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https://schools.milwaukee.k12.w
i.us/rufusking/ib/dp/b/dp/

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IB MYP Coordinator, Ms. Lewandowski stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

School Counseling Website https://sites.google.com/milwau

<u>nttps://sites.google.com/milwaukee.k12.wi.us/rufus-king-hs-counseling/home</u>

<u>Winter Sports Schedule</u>: <Click to follow the link All sales are online no later than Noon the day of the event.





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PARENT NEWSLETTER

HOME OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST SCHOLARS

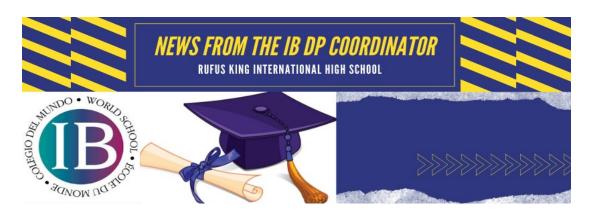


RUFUS KING IB HIGH SCHOOL IS A GREAT PLACE TO TEACH AND LEARN! OUR TEACHERS ARE COMMITTED TO A HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOCUSED ON THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH STUDENT. OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAS A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND THE ARTS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PREPARING STUDENTS TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD. ~PRINCIPAL DOREEN BADILLO

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NEWS FROM THE IB DIPLOMA COORDINATOR:

IT'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT TIME!



Every Junior and Senior enrolled in an IB Diploma class is completing his/her Internal Assessments from December 2023 through March 2024. These range from oral presentations in IB English classes to analytical essays in History, commentary portfolios in Economics, Group 4 projects in science, dossiers in Computers, studio work in Theatre and Art, and mathematically analyzed projects in Math classes. Students in English, World Language and Theatre classes are facing individual interviews in which they analyze prompts appropriate to the subject. Such personal accountability and the ability to "think on your feet analytically using the language of your discipline" is what distinguishes the IB program from AP work,

which may not have an oral component. These Internal Assessments range from 10-30% of a student's final IB score, depending on the course.

IB EXAMINATION SESSION UPDATE

The IB tests are scheduled to be administered from April 25- May 17th. The IB Organization has assured us that students who have registered for their IB Exams will have an opportunity to receive grades for these exams which may result in college credit based on college and university policies. If your student is testing, please be aware of the testing dates for their course(s) because the IB does NOT allow for rescheduling of IB exams.

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTIONS AND THE CLASS OF 2026

IB DP Coordinator Mr. Gatewood will be visiting sophomore History classes in February to inform students about the IB Diploma Program and options for their participation in IB Diploma classes. The IB Diploma program is a two-year program for Junior and Seniors to earn college credits while in high school. Since delivering the International Baccalaureate program is the mission of Rufus King, we expect all regular education juniors and seniors to be involved in at least one IB Diploma class each year, with the intent of taking the IB test at the end of each course. Current

sophomores have decided whether to pursue the IB Full Diploma route. Those who have chosen this route will meet individually with Mr. Gatewood to go over their course choices for their junior and senior years. Mr. Gatewood held an informational meeting about the IB Diploma program for parents of sophomores on February 1st. If you were unable to attend, you may find the presentation slides and notes on the Rufus King website under the IB Diploma page:

http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/rufusking/ib/dp/

IB DP CLASS OF 2024 - CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, SERVICE DOCUMENTS DUE

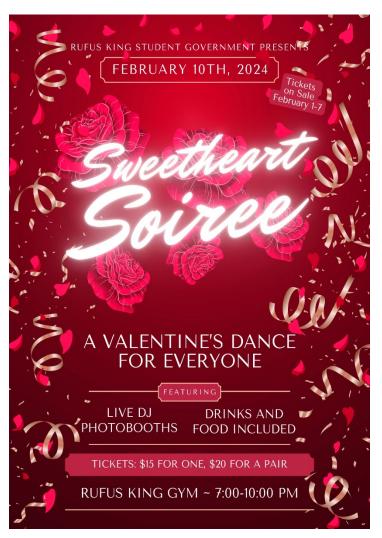
Our IB Full Diploma candidates Class of 2024 need to complete their CAS experience by completing their Self-Initiated Project and entering their CAS activities, evidence, and reflections in ManageBac. Exit interviews with advisors must be accomplished by Friday, March 22nd to retain a candidate's Full Diploma status. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Dempsey at dempsee@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

