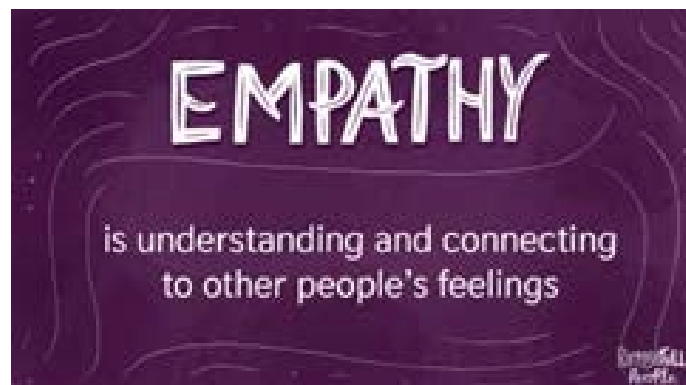




Primary School Heads-Up - 1/9/26

Dear Primary School Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Wishing everyone a happy new year filled with joy, success and happiness. We are excited to welcome our students back on campus as we close out the final days of the first semester.



From Mrs. Elizabeth Sham, School Counselor

Happy New Year! January guidance lessons with Mrs. Sham will be on the topic of Empathy. This DIS Core Value invites students to practice perspective-taking and kind consideration of others. Here are family newsletters on Empathy organized by grade level: [Early Childhood](#), [Kindergarten](#), [First](#), [Second](#), [Third](#) and [Fourth](#).

End-of-Semester Afterschool Activities and Spring Registration

- The last day of fall activities is today, Friday, January 9.
- Fall Makeup Week is January 12-16. Parents will receive an email if an activity is having a makeup class.
- Spring registration opened January 1 on Blackbaud and closes Friday, January 16.
- Spring activities start Tuesday, January 20.

- No Homework Help/private tutoring lessons from December 15-January 16. Lessons will resume on January 20.
- For any questions, please email: cwafterschool@dallasinternationalschool.org

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](#)

Registration Is Open for Adult Language Classes

Registration is now open for the DIS Language Institute's adult foreign language classes starting this month. Multiple levels of Spanish and French classes are open, so [sign up here](#) while spots are still available!

Coming Up: DIS Family Information Sessions Tuesday, January 13 - Thursday, January 29

We have enjoyed meeting with parents and guardians during December's round of Family Information Sessions that have been designed to provide you with deeper insights into Dallas International School's programs, operations and future direction. If you are able to attend, please register your interest by [completing this RSVP](#). Upcoming sessions at Churchill and online include:

Tuesday, January 13 (Churchill, 9:00am): DIS Buildings and Grounds

Thursday, January 15 (Churchill, 9:00am): DIS Academics and Graduation Pathways

Thursday, January 15 (Online, 6:00pm): DIS Buildings and Grounds

Tuesday, January 20 (Churchill, 9:00am): French Education: Overseas and at DIS

Tuesday, January 20 (Online, 6:00pm): DIS Academics and Graduation Pathways

Wednesday, January 21 (Online, 6:00pm): French Education: Overseas and at DIS

Thursday, January 22 (Churchill, 9:00am): Scheduling for Academics and Wellbeing

Thursday, January 22 (Online, 6:00pm): Scheduling for Academics and Wellbeing

Wednesday, January 28 (Online, 6:00pm): Safety and Security at DIS

Thursday, January 29 (Churchill, 9:00am): Safety and Security at DIS

Coming Up: Deep Dive into FB and IB Program Meetings (Waterview Campus)

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00pm

Our Deep Dive Program Meetings will run consecutively on the same evening, from 6pm-7pm and 7pm-8pm, so that parents may attend one or both of these information meetings about our French and International Programs at our Waterview Campus. These meetings are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about our two world-renowned academic offerings here at DIS. Please [click here](#) for more information, and [RSVP for this event here](#).

Coming Up: Conversation with the Head of Primary Tuesday, January 27, 6:00pm

We will host the second Conversation with the Head of Primary, Mr. Franck Philipp, on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00pm at our Churchill Campus. [Please RSVP to let us know you're coming.](#)

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.

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

- **Tuesday, January 13 - Thursday, January 29, 2026** - DIS Family Information Sessions (Churchill and Online)
- **Monday, January 19, 2026** - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, January 23, 2026** - End of the First Semester
- **Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:00pm** - Conversation with the Head of Primary
- **Thursday, January 29, 2026, 5:30pm** - [PTO AGM and State of the School Address](#) (Waterview Campus)
- **Friday, January 30, 2026** - Report Cards Released to Parents
- **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** - Thai-rific Day (Country of the Year Celebration)

- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** - Lunar New Year Recognition
- **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)
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** - DIS Photo Retakes (Churchill Campus)

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