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Weekly Update from Student Affairs January 26 - 30 **BLUE Week**

Brr! We hope everyone is staying safe and warm this weekend in the cold temperatures!

We would like to wish our students all the best as they kickstart the second semester. Below are some key reminders and info about uniforms and much more.

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.

Bundle Up!

January has ushered in some cold temperatures thus far. It is important that students come dressed for warmth each day, especially those CM2 and middle school students who have daily outdoor recess. It is our goal to provide this outdoor recess space as often as possible for those students, as that outdoor time is invaluable for their overall wellbeing.

If temperatures are above the 40-degree mark, and there is no precipitation, we plan for outdoor recess. Of course, during these frigid cold snaps, adjustments are often made. There may be days when outdoor recess is not offered out of respect for student health.

This is a good time to remind all Waterview campus students to bring layers of warm clothing during these winter months.

MPR/SAGE Dining Storage

There are times when our wonderful SAGE Dining uses space by the panini machines at the back of the MPR to store bulk food prep items such as loaves of bread.

These items are not meant for self-service student consumption. We have recently seen students helping themselves to loaves of bread. Not only is this prohibited, but it also sets back the SAGE Dining staff from being able to safely and efficiently prepare lunch for the day with the necessary items.

We appreciate student cooperation in this regard.

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!

MPR Carpool Guidelines

We continue to streamline efforts to make afternoon carpool as efficient as possible for all parties, especially during the busy 3:35-4:30 timeframe. In doing so, we kindly ask that students remain in the MPR during carpool, so that they can listen for their name on the microphone system.

We cannot use the all-school intercom to try and track down students across campus, on playgrounds, or on other floors during this time, as many students still have classes until 4:30 or 5:30 pm most days. We do not want to interrupt those classes with an all-call announcement.

The MPR audio system is the only way to relay this information. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Core Values Shout Out Series - Empathy

It's time for the next installment of our Core Values Shout Outs series. This time the focus is on 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, all Waterview campus students and staff are encouraged to participate in this community building series by completing the [Google Form](#) they were sent. Please note the form will only be accessible with a Dallas International School account.

In completing the form, you'll receive House points for the person you shout out, as well as yourself! We'll highlight a few of these submissions over the next two weeks.

House Standings Update

The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup as we begin the Core Values Shout Out Series challenge!

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! Stay warm!



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