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Weekly Update from Student Affairs February 9 - 13 **BLUE Week**

REMINDER: No School for Winter Break - February 16-20

As we head into the last week before winter break next week, we hope all our students are enjoying the start to the second semester so far. This will be the last weekly update until after the break but below are some key reminders and info for families.

Friday Themed Dress Day - February 13

All Waterview campus students and staff can participate in this Friday's (2/13) themed dress day for Valentine's Day, and are encouraged to wear red, white, or pink as part of the day.

Regular Friday spirit dress rules still apply, and we look forward to a festive Friday to conclude the final week before the break.

Attendance Reminders

Thanks, everyone, for your cooperation in ensuring our students are punctual and ready to go each day. Please make sure you are including our Waterview attendance email alias, wpattendance@dallasinternationalschool.org, in any and all attendance communications.

Any inquiries regarding absences, tardies, or other denotations in MyDIS should be directed to that email address so our attendance coordinator and high school dean, Ms. Bejleri, may assist you as promptly as possible.

Student Supplies in the Classroom

Our wonderful faculty and staff continue to encourage students to come prepared each day with regular supplies such as paper/notebook, pens/pencils, calculator, etc. depending on the subject.

While classrooms have extra supplies, it is not an unlimited inventory available, and bringing these supplies to class ensures students have the chance to participate to the best of their ability in each lesson.

Uniform Points of Emphasis

As we head into the break, 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 several more of those shout outs! It is great to read testimonials about our core values being lived out each day on campus.

- **Albane Poirier '26** - "She is always down to help others, and understands when someone might need help." from Emie Villemalard '26
- **Manon Payot '31** - "She is always there when I have something to tell her, and she always understands and listens." from Vera Corvi Martin '31
- **Ms. de Villiers** - "Ms. DeVilliers is always willing to listen and help. She is one of the most compassionate people I know!" from Ms. Hatt
- **Ms. Doux** - "Mme Doux cares so much about her students and colleagues, it is wonderful to work with her." from Ms. Damour
- **Ms. Brinkley** - "I've seen Ms. Kym express genuine empathy with students and staff on multiple occasions, and it always serves as a great example to all of us of what that can look like." from Mr. Bartholomee
- **Navir Acharya '30** - "Navir is very nice and always willing to listen." from Sahil Dandona '30
- **Camille Starnes '29** - "There hasn't been a time where I have not seen Camille being helpful. Camille extends her time and constantly offers to help her classmate." from Ms. Wazoua

House Standings Update

The **House of Songhai** continues to lead in the race for the House Cup, but the **House of Athens** is now within 2,000 points from the lead!

House of Songhai: 18,470 points

House of Athens: 16,480 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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