

Update 12.14.17

Good Morning,

We hope your week is progressing well.



- ✚ Beginning in January, we will offer an 18-week SAT Prep course for interested 11th and 12th 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 10th (7 weeks into preparation), May 5th (14 weeks in), and June 2nd (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 (see attached instructions).
- ✚ Students who took the PSAT in October will receive their scores within the next few days. Students will work 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 January. The attached document will guide you through the process that students may use to link their PSAT score to Khan Academy.
- ✚ Seniors, make sure that Ms. Madrigal receives any requests for recommendations or applications before 12/15/17. This date is very important since she will finish all January 1, 2018 deadlines before students leave on winter break. Any recommendation requests or applications received after 12/15/17 may not be completed before the requested time and anything received after 12/22/17 will not be completed until we return from winter break.
- ✚ The National Honor Society (NHS) has organized a "Toiletries for the Homeless" drive from December 1-20. Donated items will be given to Project Up-Start, which is M-DCPS campaign to help homeless students in the community. Students will accrue community service hours for their work (see attached flyer).
- ✚ NHS is also participating in a school-based holiday toy drive from December 1-20. Students may bring a new unwrapped toy to AC1 395 during homeroom. Toys will be donated to the Kevin Garcia Foundation which takes these toys to children who are in the hospital during the holidays. Please, give generously. Students will accrue community service hours for their work.

- ✚ The PTSA has organized a Holiday Fund drive for the staff. You may visit the uniform link to contribute by credit card at <http://mastfiu.dadeschools.net/ptsa.html> or deliver your contribution by sealed envelope to Ms. Madrigal in AC1-395. Thank you for your generous support (see attached flyer).
- ✚ The magnet recruitment process for our school is well underway. Interested parents and students may learn about our school at the Recruitment meeting scheduled for 8:00-9:00 AM on Friday, January 12, 2018 in AC1 194. Please inform interested parties about this event.
- ✚ The district Attendance Boundary Committee has published the list of Final Targeted and Final Advised schools for 2017-2018 (see attached notice).
- ✚ I have attached the Bright Futures eligibility chart as a reference for students and parent to use in determining scholarship awards.
- ✚ Winter recess begins December 25, 2017 and ends January 5, 2018. We wish all a happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy year ahead. Recess affords students time to relax and make up work they may need to submit.
- ✚ There is no school on January 15 and the second marking period ends January 18.

Until next time... bye for now.