



Welcome to J.R. Tucker High School, **Class of 2021!** I am delighted that you have chosen to be part of the IB Programme and a Tucker Tiger. As coordinator, I am here to guide, support and encourage you on your academic journey. Of course, your teachers, counselors, and administrators are always there to help you become more successful and we all share your passion for learning.

IB offers a comprehensive advanced curriculum with an emphasis on student-centered learning and international mindedness. The programme is both rewarding and challenging to our highly motivated students. The opportunities to learn don't end in the classroom. You will take part in CAS (creativity, activity, service), the personal project, and the extended essay, which open the door to so many ways you can take an active role in your learning and your community.

As our eighth IB cohort to attend JRT, you are joining us at a great time. The classes that have come before you established great traditions that we continue to today. But, we are also open to the new ideas that you will bring. The school and its teachers have many years of experience to help bring IB to life for the students, and to help them to be successful in their chosen endeavors. The J.R. Tucker IB teachers are here to cultivate a culture of international mindedness, to instruct and prepare for exams, and to nurture the students as they look to the end goal, the IB Diploma.

You are now not only part of the IB programme, but of the Tucker Tiger family. You have wonderful role models in our IB students, and you will one day be a class that future groups look to as the leaders. I know you will set a wonderful example. I look forward to seeing what amazing things you accomplish this year and in the years to come. **Go Tigers!**

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