IB DP CLASS OF 2025 – EXTENDED ESSAY PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

Our IB Full Diploma candidates Class of 2024 have received information regarding the Extended Essay requirement. These candidates received information regarding the requirement as well as started the

process of developing research questions and finding an advisor. These students will also visit the library with their Theory of Knowledge classes and receive tips on research from our librarian Ms. Lewandowski. Questions regarding the Extended Essay may be directed to our EE Advisor, Mr. Joseph at josephj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us







Counseling Caseloads

Last Names A-C
Last Names D-K
Last Names L-Q
Last Names R-Z

Academic and/or Mental Health Support

Ms. Mikell - Mikellbr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
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Ms. Behling - behlincs@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
Mr. Wilson -wilsons1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
Mr. Wolff-wolffm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

School Counseling Website: https://sites.google.com/milwaukee.k12.wi.us/rufus-king-hs-counseling/home

Grade 9

<u>Google Classroom</u>: ss4b6bf <u>Remind</u>: 249h93

Marquette University Upward Bound Program

This program is currently taking 9th grade applicants. Please watch the recruitment video here for more Information. The application is due by February 28th.

Grade 10

<u>Google Classroom</u>: **ss4b6bf** Remind: **249h93**

2024 MPS HBCU Career and Campus Tour - Application due January 15th

Rufus King has been selected to participate in the second HBCU Campus Tour, led by the MPS Department of College and Career Readiness. This all-expense paid trip for 10th and 11th grade students is scheduled to occur June 17, 2024, through June 20, 2024, to Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the Alabama and Georgia region. The HBCU tour is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore the rich history, academic excellence, and vibrant campus life that HBCUs have to offer.

Highlights include:

- Health and Wellness Activities
- STEM lab tour
- Historical sites

All expenses paid for selected students, including airfare and hotel

The application materials can be found on the 2024 HBCU & Career Campus Tour Google Classroom (code qjrp4xt) or in Room 212 before school, after school, lunches, and after final exams.

Students who are selected to attend the tour will be contacted to complete additional required forms, including a copy of medical insurance. They must also have a minimum of 75% attendance rate for the 2023-2024 school year and no incident referrals/suspension related to physical and safety issues in the school community.

The application is due by January 15, 2024 to the School Counseling Office, Room 212. No exceptions. Please bring your application before school, after school, lunches, and after final exams. They can also be uploaded to the Google Classroom.

Mount Mary University Summer Leadership Academy

Opportunity to earn 2 college credits during a summer leadership academy. More information can be found at here

Grade 11 Google Classroom: lqnfuhp Remind: ed7kg9

Community Service Requirement

You are required to complete 20 hours of service or an online course by graduation. If you are looking for service opportunities, you can find them here

ACT Prep

UWM Mini-Courses is still accepting applications for our ACT Preparation Class being offered this upcoming spring semester (January 6 - February 17, 2024). As of today, we are ¾ full in terms of enrollment. The cost of the class is \$195 but we still have several DPI scholarships available for students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch. Our program does fill up quickly and usually reaches full enrollment before the deadline date, so please encourage interested students to submit applications as soon as possible. All registration takes place online at our website:

www.uwm.edu/actprep. Copies of the registration form can also be downloaded from our website located in the "How to Register" tab.

Below are the Spring 2024 Mini-Courses ACT Preparation Class dates:

- January 6, 2024
 Pre-Test8am 12 noon
- January 13, 20, 27, February 3, & 10, 2024
 Classes9am 1pm
- February 17, 2024 Post-Test8am – 12 noon

If you have any questions, please contact Mini-Courses. Staff is available to present the UWM ACT Preparation Class to students, parents and/or staff. Please let us know if we can provide any support with UWM ACT Preparation Class registrations.

