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Weekly Update from Student Affairs February 2 - 6 **RED Week**

We hope everyone navigated last week's winter weather extravaganza! It is hard to believe we are already in the month of February, but here we are! There are still plenty of exciting times ahead for our students through the rest of the school year. Below are some key reminders for students and families to be mindful of.

Bundle Up!

2026 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 safety, such as last week when it was still too icy on the playgrounds.

Last Chance to Purchase DIS Winter Boum Tickets

Our 6th-8th Grade DIS Winter Boum is this Friday, February 6 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the MPR on Waterview campus. Tickets are still available for [purchase online for \\$20](#).

Tickets will be more expensive at the door, so please use the above link to purchase! This event is for 6th-8th grade DIS students only.

Uniform Points of Emphasis

As we head into February, our team will continue 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.

Core Values Shout Out Series - Empathy

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. This time, the focus was on Empathy. Below are a few of those shout outs. We will include some more shout outs next week!

- **Katherine Meister '27 and Sara Budde '27** - "Katherine and Sara showed great empathy when I was having a difficult day. Thank you both!" from Ms. Peña
- **Ms. Nall** - "She's always very gracious with our extensions, as well as understanding and empathetic when it comes to truly assessing our needs." from **Maria Habannakeh '28**
- **The Knitting Club** - "The members of the Knitting Club for supporting each other as we learn to knit. I have seen students helping each other with learning the stitches, fixing mistakes and coming up with new project ideas. This is an amazing group of supportive and empathetic individuals!" from **Ms. Chiu**
- **Mr. Grima** - "Any time anyone gets in a disagreement, he always makes sure not to just be on one side but rather understand both halves of the conversation. He is very empathetic and understanding of everyone's opinions." from **Olivia Lim '30**

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

The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup, but the House of Athens has gained ground, now less than 3,000 points from the lead!

House of Songhai: 18,470 points

House of Athens: 15,480 points

House of Middle Kingdom: 13,290 points

House of Tenochtitlan: 11,540 points

Let's make it a great week!



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