

Update 8.23.19

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for a fantastic opening week of school. It is an absolute pleasure to work with your children. They are intelligent, articulate and respectful. Some notes to consider as we move into next week.



- ✚ Lunch is available during two lunch sessions beginning at 11:30 AM. Students may bring their lunch, buy lunch from one of FIU's vendors or us. Students who currently receive free or reduced-price meals must renew their meal application each year within the 20-day window. Please visit <https://freeandreducedmealapp.dadeschools.net/> to apply.
- ✚ We have finished student schedule changes. We will begin our review of 12<sup>th</sup> grade course histories to make sure our seniors are set for graduation.
- ✚ We will host our first convocation on September 6th.
- ✚ Students will participate in our annual Club and Society Fair on September 27. We ask that all students join, at least, one club or honor society. It looks great on their college application.
- ✚ Our Open House Back to School Night is September 25th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We would love to see everybody here that night. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers.
- ✚ We have issued school ID badges to all but a few of our students. Our ninth graders will receive their Panther ID numbers next week and Panther ID cards shortly thereafter.
- ✚ Please talk with your student about grades, attendance and current school events every week. Our students are brilliant and we expect nothing less than "A's" and "B's" on all assignments and tests. When concerns arise, contact your student's teachers quickly so discussions may be held and remedies suggested. Teacher contact information is available on the Resources page of our website.
- ✚ Please be reminded that our students must adhere to the dress code, which consists of our logo shirt and blue, black or tan colored pants. All outwear must have our logo as well. Thank you for your cooperation. Purchase uniform attire at <https://squareup.com/market/mastfiuptsa>. Remember that the money raised by our PTSA comes back to students.
- ✚ Teachers who instruct students with special needs were provided documentation regarding the accommodations that are outlined in each child's IEP or 505 Plan. Please contact your child's teachers by email if you have questions about the accommodations your child receives. The parents of students who are classified as Gifted will receive a Meeting Notification within the next few weeks so we may update each child's EP.

- ✚ I know that most of you experienced the delays associated with the road construction on NE 151<sup>st</sup> this week. If you get to Biscayne Blvd. and NE 151<sup>st</sup> Street before 7:00 AM, traffic is much lighter.
- ✚ We take school safety and your child's health and wellbeing very seriously. Please be reminded that our school is located on a university campus. Please reinforce these simple, yet important, guidelines:
  - Do not travel alone
  - Do not enter or remain in an unsupervised room or space
  - Stay in areas that are populated and well lit
  - Be aware of your surroundings -- develop situational awareness
  - Have an exit plan in case of emergency
  - Be aware of traffic if you walk, bike, or ride a skateboard to school
- ✚ Be advised that this university has a bookstore and vending machines where nonprescription medications are available for purchase. Students are not permitted to purchase or use any medication in our school without a doctor's order and appropriate authorization. Please contact an administrator if your child has a medical condition that requires the administration of prescription or nonprescription medication while at school.
- ✚ The enclosed picture is a Blue Tang. Scientific name: *Paracanthurus hepatus*. It is a species of Indo-Pacific surgeonfish and a popular fish in marine aquaria. It is the only member of the genus *Paracanthurus*.
- ✚ I have attached some additional documents for your information.

Thank you for your attention. Until next time... bye for now.

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