Langford Middle School

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TO: Parents and Guardians of 5th Grade Students Zoned for Langford Middle School

FROM: Vicki Reese, Principal, Langford Middle School

DATE: January 17, 2012

RE: International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

As the time for your child to begin middle school rapidly approaches, I would like to invite you to consider the opportunity to enroll your child in an exciting new programme that we are implementing at Langford Middle School. Langford is in year two of a three year process to become an authorized International Baccalaureate programme school. This school year we started with a small pilot group of students and we are anticipating expanding next school year

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The IB MYP provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connection between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become critical and reflective thinkers. As students begin to face the demands of physical, social, and emotional changes that occur in middle school, the IB MYP gives them an academic challenge that fosters a sense of belonging, not only to their classroom peers, but to the larger world around them. For those who would like more information, we will hold an Open House on February 7, 2012 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Attached you will find an application and recommendation forms for your student for the Langford Middle School IB MYP programme (applications are also available online at http://langford.rcboe.org). Recommendations must be completed by two of the following: current teacher, guidance counselor or administrator. The recommendations must be sent directly to the Langford Guidance department by the person making the recommendation. The application and two recommendations are due in the Langford Guidance department on or before February 10, 2012.

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Langford International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Application

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Name									
First		Middle		Last					
Address									
Street		City	State	Zip code					
		Current School							
	dian information Name								
Address									
Phone #'s	Home	_ Work	Cell						
Father:	Name								
Address									
			Cell						
The Mission of the IB Programme									

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For further information, please contact Elisabeth Bryans Long - IB Coordinator 706-737-7301 ext. 104 longel@rcboe.org The Middle Years Programme is a rigorous framework of challenging academics which encourages students to make connections between their traditional subjects and the world around them. Work will be demanding and often project based. In addition, there will be a community service requirement for each student. Because of the commitment required to succeed in the programme, students and parents alike must be aware of the expectations. In addition, students will be taking Spanish as an academic class every day.

Student Statement: In your own handwriting, please write a brief paragraph telling why you would be a good fit for the Langford MYP IB Programme.

Parent and student agreement:

I understand that the IB MYP at Langford will be a rigorous academic programme which will require writing, reading, projects, and community service in order to be successful. I understand that my child must maintain an 80 average in all subjects, must attend school regularly, and must not have any discipline issues.

Parent's signature_____

Student's signature _____

<u>A copy of student's report card and most recent CRCT scores must accompany this COMPLETED</u> <u>application. In addition, 2 recommendation should be sent directly to Langford guidance under</u> <u>separate cover by the recommenders .</u> <u>Applicants will be notified by February 29th</u> <u>Final Acceptance will be contingent on the receipt of spring 2012 CRCT scores and final report card.</u>

Langford Middle School is a candidate school* for the Middle Years Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Langford Middle School believes is important for our students. *Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Careerrelated Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit http://www.ibo.org

Langford Middle School International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

Teacher Recommendation Form

Please give recommendation forms to two of the following: Current teachers, counselor or school administrator

In order to maintain confidentiality, please send completed recommendation form directly to Langford's Guidance Office.

Applicant's Name: _____

School:

Position:

Recommender's Name:

Please provide your comments that might help us determine if this student has the potential to succeed in the rigorous middle years IB program. We are interested in the academically strong and highly-motivated student with the desire to succeed being of the utmost importance.

			Disagree			Agree				
This student exhibits:										
Strong self-motivation				2	3	4	5			
Strong analytical skills			1	2	3	4	5			
Effective study skills				2	3	4	5			
Ability to succeed with difficult academic material				2	3	4	5			
Strong leadership qualities				2	3	4	5			
Healthy reaction to setbacks				2	3	4	5			
Strong respect for and from faculty				2	3	4	5			
Strong respect for and from peers				2	3	4	5			
Excellent behavior patterns				2	3	4	5			
Good attendance				2	3	4	5			
How long have you known th	is student?									
I (please circle one)	highly recommend	recommend	do not recommend							
Teacher's Signature:			Date:							
Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Your input is very important in the admissions process										

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Your input is very important in the admissions process. All teacher comments are confidential.

Recommender, please return the recommendation form(s) to Langford Middle School in the Pony in a sealed envelope with student's name, your name and school on the front of the envelope.

Additional comments about student: