



## Primary School Heads-Up - 1/30/26

Dear Primary School Community,

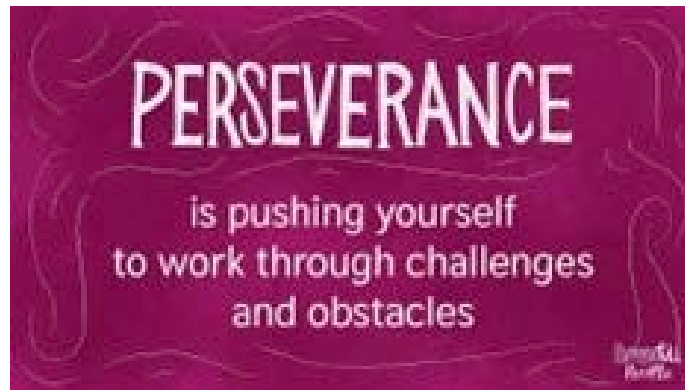
This week, I would like to celebrate our wonderful facility team who worked very hard on Tuesday and Wednesday to open our campuses safely. You deserve all our gratitude. I would also like to thank all our staff and faculty for showing solidarity during this difficult week. You are all greatly appreciated!



### 2026 State of the School Address

Thank you to everyone who attended the State of the School address last night. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for our Board of Trustees to update the community on school governance and for our Head of School to share operational plans and priorities.

During the event, Mr. Jacques Weber presented the [2025–2030 Strategic Plan](#), the result of many hours of dedicated work by the Board of Trustees, informed by community feedback gathered through engagement sessions over the past 18 months. The evening also included the PTO General Assembly during which the PTO President announced the results of board elections and highlighted upcoming events.



**From Mrs. Elizabeth Sham, School Counselor**

Mrs. Sham's guidance lessons in February will focus on the DIS Core Value of Resilience which ties directly into perseverance. If you would like to see a family newsletter on perseverance, please follow the link connected to your student's grade level: [Early Childhood](#), [Kindergarten](#), [First](#), [Second](#), [Third](#), and [Fourth](#).

### **Report Cards**

The first semester report cards have been completed and are now available on your MyDIS account.

### **Carpool**

I would like to remind our community that the speed limit is **5mph** on campus. Please keep a slow speed when going through the parking lot. For the safety of our students and staff, please carefully read the carpool instructions below. Also, out of courtesy to our families and staff who use the sidewalks—and for everyone's safety—please avoid parking over the sidewalks when backing into parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **[Carpool Instructions and Organization](#)**

### **Enroll Now for Winter Break Camp**

Join us for our upcoming Winter Break Camp from Monday, February 16 - Friday, February 20. For more information and to enroll, please [click here](#). This year's camp includes dozens of activities, including cooking, pottery, chess, soccer and much more. This camp will take place on our Churchill Campus, but Waterview students are welcome to sign up for activities designated for them.

**Coming Up: 24th Annual DIS Music Concert**  
**Sunday, February 1, 4:00pm**

We hope you'll join us this Sunday at 4:00pm for the 24th annual DIS Music Concert. Mr. Schlaffer and Mr. Mouyal have been working hard behind the scenes, and we look forward to the music that will be presented to you all Sunday afternoon!

**Coming Up: MAP Testing (GS - 4th Grades)**  
**Starting Next Week**

MAP testing in Reading and Math for students in grades GS-CM1 will continue next week. Results will be shared with parents through MyDIS and discussed at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

We have rescheduled the MAP testing sessions that were canceled this week due to the weather. Your child's teacher will contact you directly with the new testing dates. If you want further information, please read the information below.

**[MAP Information Letter](#)**

**Coming Up: Conversation with the Head of Primary**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 6:00pm**

We will host the second Conversation with the Head of Primary, Mr. Franck Philipp, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00pm at our Churchill Campus. **[Please RSVP to let us know you're coming.](#)**

**Coming Up: Valentine's Day Celebration Details**  
**Friday, February 13**

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13. It is going to be a free dress day and we encourage students to wear pink, red and/or white. Students will be allowed to bring Valentine's Day cards to exchange with classmates. This will be a student-only event.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- Any students participating must bring cards for every classmate.
- If students want to give gifts or candies, please bring one bag per classmate with candy prepackaged in it.
- For younger grades, such as *Maternelle*, please leave cards blank without names for easier distribution by the teachers.
- Healthy treats are encouraged; candy may not be eaten at school.

In order to avoid any food allergies, students are not allowed to share food. To prevent

serious and life-threatening allergic reactions, no nuts or any product containing nuts—including peanut butter or Nutella—are allowed on campus.

**Coming Up: DELF Ceremony at Waterview  
Thursday, February 26, 6:00pm**

Families with a child who took the DELF last year are invited to attend the DELF Ceremony on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00pm at our Waterview Campus. During this ceremony, we will recognize our students' impressive achievements and present the official DELF certificates recently received from the French government. A separate invitation will be sent soon with a link to RSVP.

**Coming Up: DIS Talent Show Auditions  
Sunday, March 15, 10:00am**

We are excited to announce the DIS Talent Show on **Friday, May 8 at 6:00pm** in the Churchill Campus gym. [Audition sign-ups are open now.](#)

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.

**Performance Guidelines:**

Maximum length: 4 minutes

Vocals may be a cappella, live, or with a backing track

Music must be emailed or brought on a USB

Piano and microphone provided

Content must be appropriate for all audiences

To participate, please [complete the sign-up form](#) by **Wednesday, February 11** (one form per group).

We will continue to keep you updated on what's happening at the Churchill Campus and please always feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,  
Franck Philipp

**On the Horizon**

- **Friday, January 30, 2026** - Report Cards Released to Parents
- **Sunday, February 1, 2026, 4:00pm** - 24th Annual DIS Music Concert, FUMC Richardson
- **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** - Thai-rific Day (Country of the Year Celebration)
- **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:00pm** - Conversation with the Head of Primary
- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** - Lunar New Year Recognition
- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** - [DIS Talent Show Auditions Sign-Up Deadline](#)
- **Friday, February 13, 2026** - Valentine's Day Celebration
- **Monday, February 16 - Friday, February 20, 2026** - Winter Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00pm** - DELF Ceremony (Waterview Campus)
- **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10:00am** - DIS Talent Show Auditions
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** - [DIS Photo Retakes \(Churchill Campus\)](#)

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