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### Weekly Update from Student Affairs March 16-20 Blue Week

The busy month of March continues here on Waterview campus. We wish our students who are traveling on various upcoming school trips all the best. To all our students, we wish you continued success this spring!

Below are some key reminders and info for families as we head into the second half of the month.

#### Rite Race Recap

Congratulations to the **House of Songhai** for running the most laps in last Tuesday's Rite Race! For all our students, it was a wonderful time of community spirit and camaraderie amongst friends. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Below are the total laps each House ran, along with the corresponding House points they recieved:

Laps	House	Points
287	<b>Songhai</b>	2000
235	<b>Tenochtitlan</b>	1250
227	<b>Athens</b>	750
163	<b>Middle Kingdom</b>	500

#### Uniform Points of Emphasis

While a majority of our students are following the uniform guidelines, there continues to be an unfortunate trend in dress code compliance. While our first method of intervention is always a simple reminder or conversation, unfortunately, this is not always effective.

Our team will be specifically monitoring uniform compliance throughout the rest of the month, and following the prescribed intervention methods, such as issuing infractions, as outlined in the DIS Uniform Policy.

The DIS Uniform Policy is in place as one way of creating and maintaining structure and decorum within our wonderful community of learners.

A few key areas we will continue to remind students of are:

- **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.
- **No PHE Uniforms Outside of PHE:** Students are expected to change into their regular school uniform after PHE classes. Having PHE class does not mean students can wear PHE clothing throughout the rest of the day. Students have time built into the PHE schedule to change into their school uniform before heading to their next class.
- **No Sweatpants:** These are not part of the DIS Uniform Policy guidelines.

### **Wear Green - Tuesday, March 17**

Students and staff are invited to wear green this Tuesday, March 17, for St. Patrick's Day. Regular spirit day uniform rules will still be in effect.

### **Spring Picture Day - Thursday, March 19**

Our Spring Picture Day is coming up this Thursday morning, March 19, in the 5th floor conference room.

This picture day is for student retakes, new student photos, individual sport photos, staff photos, and any specialty photos (i.e. sibling photos) as requested. Sports team photos will be taken that morning on UTD campus per previous school communication.

### **Campus Cleanliness**

Recently, we have noticed the student restrooms being left unkempt. We are confident that all our students are able to use the restroom while being mindful of keeping it as clean as possible for the next person.

Additionally, our goal is to have our campus as welcoming as possible for all prospective visitors. One area that can make this challenging is when backpacks, papers, and other items are left strewn about the hallway.

More backpack hooks have been ordered for certain floors, including the busy 2nd floor, but in the meantime, we would appreciate it if students could place their backpacks neatly up against the walls when leaving for lunch, recess, or other activities.

### **Lost and Found Items Update**

The Lost and Found closet behind the stage in the MPR is often overflowing with jackets, books, DIS uniforms and water bottles. All of the newest items are placed in the closet. If students are looking through these items, please ensure they are neatly placed back in order.

After these have not been claimed for a few weeks, Nurse Theresa places them behind the Tiger Wall that students pass when going up the 1st floor stairs.

After several weeks of items not being claimed, these items will be kept in Nurse Theresa's office for future donation or for use when someone needs uniform items.

### House Standings Update

After running the most laps at the Rite Race, the House of Songhai has extended their lead in the race for the House Cup. Below are the latest standings:

**House of Songhai:** 24,020 points

**House of Athens:** 20,370 points

**House of Middle Kingdom:** 17,290 points

**House of Tenochtitlan:** 16,270 points

Let's make it a great week!



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