

Update 1.12.18

Good Afternoon,

Wow! Can you believe it's January 2018? We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful holiday break.



- ✚ January 18<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the second grading period and the first semester of this school year. Please take a moment to check your child's grades on Parent Portal. If you see a grade below a "B," please contact the teacher of that course by email and talk about what may be done to raise the grade before the grading period ends. Staff emails are posted at <http://mastfiu.dadeschools.net>.
- ✚ Next week we will meet with students so they may complete their Course Selection Form for next year. Please ask to see it so you may review the form and discussed your child's selections. Students will submit their completed forms to their first period teacher on January 19<sup>th</sup>. This is very important.
- ✚ Beginning this month, we will offer an 18-week SAT Prep course for interested 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders after school. The course provides an ideal 36 hours of preparation and works nicely with the SAT administration dates that are scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> (7 weeks into preparation), May 5<sup>th</sup> (14 weeks in), and June 2<sup>nd</sup> (18 weeks in), so students should see the cumulative benefits of their preparation. Two sections with capacity for 40 students each are planned: Mondays & Wednesdays 2:30 to 3:30 PM and Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:30 to 3:30 PM. There is a \$25.00 charge to enroll in the course (Kaplan charges \$720 for this course). Students must register with Ms. Madrigal in AC1 395 and payment must be made using the On-line School Payment application that is available on the Parent Portal (Visit <http://mastfiu.dadeschools.net/assets/on-line-school-payments.pdf> for instructions).
- ✚ Students who took the PSAT in October received their scores last month and have worked with their respective language arts teacher to link their score to Khan Academy where they will receive an individualized program of study that will help them prepare for the SAT and better prepare them for the SAT Prep course we are offering in this month. Please ensure that your child takes advantage of this program.
- ✚ The Toy Drive and the Toiletries Drives conducted during December were a great success. Thank you to all the parents and students who contributed to these two great causes.
- ✚ We held our last Recruitment meeting for interested parents and students today. Please tell your friends that the submission window for Magnet school applications closes on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ There is no school on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Until next time... bye for now.