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### Weekly Update from Student Affairs December 8 - 12 **RED Week**

I hope everyone is having a great month of December so far! This is certainly a quick three-week stretch until the winter break, but there are so many wonderful things happening each day on Waterview campus. We are looking forward to continued joy and enthusiasm in the winter season.

#### **Bundle Up!**

December 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 32-degree freezing mark, and there is no precipitation, we plan for outdoor recess. This is a good time to remind all Waterview campus students to bring layers of warm clothing during these winter months.

#### **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.

#### **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!

### **DIS Holiday Toy Drive**

Dallas International School has been selected as a designated Toys for Tots drop-off location this season. Supporting the Dallas community and partnering with local nonprofits that serve children and families remains central to our mission at DIS.

We invite you to help us spread holiday cheer by donating a new, unwrapped toy by the morning of Friday, December 12. Donation boxes will be available at carpool and at reception throughout the school day. Thank you for helping us brighten the season for families in need.

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

It's time for the next installment of our Core Values Shout Outs series. This time the focus is on Integrity. Can you think of a student or staff member who is always truthful and does the right thing, even if no one is watching?

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. In doing so, 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 before the winter break.

### **House Standings Update**

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. We have some exciting activities planned in conjunction with the Alumni Day festivities that day.

In the meantime, here are the latest standings as we approach the halfway point of the school year. The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup!

**House of Songhai:** 10,970 points

**House of Middle Kingdom:** 9,040 points

**House of Tenochtitlan:** 7,540 points

**House of Athens:** 7,230 points

Let's make it a great week!

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