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Alverno Girls Academy

The Alverno Girls Academy of Science and Mathematics is an after-school program that meets via Zoom on most Fridays. Students are sent project boxes throughout the semester filled with fun and engaging science projects. Each student that successfully completes the program is eligible for a \$4000/year scholarship to Alverno College. This Link has some information about the Girls' Academy program 2023/2024 which has a QR code for students to follow and fill out on online application.

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Grade 12

Remind: @4hgf2f Google Classroom: t4yrl34

College Acceptances/Scholarships Awarded

Please remind & encourage your senior to notify their Counselor of any and all college acceptances and scholarships they receive, even if they do not intend on attending that particular school. It is important that we recognize and honor their hard work and accomplishments!

FAFSA Parent Info Night

January 16th @ 6pm we will be hosting a virtual FAFSA informational session. We will be having a representative from the Mount Mary Financial Aid offices presenting on the FAFSA process. The meeting link will be shared as soon as it is available.

FAFSA Resources

Find articles, videos, and activities for FAFSA completion. Remember it is a graduation requirement. Information can be found below.

- » <u>Promoting Financial Aid</u>: Resources to build FAFSA awareness with your students.
- » <u>Before the FAFSA</u>: Resources to get students prepared to complete the application.
- » <u>Completing the FAFSA</u>: Support students and families in application completion.
- » After completing the FAFSA: Support steps after submitting the application.
- » <u>FAFSA Resource Map</u>: An educator planning tool with direct-to-student content, downloadables, and more!

Marquette EOP Program

First, you must successfully complete <u>Marquette</u> <u>University's Application</u>.

The first deadline for the EOP application is December 1 @ 4:30pm.

The final deadline for the EOP application is January 15 @ 4:30pm.

APPLICATION LINK CAN BE FOUND HERE!

(Marquette University application essay can also be used for EOP essay).

Completed applications will be reviewed after each deadline. Selected applicants will be contacted via email for an interview.

Financial Verification:

Our office needs applicants to submit a signed and dated copy of your parent/guardian's **2021 Federal Income Tax Return** (1040 forms and schedules) and **2022 Federal Income Tax Return** (1040 forms and schedules). If you are an independent student, please provide your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return and 2022 Federal Tax Return. If you or your parent/guardian(s) did not file 2021 taxes, please submit documentation of nontaxable income such as food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, TANF/W-2 and Legal Guardian/Ward of State. Please include case number(s).

Complete your 2023-2024 FAFSA Application, immediately. Complete your 2024-2025 FAFSA Application when it is made available December 2023.

Resource Map for 12th Grade Students

High School Seniors	FAFSA Opens: Completing & Submitting the FAFSA	[English & <u>Spanish</u>]: <u>How to Complete</u> <u>the FAFSA</u>	Video Coming Soon!	Students & Parents Create Their FSA ID [also in Spanish] Before Completing the FAFSA & Text #FAFSA to 33- 55-77 With Questions
	Finding & Applying For Scholarships	[English & Spanish] Applying for Scholarships: Common Questions & Answers	Unlock the Secrets to Finding Scholarships: Top FAQs Answered	Students Look for Scholarships On Our Hand-Picked Lists & Use Our <u>Scholarship</u> Application Requirements Tracker During Their Search
	Exploring Financial Aid Options	[English & Spanish]: Financial Aid Definitions: Common Terms & Definitions	What Are Grants and Fellowships?	Students Complete the FAFSA to <u>Determine</u> <u>Eligibility for the Pell</u> <u>Grant</u>
	College Application Essays	Most Common College Essay Topics	How to Write Your College Application Essay	Students Submit Their College Application Essays & Personal Statements for Free Review

SAVE THE DATE:

All are welcome to attend these public events, a fee may be required. All events will take place at Rufus King High School, 1801 W Olive:

Feb 5th Winter Spirit Week

Feb 10th – Sweetheart Soiree Dance | 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Feb 13th – School Engagement Council | 6:00 PM-7:00 PM | Virtual

