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Dear Wellspring Middle School Families,

Every week brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and discover something meaningful about ourselves and the world around us. This week, our students explored the power of adaptability, the influence of communication, the value of community initiatives, and the importance of expressing ideas thoughtfully.

As we continue to learn and grow together, let us remember that education is not only about what students know, but also about the people they become.

🌊 **A Glimpse from Our Assembly: Be Like Water**

What happens when a stream encounters a rock?

Does the water stop flowing? Does it give up? Of course not! It finds another way around the obstacle and continues its journey.

This simple image carries a powerful lesson for all of us. When we face a challenge, we do not always need to push harder in the same direction. Sometimes, we need to **change our approach, rethink our strategy, and ask for help.**

Struggling with a Mathematics problem? Try a different method, ask your teacher to explain it another way, or work through it with a classmate. Facing a difficult situation? Pause, reflect, and consider another perspective.

Water also teaches us humility. It flows towards the lowest point, nourishes life, and helps everything around it flourish. In the same way, we can choose to remain humble, support others, and bring positivity wherever we go.

💧 **This week's reminder:** Be flexible when facing challenges, humble in your achievements, and generous in the positive energy you share with others.

You do not have to overcome every obstacle by force. Sometimes, the wisest path is to find another way.

🎤 **Student-Led Assembly: Celebrating the English Language**

Our English Department hosted this week's student-led assembly, giving students the opportunity to explore the English Language and discover new and interesting facts about it.

Through student participation and shared discoveries, the assembly reminded us that language is much more than a subject we study. It is a tool for communication, creativity, expression, and connection.

👏 A big thank-you to our English Department and our students for creating an engaging learning experience and encouraging curiosity beyond the classroom!

🌍 **NGO Fair: Learning Through Community Action**

Our school welcomed organizations participating in the NGO Fair, where they showcased their community projects, initiatives, and products.

The fair offered students an opportunity to learn about the meaningful work organizations do to address community needs and create positive change. It also highlighted how creativity, initiative, and collaboration can turn ideas into action.

🤍 **The Lesson:** Making a difference does not always begin with something big. It begins with noticing a need, caring enough to act, and finding ways to help.

We thank the participating organizations for sharing their work and inspiring our students to become thoughtful, engaged members of their communities.

📣 Open Mic: The Art of Propaganda

Yesterday, our students took part in an Open Mic event exploring **the art of propaganda and how it can influence public opinion.**

Working in groups, students selected different countries and examined how propaganda can shape perceptions, influence beliefs, and sometimes mislead people.

The event encouraged students to look beyond the message itself and ask important questions:

- Who is communicating this message?
- What does the speaker want us to believe?
- What information might be missing?
- How can we distinguish facts from manipulation?

These are essential skills in today's world, where information travels quickly and not every message tells the complete story.

🎯 **Our takeaway:** Think critically, question respectfully, verify information, and never be afraid to look beyond the surface.

🌐 Model United Nations: Preparing Future Global Citizens

On Wednesday, we hosted an informative MUN session led by **Dr. Elie Samia** for the parents of students in Grades 8, 9, 10, and 11.

The session introduced the **AMUN New York 2027 program**, providing families with an opportunity to learn more about this experience and its educational value.

Model United Nations helps students develop research skills, public speaking, negotiation, diplomacy, critical thinking, and an understanding of international issues. More importantly, it encourages them to listen to different perspectives, construct thoughtful arguments, and work collaboratively towards solutions.

🌎 We look forward to seeing our students continue developing the confidence and skills needed to engage meaningfully with the wider world.

🎧 DJ of the Week: Music, Connection, and Community

Every Wednesday during the lunch break, our school comes alive with **DJ of the Week**, a new initiative led by Mr. Elie, our Music teacher!

🎵 Students get the opportunity to share their music playlists, discover one another's musical tastes, and enjoy the rhythm and energy that music brings to our community. It is a wonderful way to celebrate individuality while building connections through a shared love of music.

👔 A Gentle Reminder: Wearing Our Uniform with Pride

Our school uniform is part of our shared identity. Wearing it correctly demonstrates belonging, responsibility, and respect for our school community.

Please help us ensure that students follow the uniform expectations outlined in the Student Handbook:

- **School logo:** The school logo must remain clearly visible when students arrive at school.
- **Jackets:** Jackets other than the official school jacket are permitted in accordance with the policy, provided they have a zipper and are in a dark color, such as black or dark blue.
- **Footwear:** Open shoes are not permitted unless there is a medical need supported by an appropriate medical report.

We appreciate parents' partnership in helping students develop consistent habits and take responsibility for meeting school expectations.

Consistency in small things helps build responsibility in bigger things.

⏰ **Start the Day Right: Morning Arrival Schedule**

Punctuality helps students begin their day calmly, participate in assembly and advisory, and avoid missing important learning opportunities.

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Time	Schedule
7:00 a.m.	Front and back gates open
7:25 a.m.	Back gate closes — access is through the front gate only
7:25 a.m.	Assembly / Advisory begins
7:40 a.m.	Classes begin

Please plan morning journeys accordingly and ensure that students arrive on time. Arriving before assembly allows students to settle in, connect with their peers, and prepare themselves for a productive day.

⏳ **A small habit with a big impact:** Being on time is not simply about following a schedule; it is about respecting our learning time and the time of others.

🍂 **Fall Break Reminder: Rest, Recharge, and Return Stronger!**

As we approach the fall break, please note that students will have **Wednesday, October 28, through Friday, October 30, 2026, off**. The school and all administrative offices will also be closed during the break.

🏫 **Classes will resume on Monday, November 2, 2026**.

We encourage our students to make the most of this short break by taking time to relax, recharge, spend quality time with family and friends, and enjoy the activities they love.

💗 **A Thought to Carry into Next Week**

This week, water reminded us to adapt. Our students reminded us of the power of curiosity, communication, and critical thinking. Our community partners showed us the value of taking action.

As parents and educators, we share an important responsibility: helping our children become resilient learners, humble leaders, responsible citizens, and compassionate human beings.

Let us encourage them to keep trying when learning becomes difficult, to ask for help when they need it, to question what they hear, and to contribute positively to the world around them.

May we all learn to be like water: adaptable in challenges, humble in our journey, and a source of life and positivity to others.

Best regards,

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