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Weekly Update from Student Affairs January 12 - 16 **BLUE Week**

We are off and running in 2026! It has been a great start to the New Year on Waterview campus, and we are looking forward to many more memories ahead. Below are some key reminders and info as we settle into the New Year.

Arriving On Time to Class

We continue to review attendance as a key point of emphasis this year and moving forward. Students are expected to arrive to each class in a timely manner throughout the day.

If a student arrives late to campus or returns from an appointment, the expectation is they check-in at the front desk, but then move expeditiously to their class. This helps ensure students receive as much of the high quality instruction from our wonderful educators as possible.

Additionally, juniors and seniors with off-campus lunch privileges must return to campus on time for their next class. A consistent pattern of tardiness may result in the loss of off-campus privileges.

Uniform Policy Reminders

Please know that students are allowed to wear any sweatshirt, jacket, or hoodie when outside at recess, especially during cold temperatures.

When inside the classroom, at lunch, or anywhere inside on campus, the only permissible items in this regard are the Tigres spirit hoodies and red or blue DIS fleeces. Seniors may also wear their Senior sweatshirt.

Students are not allowed to wear non-DIS hoodies or sweatshirts inside for the entirety of the school day. We appreciate your cooperation.

2nd Floor and Middle School Recess

Recently, we have noticed an increase in foot traffic on the 2nd floor during middle school recess, which begins at 11:10.

We would appreciate the middle school students' cooperation in moving expeditiously to recess or to the library. Please note that hanging out at the locker bay, in the restrooms, or in the 2nd floor hallway in general is prohibited, as these are not approved areas with supervision.

New Library Hours

The 2nd floor library will be closed to students during the 11:45-12:15 timeslot moving forward. This is to allow our hardworking librarian Ms. Brindle to have a break during the lunch period.

The library will still be open during middle school recess from 11:10-11:40, and throughout the high school lunch/break period.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, knowing that the library will still be open at all other points!

Shuttle Updates and Reminders

We understand that there have been occasional delays with the PM shuttle service. Please know that we have reiterated expectations to all students who take the shuttle, as well as with the transportation team, to ensure as on time of a departure as possible each day.

While certain situations like traffic or mechanical issues are outside of our control, the team continues to make every effort to get students to and from their destination in a timely manner.

Safety is our number one priority and we will continue to emphasize safe, efficient, and expeditious steps in the shuttle procedures.

Morning Breakfast Etiquette

A reminder that the morning breakfast served by the SAGE Dining staff is for athletes only. For those athletes having breakfast, please be mindful of sharing the available food equitably and with mindfulness towards all athletes who need to have breakfast.

The consistent expectation is that students are respectful in any and all interactions with our hard-working SAGE Dining staff.

Additionally, the coffee bar is available for staff and faculty only. Our dining staff continues to reinforce this information, and we appreciate the cooperation in this regard.

House Standings Update

The next House challenge will be released next week! In the meantime, the **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup.

House of Songhai: 14,720 points

House of Athens: 12,480 points

House of Middle Kingdom: 12,040 points

House of Tenochtitlan: 10,290 points

Let's make it a great week!



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