



HEADS-UP

Secondary School

Weekly Notes from Patricia de Villiers



Secondary School Heads-Up - 3/13/26

Dear Secondary School Community,

We have once again seen all three pillars of our school in action this week at Waterview: Academic Ambition, Global Citizenship and Leadership, and Community Spirit. Our students took the PSAT/SAT, ran the Rite Race with our community cheering them on, performed in a musical theater production and kept going with their rigorous academic programs in the classroom.



Rite Race at Waterview

On Tuesday, March 10, students at our Waterview Campus participated in the 18th annual Rite Race, a fun and meaningful tradition that brings the DIS community together to support Scottish Rite for Children. The event was filled with excitement as students ran laps around the track to help raise funds for this incredible organization.

The closing date for making a donation to Scottish Rite for Children is Saturday, April 4. The Churchill Rite Race will take place on Friday, March 27. Please consider supporting this wonderful cause by clicking [here](#) to donate.



Annie Jr. Musical Production

We hope you were able to enjoy the musical theater performances of Annie Jr. this week. Our students performed with unshakable confidence, and all those hours of rehearsals definitely paid off. A huge thank you to our director/choreographer/set designer, Ms. Erica Francis did it all and we cannot thank her enough for the countless hours she spent to give our students this wonderful opportunity.

PSAT/SAT

Earlier this week, nearly 100 of our 8th, 9th and 11th graders took the PSAT 8/9 and SAT across three dedicated testing rooms. A tremendous thank you to the 30+ teachers and staff who proctored rooms and hallways, provided extra laptops and remained on standby in case of any technical difficulties.

Events like this are a major logistical undertaking and none of it would be possible without the dedicated coordination of our College Counselor, Ms. Peña. These exams give our younger students valuable practice while our 11th graders have the opportunity to take the actual SAT on a regular school day in their familiar environment. Scores will be available in approximately four weeks.

10th Grade Career Observation Week

Following the 10th grade Career Observation Week in February, students submitted a written report and did their presentations for the juries this week. The written report detailed their experiences

and shared their reflections. Students then spoke for 10 minutes about their time in their various positions, answering questions from the jury.



Join Us for One Night in Bangkok!

The DIS PTO is thrilled to announce that tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the **Annual DIS Gala: One Night in Bangkok** are officially open for purchase [by clicking here](#).

Event Reminder

Date: Saturday, May 9

Venue: 34 Events, 1017 E 15th St, Plano, 75074

Time: 7:00-11:00pm

Tickets are limited this year and expected to sell quickly, so it is encouraged that you secure yours early to ensure you don't miss out on this spectacular night.

A promotional graphic for "Spring Mini-Camp". It features a collage of photos on the left showing children playing sports and a child on a tricycle. The main text "Spring Mini-Camp" is in a large, bold, blue font. Below it, "Join Us! April 6-10, Churchill Way" is written in a smaller blue font. A blue box contains the text "Offering:" followed by two columns of bullet points: "STEM", "ARTS", "LANGUAGE" and "SPORTS", "GAMES", "COOKING ... AND MORE!". Below this, a globe icon is followed by "Enrolling Now!". At the bottom left, "Questions? email camps@dallasinternationalschool.com" is written. A large blue button with a white border says "CLICK HERE" with a mouse cursor icon pointing at it. The background is a blue and white geometric pattern.

Enroll Now for Spring Break Mini Camp

Join us for our upcoming Spring Break Mini Camp from Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10. For more information and how to enroll, please [click here](#). This year's camps include dozens of activities, including gymnastics, robotics, cooking, pottery, chess, sports and many more. Sign up today to ensure your child's spot!

Food Committee Update

Chef Tim also encourages the DIS community to look at the daily lunch menu using the Touch of Sage app. Please see the Quick Start guide [here for parents](#) and [here for students and faculty](#).

Financial Aid Now Available

For each year that financial assistance is offered at Dallas International School, there is an application process which begins early spring and applies to the tuition for the upcoming school year. Financial Aid is available to new and returning DIS students. Please contact Amber Shaikh by email (forms@dallasinternationalschool.org) if you have additional questions regarding financial aid or want to receive the step-by-step instructions for the application.



Enrollment is Now Open for Our Summer Enrichment Camps

Looking ahead to summer 2026, DIS is once again offering a large selection of activities as part of our Summer Enrichment Camps. Our Summer Enrichment program is open to all students, ages 3-17, and to DIS and non-DIS students. This six-week program will be held from June 15 through July 24. Summer offers an excellent opportunity to learn a new skill and have a great time, so join us and invite your friends! [Click here](#) to see the catalog and enroll by [clicking here](#).

