

Update 9.14.18

Good Afternoon,

✚ I am very happy to report that the students who were attacked on Monday are progressing well. The young lady has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. We anticipate that the young man will be released soon as well. Both students may return to school sometime next week. On behalf of the entire MAST@FIU family, I extend our sincere gratitude to the community for the outpouring of support for the two students and our school in the aftermath of this the horrific event.

✚ We will begin collecting class fees on Monday September 17th, 2018 for Science and AP/ Honors courses. We will be collecting fees during student's Marine Science 1 & 2 classes. The total amount dues per student will be \$20.00. Collections will end on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

✚ Next week, your child will learn about all the wonderful clubs, societies, and activities we have available after school. We ask that you encourage your child to be part of, at least one of these activities. It will help them academically and socially, and it looks great on a college application.

✚ We ask that you speak to your child about the following common-sense rules we have in place to further protect our students:

- Never travel alone; there is safety in numbers.
- Never enter or remain in an unoccupied room.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Develop an exit strategy so you can leave an area quickly and safely.
- Meet in areas that are open and supervised by adults.
- Never venture into areas that are remote and/or unsupervised.

#### REMINDERS:

✚ We ask that you pick up your child immediately after school at 2:30 PM or 4:00 PM if they are involved in an activity or club.

✚ We know that many of our students have dual enrollment classes and some classes extend beyond 2:30 PM. We ask that these students remain in populated areas, such as library and the university center where there is adult supervision.

- ✚ Our students are never asked to venture into remote areas of the campus or to collect marine samples without direct adult supervision. Although the BBC of FIU has one of the highest adult to student ratios as compared to other sites, there are areas on the campus, particularly on the southern end of the property, where there is no supervision or ready assistance.
- ✚ I am very proud of our staff and students for their continued vigilance and support of our campus safety program. I understand the concern for greater safety; however, we must remember that our greatest strength comes from fact that we are many and they are few. In this instance, only one. Our students understand the importance of saying something when they see or believe something or someone is not safe.

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