Feb 16th – Professional Development Day | No School

Feb 19th – Mid-Semester Break | No School

Feb 21st – Parent Teacher Student Organization |6:00 PM -7:00 PM | Virtual

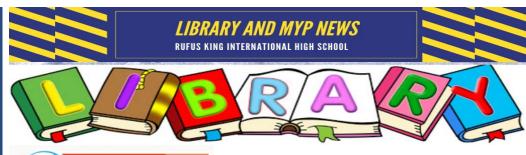
Feb 27th – Black History Show | 6:00 PM

March 12th – School Engagement Council | 6:00 PM-7:00 PM | In Person

March 13th – Parent Teacher Student Organization |6:00 PM -7:00 PM |In Person

March 19th -Parents and Teachers' Conferences

March 20th Parents' and Teachers' Conferences



Middle Years Programme

(9th & 10th grade)



ManageBac is a platform we use to share information with the IB. MYP scholars use this to enter their service hours and submit Personal Project files. Directions for logging in and posting information are in the MYP Google Classrooms for each grade. The most common mistake made when trying to login is the email is entered incorrectly.

SERVICE AS ACTION

The Service as Action program is designed to empower scholars take thoughtful and positive action in the world. This article from the United Way talks about some of the benefits of helping others:

https://www.unitedwayhelps.org/blog/ 5-benefits-of-teen-volunteering

9[™] GRADE:

(2027 MYP Resources Classroom code: gzfazir)

All 9th grade World History classes were given an introduction to Service as Action in December. Scholars joined the MYP Resources Google Classroom and set up their account in ManageBac. If your scholar has questions, encourage them to check the Google Classroom or stop by the library to speak with Ms. Lew.

Ms. Lewandowski, MYP Coordinator Email: stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us Phone: 414-267-0736

10[™] GRADE:

(2026 MYP Resources Classroom code: 7eki5th)

scholars need 20 hours of community service as a high school graduation requirement. We encourage them to get this completed by the end of 10th grade--11th and 12th grade get really busy! Encourage your scholar to look at the Service as Action section (below the Personal Project section) in the MYP Resource Classroom for details.

PERSONAL PROJECT: The final deadline for the 10th grade Personal Project is JANUARY 31, **2024.** All of the information is in the 2026 MYP Resources Classroom. Successfully completed projects earn a ½ credit elective (4 elective credits are required for high school graduation.) All scholars are expected to complete the Personal Project and get the most out of their MYP experience! Please contact Ms. Lewandowski or Ms. Schlipp (schlipda@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions.

LIBRARY NEWS: FEBRUARY, 2024

Ms. Lewandowski, librarian Phone: 267-0736 Email: stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us



LIBRARY INFORMATION:

Join the Library Resources Google Classroom (code: 4pfsifx) for access to online library resources and guides. For example, the library subscribes to several advanced databases to support our IB scholars. Databases provide access to quality research articles that are not available for free on the internet. These are paid for by the school's library budget and are <u>in addition</u> to the resources in Clever. Access information is in the Library Resources Classroom, or through this link: https://www.galepages.com/milw40085 (code "rufus").

LIBRARY BOOKS: All scholars may check out books from our library. The loan period is 30 school days (weekends/no school days do not count.) There are no late fees; scholars are only charged if the book is lost or damaged. If a book is overdue, an email is automatically sent to their MPS email (s1234567@mymps.org). New books have been ordered and will be arriving over the next several months!



2024 Tutoring Schedule

Subject	Teacher	Location	Day/s	Time/s
Biology & Anatomy	Ms. Thompson	Rm 132	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30 - 4:00 pm
IB Exam Review Session	Mr. Zeise	Rm 128	Wednesday **beginning 4/3/24**	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Math	Mr. Abdurrawaf	Rm 215	Monday	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Math	Ms. Bosseau	Rm 202	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30 - 4:00 pm
Personal Project	Ms. Lewandowski	Library	M, T, W, Th	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Personal Project	Ms. Schlipp	Library	M, T, W, Th	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Spanish	Ms. Villagran	Rm 321	Monday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Spanish 1	Ms. Davis	Rm 324	Monday	3:30 - 4:15 pm
Spanish 2	Mr. Segura	Rm 322	Monday & Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Spanish 3 & HL 3 & 4	Ms. Rocha	Rm 325	Monday & Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
English & History	Ms. Herron	Rm 310	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
World History, US History, & Global History	Mr. Estrada	Rm 315	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30 - 5:00 pm



Hello Parents and Guardians,

Winter Information

Schedules: Schedules for sports can always be found at www.milwaukeecityconference.org or on the Rufus King Website under the Athletics tab.

