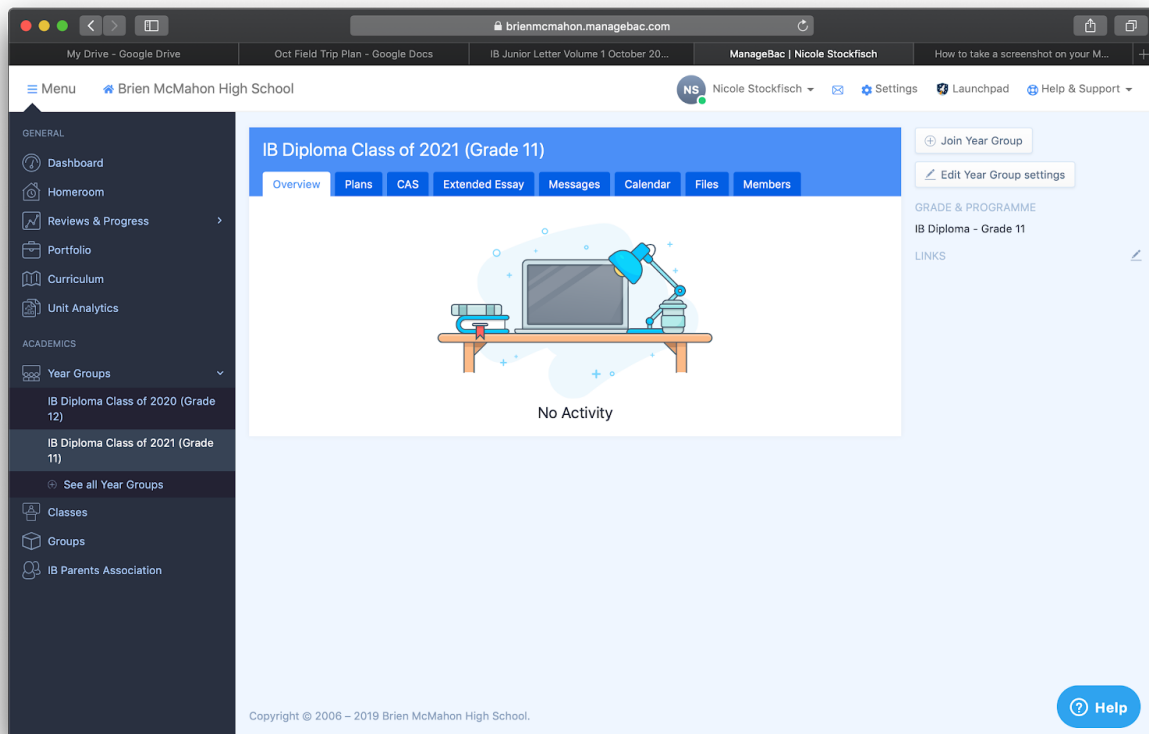
DP students complete courses from six subject groups over two years but they also must complete the IB core.

The IB core is made up of three parts:

- **Theory of knowledge or TOK.** This is a course that the students will take the second semester of junior year and first semester of senior year. It explores how we know what we claim to know. The theory of knowledge course encourages students to think about the nature of knowledge, to reflect on the process of learning in all the subjects they study as part of their Diploma Programme course, and to make connections across them.
- **Extended Essay or EE.** This is a 4,000 word, independent, self-directed research paper. This is not done as a course. Students are paired with a faculty supervisor and given mini-deadlines over time to help break this task into manageable pieces.
- **Creativity, Activity, Service or CAS.** This component emphasizes learning through experience through extracurricular activities, comprised of individual experiences and a group project over 18 months.

What is managebac?

This is an online platform used by the students to track the extended essay and CAS. All IB Diploma candidates have an account and should be actively logging CAS related items.



IB Resources:

General Diploma Programme information

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

IB and University

<https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/>

Why the Diploma Programme?

- A challenging academic curriculum
- A student centered approach
- A focus on international-mindedness
- Respected program
- DP graduates excel at University

IB Looking Ahead:

IB Orientation for students: Wednesday, September 23rd - during the senior SAT school day. More information will be provided.

News:

BMHS is an IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Candidate School.

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