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Weekly Update from Student Affairs **March 23-27** **Red Week**

We hope everyone traveling on the various school trips throughout the rest of the month has an awesome time! It is wonderful that our students have a chance to participate in these experiences they will remember for life. Below are some key reminders and info for families as we head into the last full week of March.

Women's History Month Speaker - Thursday, March 26

We are excited to welcome the former CEO of AT&T Business, Anne Chow, to campus this Thursday for a special forum with our students for our Women's History Month Assembly. She is local to the area, but her impact leading and developing high-profile businesses spans the globe. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear from a renowned leader!

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.

Lost water bottles seem to be especially piling up. If you have lost a water bottle recently, please make sure you take a look.

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/Gym Shorts:** These are not part of the DIS Uniform Policy guidelines.

Restroom Cleanliness

A separate email was sent about this earlier in the week, but please make sure the restroom space is used for just that: the restroom. We appreciate student cooperation in ensuring our restrooms remain as clean as possible, so that our facilities team does not need to make repairs or maintenance upkeep in ways that are otherwise 100% avoidable.

Core Values Shout Out Series - Responsibility

Can you think of a time where a student or staff member did the right thing or whose attitude and actions reflect the kind of person we strive to be?

If so, please give them a [Shout Out!](#) You'll receive House points for the person you shout out, as well as yourself.

House Standings Update

The House of Songhai continues to lead as we head into the end of March. Will any other House be able to catch them? Here are the latest standings:

House of Songhai: 25,020 points

House of Athens: 22,370 points

House of Middle Kingdom: 19,790 points

House of Tenochtitlan: 19,270 points

Let's make it a great week!



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