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### Weekly Update from Student Affairs January 6 - 9 **RED Week**

#### **REMINDER: No School for Students- Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome to 2026! We hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holiday season. We are looking forward to welcoming the students back to Waterview campus this week and are excited for all the opportunities ahead in the second half of the school year. Below are some key reminders and info as we kickstart the week.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## Student Lounge Cleanliness

We noticed garbage, clothing, computer chargers, and other items being frequently left in the student lounges at the end of the school day in the weeks leading up to break.

Students are expected to pick up after themselves before leaving these lounges. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring the cleanliness of our campus. Continued challenges with cleanliness may lead to temporary closure of the student lounges.

## 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.

## Core Values Shout Out Series - Integrity

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

- Katherine Smith '29 - *"She is very truthful and always does the right thing even when no one is watching."* from Karlie Zhao '29
- Coach Sergio Franklin - *"He is always being nice with everyone and does the right thing."* from Berta Calvete Rivas '28
- Asher Naqvi '30 - *"Consistent presence that showed integrity during the Science Fair."* from Ms. Carolyn Slanetz-Chiu
- Camille Lebraud '31 - *"She is always truthful, respectful, and kind in all interactions."* from Vera Corvi Martin '31

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

Here are the latest House standings to kickoff 2026! 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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