

Monday Morning Messenger #2

FDR high school got off to a fine start this week. The high school gathered for an assembly focusing on the complexities of our 21st century world and what a great challenge we all face as parents, teachers and students to ensure success and happiness. As an IB World school, FDR strives to prepare our students with the ability to apply skills, concepts and knowledge to an unknown or new situation.

One area where all students need to comply is the appropriate use of uniform. On Monday we had to suspend the wearing of the grey sweatshirts as they were not official uniform. By Wednesday Mr. Jones had solved the problem. I would like to thank him for taking action so quickly, but I was also extremely impressed with the student body who respected our decision and did not wear them to school until told otherwise. Thank you!

Another issue that has taken up some time this week is the extremely short length of the girls' skirts. This needs to be looked at by a committee consisting of all stakeholders. In the meantime, school skirts, purchased from the uniform shop, that are above the knee may ONLY be worn with navy or black opaque tights (panty hose). We hope to have this issue corrected by the summer. As it is winter, flat, black boots are appropriate shoes for school.

A big 'Thank you' to the Green Team for supplying us with some wonderful music and dancing during the whole school assembly on Friday. Again students were very well behaved, acting as good role model for the younger students.

- Upcoming events in high school
19 August at 12.00 noon there will be an Earthquake drill. Students are expected to follow the instructions and remain silent through the drill. This is crucial for the success of this practice.
- 19 August
Students in grade 10 and 12 will meet with their Personal Project and Extended Essay supervisors on Wednesday at 12.30 – please encourage your daughter/son to have a solid draft prepared so the supervisor can give timely and positive feedback.
- 22 August
Welcome Back school community event – would be wonderful to have as many high school families as possible attend this event. The PTA will be sending out flyers with more information
- 26 August
High School 'Back to School night' at 7.00pm – 9.00pm. A letter will go out next week with the details of this, but in the meantime, please note this in your diary.

- 27 August
Introduction to MYP for all new Parents at 8.00am in the morning.
We are also looking to an information session for parents of juniors, new to the IB Diploma – more details to follow.

Finally, the high school faculty has been amazing to date – both new and returning. Here's to the continued success of the school year 2009-2010 for all our students.

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GREEN TIP OF THIS MONTH: PACK YOUR LUNCH IN TUPPERWARE

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