



Secondary School Heads-Up - 2/27/26

Dear Secondary School Community,

Welcome back from winter break. We hope everyone had a wonderful break and that you feel refreshed and ready for a new term. Here's what's been happening this week at Waterview.



DELFL Ceremony

Here at DIS, our students take the DELF exam in the 4th grade or in our Immersion Program. This exam proves that they have achieved a certain level of proficiency in the French language. The official diplomas issued by the French Ministry of Education can take a while to arrive, which is why we have the ceremony when the students are in 5th grade.

Congratulations to all of our students who passed with flying colors. We were proud to see them processing in their gowns and celebrating academic ambition at DIS. Thank you to everyone who made this ceremony a beautiful success and to all the families who attended. For parents and guardians who attended the ceremony and would like access to the event photos, you can find them [here](#).

8th Grade Trip to Paris

Our 8th graders arrived in Paris today for their international trip, and are ready to immerse themselves in French history, art and culture. Throughout the week, students will explore iconic landmarks such as the Palace of Versailles and the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral, delving deeper into French history and heritage.

They will also admire world-renowned masterpieces at the Louvre Museum and the impressive architecture of the Eiffel Tower. In addition, they will expand their learning in civic education and international cooperation at UNESCO and feel the power of sports at the Stade de France. We wish them an enriching and unforgettable experience full of learning and cultural growth.

Conversation with the Head of Secondary - Beyond the Classroom

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend, you can access the presentation [here](#). From our Global Exchange Program to student leadership opportunities, we were proud to highlight the many enriching experiences available to our students. Our students, staff and faculty did a wonderful job showcasing the exceptional opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

Food Committee Update

A few notes from our Food Committee meeting this week: Sage shares the same recipes and uses the same database at all of their schools. There is another station that Chef Tim will be adding called Vegetas. This would have more consistent ingredients, such as potato, rice or pasta. There is always another protein option available on Free Style, so students can ask the Sage team if they are not sure about the protein offered that day.

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](#).

Mock College Admissions Event

Our 10th graders had their turn in the admissions seat on Thursday, February 26, reviewing files for three fictional students alongside representatives from SMU, UT-Austin, UT-Dallas and American University. Thank you to our counselors, Ms. Peña and Mme Laforest, for organizing another fantastic event. For parents who want to experience the process firsthand, we will be offering a similar session for parents this coming fall.

Fire Drill Recap

Our Waterview Campus held a successful fire drill this past Wednesday. All students and staff were able to calmly and safely exit the building in less than three minutes. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during these drills as they are important barometers to ensure we would respond accordingly.

IB Career-related Program Verification Visit

DIS is a candidate school for the IB Career-related Program, and our verification visit was this week. The IB Verification team met with staff and faculty, as well as students, parents and guardians, and I am grateful for everyone's participation in this important process. We will need to wait a few weeks for the final report, but we hope to soon be officially authorized to offer the Career-related Program with Aviation as our career pathway.

Thank You to Our Alumni Parent Donor

Our heartfelt thanks go out to one of our alumni parents who donated a 1984 Baldwin upright piano and a Hohner classical guitar to the music department to be enjoyed by our students. This thoughtful gift is greatly appreciated and will provide lasting value to our music program.

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: Lunar New Year Celebrations Tuesday, March 3, 9:25am

Students in our Mandarin program have been exploring Lunar New Year traditions and cultural practices in class. On Tuesday, March 3, we will celebrate the Lantern Festival which marks the conclusion of the 15-day Lunar New Year celebration. A school-wide assembly will be held in the MPR where red lanterns and Chinese knots will be displayed. Students in grades 6-10 will showcase their Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival projects. 11th and 12th-grade Mandarin students will give a special presentation and 5th graders will perform a song in honor of the occasion. Thank you so much to our Mandarin team, Ms. Mei Hong Wu and Ms. Ying Hutchinson, for organizing these cultural festivities.

Coming Up: Medieval Fair Thursday, March 5, 1:30pm

You are invited to attend our Medieval Fair on Thursday, March 5, from 1:30-4:00pm in the MPR. Our students, under the guidance of Mme Lebourg, will be taking us back in time to learn about everyday life in the Middle Ages. Come learn about topics as varied as music, fashion and art, and share in games and quizzes to learn more about the medieval era. 7th-grade students are encouraged to dress up for the occasion.

Coming Up: Rite Race Tuesday, March 10, 1:30pm

The Rite Race, benefitting [Scottish Rite for Children](#), will be held Tuesday, March 10. We are always very excited about this annual campus-wide event, which is not only fun, but supports a great cause. It encourages our students to get involved and give back to the community. Students will be reaching out to friends and family to donate for participating in this fun run.

All students should bring:

A water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the activities.

A snack to replenish energy levels after the race.

A hat and **sunscreen** are strongly encouraged to protect against sun exposure.

A t-shirt in the color of their house

Your student will receive several donation cards to help them ask friends and family for their support. This card has a QR code to send donors directly to the [donation page](#). [Click here for additional donation cards.](#)

Your child can continue to raise funds through Saturday, April 4. [The donation link](#) may be shared internationally as all major credit cards are accepted. However, international transactions will be subject to conversion fees as funds will be in USD. 100% of funds raised will go to Scottish Rite to support their work. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and cheer students on.

DIS Theatre proudly presents:



Coming Up: Annie Jr. Musical
Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm

The Annie Jr. cast and crew have been working hard for the past few months, rehearsing and building sets for the upcoming musical. We hope you will join us to celebrate the inaugural production of the DIS Theatre Program with this iconic Broadway musical. None of this would be happening without the tireless efforts of Ms. Erica Francis.

The performances will be at the Lewisville Grand Theater Black Box at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12. To reserve tickets, [please click here](#). Admission is free, but please do not claim more tickets than you will use as we want the theater to be full of enthusiastic audience members. If you have already claimed tickets, you do not need to claim them again. We can't wait for you to see the show.

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**.

Thank you for being such a dynamic and supportive community. Our students have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Warm regards,

Patty

On the Horizon

- **Tuesday, March 3, 2026** - Lunar New Year Celebration
- **Thursday, March 5, 2026, 1:30pm** - 7th Grade Medieval Fair
- **Monday, March 9, 2026, 9:15am** - PSAT for 9th Grade
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 9:15am** - SAT for 11th Grade
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 1:30pm** - Rite Race at Waterview
- **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9:15am** - PSAT for 8th Grade
- **Wednesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 12, 2026** - [DIS Musical Theater Production of Annie Jr](#)
- **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10:00am** - DIS Talent Show Auditions
- [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 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**

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