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### Weekly Update from Student Affairs December 15 - 18 **BLUE Week**

**REMINDER: No School - Friday, December 19**

We have reached the final week before the break! As we enter the holiday season, the team at DIS wishes everyone all the best and safe travels to wherever you may go! This will be the final weekly update until after the break, but it's jam packed with lots of key reminders and info.

#### 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 educators as possible.

#### Working as a Team

Our entire faculty and staff take a collaborative approach here on Waterview campus. All staff are allowed and encouraged to remind students of the campus procedures and regulations. The expectation is that all student and staff interactions are friendly.

While our goal is to provide remediation and intervention without giving infractions as a first step, please know that all faculty and staff are able to use this as an appropriate measure depending on the circumstance. In the end, our core values are emphasized in any interaction.

#### Student Lounge Cleanliness

Recently, we have noticed garbage, clothing, computer chargers, and other items being frequently left in the student lounges at the end of the school day.

Students are expected to pick up after themselves before leaving these lounges. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring the cleanliness of our campus.

### **Elevator Reminder**

A reminder that student use of the elevator is permitted only with an elevator pass. These are given out due to injuries or other accommodations. Otherwise, the elevators are reserved for faculty/staff use only.

### **House Huddle This Wednesday**

Our next House Huddle is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17. All Waterview campus students and staff are asked to wear their House colors for the House Huddle this day.

### **Core Values Shout-Out Series - Integrity**

Students and staff were encouraged this month to send a shout out to a peer or colleague recognizing their efforts to live out the core values of our school. This month's focus was on Integrity. Here are a few of those shout outs:

Daisy Rwela '30 - "She is always doing the right thing for herself and for others when no one looks. She is an AMAZING person!" from Kaylee Zhao '30

Ms. Maria Solano - "Ms. Maria is always in the cafeteria and when there is a mess she is always the first one to see it and come help! I've talked to her before and she is one of the kindest staff I've ever met!" from Lucia Casas-Sayek '32

Pablo Del Valle Rivas '28 - "I would like to recognize Pablo, who consistently demonstrates integrity through his honesty, reliability, and commitment to doing what is right." from Mr. Thomas Avril

Ms. Sophie Damour - "She has strong moral principles." from Ms. Sandra Payot

Brigitte Dandois '32 - "She is always kind to everyone and supports everyone in every way." from Sophia Eltahan '32

Thanks to all who submitted their shout outs! We received over 15 submissions. Everyone who did received House points for themselves and for the person they were shouting out.

### **House Standings Update**

As we head into the break soon, here are the latest House standings. The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup, but the **House of Athens** has vaulted into 2nd place after being in 4th last week!

**House of Songhai:** 13,220 points

**House of Athens:** 10,980 points

**House of Middle Kingdom:** 10,540 points

**House of Tenochtitlan:** 8,790 points

Let's make it a great week!

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