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Hi Ivy Families!

As some of you may know, our lunchroom has been a topic of discussion amongst our students, staff, and even some parents. I thought I'd take a couple of minutes to share what we've created collaboratively as a school. Our goal is to create a safe and respectful lunchroom where students are able to have conversations with friends, enjoy each others company and be safe.

To help with that, we recently did a "reboot" of our lunchroom. Students, teachers, and Ivy staff all had opportunities to share what they think our lunchroom should "look like", "sound like", and "feel like" through classroom discussions, online surveys, and small group chats.

All these responses were compiled to create our school-wide expectations which we are calling the 3 C's: Clean, In Control and Calm. Below, you will be able to see what each of these mean. These signs are hung in the Commons as reminders for students of our shared expectations and are being reviewed almost daily to help give feedback on how we are doing as a group.

In the last couple of weeks, we have made great strides in our lunchroom. There are still a couple of areas we are still working on, with one being "Calm".

We have consistently noticed students running into and out of the lunchroom and also running towards Smart Snack when it opens. Running creates an immediate safety concern, especially as we move towards winter and shoes become slippery. Another expectation we are working on involves using our talking voices (level 3) with one another. Having students shouting across lunch tables creates an extremely loud environment that gets in the way of other students enjoying their time and their own conversations with friends.

As you can see, these are all attainable and expectable lunchroom behaviors. We hope with your help and support we will continue to see our lunchroom as an enjoyable experience for our students.

Thanks!
Scott



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CLEAN



1. Floor is Clean
2. Table is clean
3. Trash makes it into the garbage cans

CALM



1. Voice level 3 (talking at appropriate indoor level)
2. Walking in and around the commons
3. No excessive noises (ie. drumming on tables)

IN CONTROL



1. When staff is on the mic, zero voice level (no talking)
2. Hands and feet to self
3. Use hand signals (bathroom, water, walk around)

