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Dear Saint Andrew's School Upper and Middle School Students and Parents:

We are very excited to announce that, as the culmination of more than four years of planning and preparation at Saint Andrew's School, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) has granted approval to the Upper School to offer the IB Diploma to our students beginning with the Class of 2012. With this approval, Saint Andrew's joins a group of schools spanning 137 nations to offer this internationally recognized program to our students.

Global involvement and responsibility has been a hallmark of a Saint Andrew's education since our founding nearly fifty years ago. Our students have come from the world over, and our graduates are spread through the four corners of the world in every field of business and service.

Answering our students' and parents' calls for the very best college preparatory education has led to the development of a curriculum known for its depth, breadth and rigor. We recognize that the IB Diploma Program (IB-DP) adds an exciting new option in the final two years of our students' studies at Saint Andrew's.

These goals of depth, breadth and rigor are met by the IB-DP at Saint Andrew's through careful planning and execution in a way that serves a broad spectrum of our students. Whether your son or daughter finds his or her passion in science or the liberal arts, is a multi-season varsity athlete or first-chair in the orchestra, we encourage him or her to consider this opportunity to enroll in the IB-DP program and earn up to two years of advanced college credit, as well as to achieve credentials in a program enthusiastically embraced by colleges and universities the world over.

Now that we are in the early stages of registration for next year, we encourage all Upper School students to consider the IB-DP program. Students in the Class of 2011 may take the IB Philosophy course as a History or Theology elective to gain an IB credit on their transcript. Everyone in the Upper School offices, from our Grade Chairs and Academic Dean to our College Guidance counselors, is prepared to answer any questions you may have about how the IB program can meet your son or daughter's needs and interests. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,



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