

Good Morning,

- ✚ School begins on August 19<sup>st</sup> at 7:20 AM. We ask that students arrive no later than 7:00 AM on the first day so they may orient themselves to the campus and locate the room for their first period class. Students should arrive no later than 7:10 AM thereafter to ensure prompt arrival to class.
- ✚ The construction on NE 151 Street will continue for some time. Keep in mind that there are two high schools, one K-8 school, one alternative school and a university along 151 Street, so traffic congestion is high at arrival and dismissal. If you reach Biscayne Boulevard and 151 Street before 7:00 AM you will encounter little or no traffic congestion.
- ✚ Parents driving to the Biscayne Bay campus should enter the campus through the main entrance and then turn right at the sign that indicates the location of MAST@FIU. Drive east toward Academic 2 until you reach the round-about in Parking lot #2.
- ✚ Breakfast is free for all students. Breakfast is available from 6:45 AM-7:15 AM each day. Students eat lunch during one of two lunch sessions. FIU is in the process of renovating the food court. It is scheduled to reopen sometime during September. FIU has decided to have food trucks on site during the day to accommodate students. We provide a nutritious lunch each day. Students who receive lunch free or at reduced price lunch must reapply to maintain their status. Other students may purchase lunch. It is recommended that parent use the PayPal's account to pay for lunch rather than use cash. Beverages and food are also available at the book store and at Starbucks.
- ✚ Students arriving on campus prior to 7:20 AM should congregate in open area around the center stairwell in Academic 1 so they may socialize and enjoy a free breakfast before class.
- ✚ Remember that our uniform policy specifies the following:
  - Black, blue or Khaki pants, blue jeans are allowed, and our polo logo shirt.
  - Closed shoes are required; no sandals or flip flops are permitted.
  - Sweaters or other apparel may not be worn over the polo shirt unless the item has our school logo.
  - Uniform apparel may be order online at <https://squareup.com/market/mastfiuptsa>.
- ✚ All returning students must wear their school ID. New students will receive an ID within the first few days of school.
- ✚ Our school website has a plethora of information that will help you and your child stay informed and have a successful year. These updates and weekly announcements are posted on the News and Events tab at <http://mastfiu.dadeschools.net/>
- ✚ Student schedules are posted on the parent and student portals. Make sure your child has a copy or takes a picture of his or her schedule to use on the first day of school. A person will be



located on the first floor at 7:00 AM to assist students who do not know their first period room number.

- ✚ Students who completed FLVS or Dual Enrollment courses over the summer recess will receive a form to complete during first period on August 19<sup>th</sup> so schedules may be adjusted quickly. Many students have a FLVS course listed in their schedule to accommodate this change.
- ✚ We will address any problems that students observe with their schedules in an orderly process beginning on the first day of school. Our first priority is to make sure that the students in Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses are scheduled appropriately. That process will consume all of Monday. Students will not be allowed to leave class to address schedule concerns. After we finish with the first two groups, we will address schedule concerns by grade level beginning with seniors, then juniors, etc. We hope to address all concerns within a short period of time. Please be patient.
- ✚ Students will receive various forms on day one. Some forms require your signature. Please ask your child for these forms so they may be returned quickly to homeroom teachers. I have also attached some additional information with this update.
- ✚ Parents, please remember that only the persons who you have listed on your child's Emergency Contact card are authorized to sign-out your child during the school day. You must contact Ms. West personally if you wish to make a change.

Until next time... bye for now.

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