



Secondary School Heads-Up - 3/6/26

Dear Secondary School Community,

With our 8th-grade students in Paris, three exchange students joining us from Spain, Lunar New Year, Scottish Rite visiting and taking a trip to the Middle Ages, this has been a week full of experiential learning and wonderful opportunities for our students.



Medieval Fair

To those who were able to attend our Medieval Fair on Thursday, we hope you enjoyed the beautiful displays created by our 7th-grade students. From music and fashion to art and falconry, students learned all about the Middle Ages. There was even some friendly fencing and jousting. A huge thank you to Mme Lebourg for spearheading this wonderful event for our community and to our students for their excellent work.



8th Grade Paris Trip

The 8th graders return today from their trip to Paris. While in France, students visited iconic landmarks such as the Palace of Versailles and Notre-Dame Cathedral, admired world-renowned masterpieces at the Louvre, discovered the artistic charm of Montmartre and enjoyed the impressive architecture of the Eiffel Tower.

We look forward to hearing all about this trip from the students next week and we hope the chaperones, Mr. Stenuit, Mme. Mattia, Mr. Grima and Mme. Calonne, get some well-deserved rest this weekend. We cannot thank them enough for all they have done for our students.



Lunar New Year Celebration

Students in the Mandarin program have been exploring Lunar New Year traditions and cultural practices in class. They have engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, including paper cutting, food tasting and even making some traditional desserts.

Students then celebrated the Lantern Festival which marks the conclusion of the 15-day Lunar New Year. A school-wide assembly was held in the MPR where red lanterns and Chinese knots were displayed. Students from grades 6-10 showcased their Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival projects and our 11th and 12th-grade Mandarin students gave a presentation. Thank you so much to our Mandarin team, Ms. Mei Hong Wu and Ms. Ying Hutchinson, for organizing these cultural festivities, and to Rachel and Sophia for their excellent presentation.

Welcoming Our Exchange Students

This week, our first three exchange students arrived at DIS. They are Nicolas Unterman, Daniela Corbi and Carla Fronton from Villanueva de la Cañada in Spain (near Madrid). Four of our DIS students are currently abroad, immersing themselves in another culture and language, and building relationships to last a lifetime.

Scottish Rite Visits DIS

With the Rite Race coming Tuesday, we really wanted our students to understand why they were running; so we invited Mandi Valdez from the Scottish Rite Hospital. Mandi shared how the hospital started out in the 1920s for children with polio, and over time, evolved to what it is today. DIS has been doing the Rite Race since 2004 and since then, we have become one of their biggest donors. Mandi showed us the photo of our name on their donor wall and ended her presentation with a moving video about the difference Scottish Rite makes in the lives of children. If you would still like to donate to this worthy cause, you can do so [here](#).

Shelter in Place Drill

Our Waterview Campus held a successful shelter in place drill this week. All students and staff were able to calmly and safely shelter within their classroom for the duration of the drill. The team noted that students remained quiet and followed all directions. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during these drills as they are important barometers to ensure we would respond accordingly in the event of a real scenario.

Food Committee Update

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](#).

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: 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: Conversation with the Head of Secondary - "Focus on Fine Arts"
Wednesday, April 15, 6:00pm

We hope you will join us to learn more about fine arts at DIS. From our annual music concert in February to our musical theater production of *Annie Jr*, to visual arts and exhibitions, creativity is on the move at DIS. Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know you're coming.

Coming Up: Rescheduled Visit to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Friday, April 24, 9:00am

On Friday, April 24, DIS will take students from grades 4-8 to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. There are around 150 students learning to play violin, viola, cello and bass, and we are excited that the students will get to enjoy this Dallas Symphony Orchestra experience. We also hope you have all marked your calendars for the end-of-year concert on June 6.

Coming Up: DIS Career Day
Friday, May 1, 9:00am

This year, we are excited to host Career Day at our Waterview Campus on May 1 — a fitting date, as it coincides with *La Fête du Travail*, the international celebration of workers. If you would be interested in hosting a table in the MPR where you can share your professional experience and career advice with our high school students, [please fill out this form](#).

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**.

When I write this letter each week, it makes me incredibly proud of the team of staff and faculty here at DIS. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,
Patty

On the Horizon

- **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**
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:00pm** - [Conversation with the Head of Secondary - "Focus on Fine Arts"](#)
- **Friday, April 17, 2026, 7:00pm** - High School Prom (Grades 9-12)
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 7:00pm** - Senior Dinner at Cadot
- **Thursday, April 23, 2026** - ARISE Drone Competition at SMU
- **Friday, April 24, 2026** - SGA Election Speeches
- **Monday, April 27 - Thursday, May 21, 2026** - IB Final Exams
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2026** - SGA Elections
- **Friday, May 1, 2026** - DIS Career Day

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