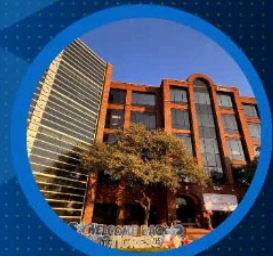


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### Weekly Update from Student Affairs January 20 - 23 **RED Week**

#### **REMINDER: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 19**

It has been a wonderful month of January so far here on Waterview campus! There is a lot to look forward to as we wind down the first semester this week and get set for the second semester. Below are some key reminders and info about uniforms and much more. Best of luck to all our students as they finish up their first semester coursework!

#### **Uniform Points of Emphasis**

As we get set for the second semester, our team will be monitoring two key points of emphasis in regard to our student uniform rules. While the uniform rules as a whole are expected to be followed on a daily basis, we have noticed two specific areas to emphasize:

**Collared Uniform Shirts/Polos:** Students must wear their grade-level specific collared uniform shirt/polo. This includes wearing it under their DIS sweatshirt or fleece.

**Uniform Etiquette:** Shirts must be tucked in at all times. This helps contribute to the overall environment and appearance of our campus, not just for our community but for potential visitors as well.

We appreciate the cooperation in ensuring our students adhere to the uniform guidelines, and all policies in general, that are outlined in the Waterview Family Handbook.

#### **Campus Cleanliness**

Our facilities and maintenance team works hard daily to ensure our students and staff can enjoy their day in a clean, tidy environment.

Any instances of intentional littering or damage to our campus is strictly prohibited. We would appreciate everyone's assistance in keeping our campus clean.

From disposing of trash after eating to avoiding unnecessary spills, we can all do our part to ensure this occurs. We appreciate everyone's help!

### **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!

### **Morning Arrival Reminders**

We continue to emphasize the importance of adhering to school policies at all times of day, including before and after school. Similar to our efforts during lunch, a reminder that students may not use laptops in the MPR prior to school starting.

Additionally, 11th and 12th grade students are the only ones with permission to head upstairs at 8:00 am prior to 1st period. Of course, extenuating circumstances will always be considered.

Thanks for your support in ensuring the school day gets off to a smooth start each morning.

### **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.

### **House Standings Update and Next Core Values Shout Out Series**

Students and staff, be on the lookout for our next Core Values Shout Outs challenge to be sent this week. For the month of January, we'll focus on the core value of Empathy.

Can you think of a student or staff member who is always able to share in your perspective, show compassion, and put themselves in someone else's shoes? If so, be ready to give them a shout out this week!

The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup.

**House of Songhai:** 15,720 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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