Coming Up: Francophonie Week and Assembly Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20

We are looking forward to celebrating all things French (outside of France) during our Francophonie Week. Led by the French department, we have an exciting program of diverse activities across

several departments showcasing French spoken throughout the world. The assembly will be on the Friday of *La Semaine de la Francophonie* during advisory.

**Coming Up: MAP Family Workshops
Tuesday, March 17 - Thursday, April 2**

We are pleased to invite you to one of our upcoming MAP Family Workshops that will take place on both campuses and online. The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) is not a standardized assessment, and interpreting results requires insight into how data is collected, analyzed and presented. As such, attendance to at least one MAP Family Workshop is required per family in order to receive MAP results; only one parent or guardian needs to attend a workshop session and attendance is only required one time.

While the primary audience for these workshops is parents and guardians of children enrolled in kindergarten through 10th grade, anyone wishing to attend may join these workshops to learn more about how we use MAP to inform curriculum and instruction at DIS. In order to offer maximum flexibility to DIS families, ten sessions will be offered over a three-week period; two sessions will take place in-person at Churchill, one in-person session at Waterview and seven online. To register for an upcoming workshop session, [please register online](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

**Coming Up: School Council Meeting #2
Wednesday, March 25, 6pm, Testing Center**

Our second school council meeting is coming up on Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm. Please remember to send your feedback to your School Council Parent Representatives. For all high school feedback, please reach out to Zsofia Kope at zsofuc@yahoo.com, and for middle school, reach out to Lina Hage Chahine at lina.hchahine@gmail.com.

**Coming Up: Conversation with the Head of Secondary - "Focus on Fine Arts"
Wednesday, April 15, 6:00pm**

We hope you will join us to learn more about fine arts at DIS. From our annual music concert in February to our musical theater production of *Annie Jr*, to visual arts and exhibitions, creativity is on the move at DIS. Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know you're coming.

**Coming Up: Rescheduled Visit to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Friday, April 24, 9:00am**

On Friday, April 24, DIS will take students from grades 4-8 to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. There are around 150 students learning to play violin, viola, cello and bass, and we are excited that the students will get to enjoy this Dallas Symphony Orchestra experience. We also hope you have all marked your calendars for the end-of-year concert on June 6.

Coming Up: DIS Career Day
Friday, May 1, 9:00am

This year, we are excited to host Career Day at our Waterview Campus on May 1 — a fitting date, as it coincides with *La Fête du Travail*, the international celebration of workers. If you would be interested in hosting a table in the MPR where you can share your professional experience and career advice with our high school students, [please fill out this form](#).

Coming Up: DIS Talent Show
Friday, May 8, 6:00pm

We are excited to remind you that this year's DIS Talent Show will take place on Friday, May 8. Auditions will take place on **Sunday, March 15, from 10:00am–5:00pm** at our Churchill Campus. Participants will receive a scheduled audition time; additional dates may be added if needed. A mandatory rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, May 3 at 1:30pm**.

The Talent Show is open to all DIS students (Grades 1–12) as well as staff and faculty. Performances may be individual or group and can include singing, dancing, acting or instrumental music. We look forward to seeing you at the DIS Talent Show **on Friday, May 8 at 6:00pm in the Churchill Campus gym**.

There is a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks, so please keep a close eye on the horizon. Have a wonderful weekend and we'll keep you posted next week!

Warm regards,
Patty

On the Horizon

- **Sunday, March 15 - Thursday, March 19, 2026** - AEFÉ-UNSS Basketball Tournament
- [Thursday, March 19, 2026 - DIS Photo Retakes \(Waterview Campus\)](#)
- **Friday, March 20, 2026, 9:25am** - La semaine de la francophonie Assembly
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:00pm** - School Council #2
- **Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9:25am** - Women's History Month Assembly
- **Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3, 2026** - Spring Class Field Trips
- **Thursday, April 2, 2026** - IB Visual Arts Exhibition
- **Friday, April 3, 2026** - Parent-Teacher Conferences - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10, 2026** - Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:00pm** - [Conversation with the Head of Secondary - "Focus on Fine Arts"](#)
- **Friday, April 17, 2026, 7:00pm** - High School Prom (Grades 9-12)
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 7:00pm** - Senior Dinner at Cadot

- **Thursday, April 23, 2026** - ARISE Drone Competition at SMU
- **Friday, April 24, 2026** - SGA Election Speeches
- **Monday, April 27 - Thursday, May 21, 2026** - IB Final Exams
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2026** - SGA Elections
- **Friday, May 1, 2026** - DIS Career Day
- **Friday, May 8, 2026, 6:00pm** - DIS Talent Show
- **Saturday, May 9, 2026, 7:00pm** - [Annual DIS Gala: One Night in Bangkok](#)

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