If you plan on attending an event, please purchase a ticket on the Rufus King Website under the Athletics tab. Tickets for MPS games are always found under the HOST/Home school.

If you have a student that needs volunteer hours, have them stop by the Athletic Office (Room 014). King always needs volunteers to help at games and events during the winter.

Spirit Wear

If you are in need of Rufus King Apparel, visit the Rufus King Website under the Athletics Tab.

If you are looking to purchase a Letterman Jacket, Rufus King recommends these two local businesses:

- Burghardt Sport Goods 1533 W. National Ave. 262-790-1170
- Dunn's Sporting Goods 6034 W. National Ave. 414-453-7200

Jackets usually run in the \$160-\$180 range.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports are just around the corner. Please have your child:

1.) Pay attention to the daily announcements for sport specific open gyms opportunities.

- 2.) REGISTER students have to get registered and cleared to participate in a sport. Simply go to the King website under the Athletics tab and click on get registered.
- 3.) Know the start date for their sports
 Boys and Girls Track: March 4th
 Softball and Baseball: March 11th
 Girls Soccer: March 18th
 Boys Tennis, Boys Golf: March 25th

Hall of Fame

Rufus King held its 5th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame dinner at the Tripoli Center on November 5th. The event honored 10 athletes and coaches for their contributions to Rufus King Athletics. The event also raised over \$5000 to support current student-athletes.

Sponsorship

Rufus King Athletics is looking for sponsors. If you, your business or your employer would like to be part of supporting athletics that compete at a high level and help students develop character and leadership, please call 414-267-0750 or email Jeremy Nichols at nicholjp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. We would work to advertise your business at games and events, as well as give you special perks at Rufus King Athletic Events. Help us continue to compete at a state caliber level.

Go Generals -

Jeremy Nichols
Athletic Director



Graduation this year will be **on Tuesday, May 28, 2024** at the UWM Panther Arena, 400 W. Kilbourn Ave. **at 7:00pm.** The following includes important information for graduating seniors and their parents.

- 1. There is a Graduation Fee for all graduating seniors.
 - The fee is \$95.00 if paid before March 1, 2024. On March 1, 2024, the fee increases \$10.00 to \$105.00 on March 1, 2024
 - o No personal Checks accepted after April 1, 2024
 - o Increases another \$15.00 on May 1, 2024.
 - 50% of your Total Fees owed need to be paid one week before Prom Tickets go on sale to be eligible to buy a Prom ticket. <u>Prom is Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Hilton</u> <u>Downtown.</u>
 - The Senior fee includes:
 - Yearbook (\$30.00 value).
 - Senior Class Yard Sign (\$10.00).
 - Senior Class Celebration/Picnic (\$20.00)
 - o Rental of the UWM Panther Arena for graduation (\$15.00)
 - o Graduation tickets & Graduation Program (\$10.00)
 - Diploma covers and printing costs (\$10.00)

NOTE: NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER April 1st, 2024. All graduating seniors are responsible for their graduation fees. Fees are to be paid in the Main office. Checks and money orders should be made out to Rufus King High School.

- 2. All graduating seniors must wear a cap and gown to graduation. Caps and gowns <u>are not</u> included in the senior graduation fee and will add approximately \$33.00 (payable to Jostens) to the cost of graduation.
 - Order caps and gowns online at http://www.jostens.com or contact the Jostens Sales Representative at: Taylor.Crandall@jostens.com
 - Orders for Caps & Gowns should already be placed, if your Senior has not done so, please take care of this ASAP
- 3. Dates for distribution of items are as follows:
 - In April Date TBD during lunch periods, Jostens will distribute caps, gowns, invitations and thank you cards (if ordered).
 - Final Proficiency (Exams) are Friday, May 17th; Monday, May 20th; and Tuesday, May 21st.



Congratulations are in order for the Rufus King High School Cheer Team and their coaches on two phenomenal first place wins!

