

Dear Wellspring Community,

I would like to start my monthly communication by sharing a part of the January, 2026 CIS newsletter on the three-fold impact of **courage**: “*bravery that defies risks, honesty irrespective of consequences, and kindness in the face of cruelty.*”

As we begin a new calendar year and move steadily through the heart of our academic year, we have chosen to implement **courage** in all we do. January is proving to be a month of remarkable energy, commitment, and collective achievement across our campuses. I would like to take a moment to reflect with you on this vibrant period and share some important updates.

### **Governing Board Meeting**

On January 16, the Wellspring Governing Board met to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and set the roadmap for 2025 – 2026. Every Board member generously committed to supporting the executive team in one of its strategic pillars.

### **Midyear Exams: A Moment of Focus and Growth**

Our students are now deeply engaged in their midyear examinations: an important milestone that allows them to demonstrate their learning, reflect on their progress, and identify goals for the months ahead. I have been impressed by the steady support offered by teachers and families throughout this period.

### **Celebrating Achievements Across the School**

Our Principals’ monthly newsletters highlight a rich array of accomplishments at every level of the school. From academic milestones, to service-learning successes, athletic participation, creative accomplishments, and student leadership initiatives. The spirit of Wellspring’s mission is truly thriving. I encourage you to revisit these newsletters, as they are a testament to the meaningful work happening daily in our classrooms and community spaces.

### **A Month of “Bee-Hive” Activity**

January has brought with it an exceptional level of activity; each initiative reflecting our commitment to the growth and wellbeing of our students, staff, and broader community:

- **National Initiative for School of Citizenship (SOC)**

We are proud to have been selected to participate in this important national initiative. This recognition highlights Wellspring’s longstanding dedication to nurturing responsible, active, effective, and compassionate young citizens. Our leading teams are now planning how to integrate this initiative to further strengthen civic education and community engagement across grade levels and promoting its four values: courage, balance, justice, and wisdom.

- **Budget Planning Meetings**

Our leadership teams and long-term partners have been carefully working through the budgeting process for the coming school year. These discussions ensure that our priorities: student learning, staff development, facility improvement, and program enhancement continue to be supported strategically and sustainably.

- **Preparations for February & March Milestones**

January has also been a joyful month of preparation as we plan for our upcoming milestones:

- **February:**

- Modified daily schedules as of Monday, February 16, 2026 and until after Eid. 3.00 pm for faculty; 3.30 for administrative staff.
- Solidarity campaigns throughout Ramadan & Lent
- Bookfair

- Chinese New Year

- **March:**

**As we look forward, to** recognizing the exceptional Wellspring educators and team members whose dedication makes our school the caring and dynamic learning environment it is, please save the following dates

- **February 27:** WPAC Staff Appreciation *Souhour*
- **March 6:** Wellspring Learning Community's Staff Appreciation *Iftar*  
Details to follow.
- **Early Years Admissions interviews – January 31, 2026**

We are excited to welcome prospective students and families to our **Wellspring Admissions Interviews on January 31**. As usual, our leaders and educators have enthusiastically volunteered to take part in this important moment in our school calendar.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we move into the next phase of the school year, let us continue to be *Ubuntu* with the same sense of **courage**, purpose, optimism, and unity that have shaped these first weeks of 2026. I remain grateful for each member of the Wellspring family, students, parents, faculty, staff, board members, and partners, whose contributions strengthen our community every day.

Wishing you all continued focus, enthusiasm, and success in the weeks ahead. See you in February!

Warm regards,