

Update 8.24.18

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.



- ✚ We have opened the lunch program to reward students for their academic performance last year and to further their integration within the university environment. We now have three lunch sessions: 11:35 AM-12:10 PM, 12:20 PM-12:55 PM, and 1:05 PM-1:40 PM to allow time for students to visit the concessions on campus to purchase items. School lunches are available each session in Modular 4 for students who receive free or reduced-price lunch or wish to purchase a lunch for \$2.50.
- ✚ 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 general orientation sessions for all students next week. Students will attend by homeroom on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Students will participate in our annual Club and Society Fair on September 13. 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 October 3, 2018 from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM. We would love to see everybody here that night. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers.
- ✚ Our ninth graders are in the process of receiving their Panther ID cards. Students in grades 10-12 who have lost their ID should contact Mr. Lubin for assistance.
- ✚ 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 outdoor wear 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. You will receive an email from your child's teacher. If you did not, please contact the teacher by email and copy me so that I may assist you. 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.
  
- ✚ I have attached some additional documents for your information.

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