

Update 9.23.19

Good Morning,

Students have settled into their classes and instruction is well underway. Hopefully, you received your child's Interim Progress Report. Some notes to consider as we move towards Open House this week.



- ✚ Please be reminded that students who currently receive free or reduced-price meals must renew their meal application by October 2, 2019. Please visit <https://freeandreducedmealapp.dadeschools.net/> to apply.
- ✚ Our annual Open House is scheduled for September 25, 2019 from 6:15-8:25 PM. The PTSA is hosting a general meeting for all parents in AC1-155 from 5:30 PM until 6:10 PM.
- ✚ During Open House, our social studies teachers are collecting donations for the victims of Hurricane Dorian. We are asking that each family donate \$5.00 to this most worthy endeavor. Students who participate will receive service hours.
- ✚ As we move forward in the school year, it is important that you set aside a time each week to talk to your student about grades, attendance and current school events. Our students are brilliant and we expect nothing less than "A's" and "B's" on all assignments and tests. Perfect or near perfect attendance is also expected. When concerns arise, contact your student's teachers quickly so discussions may be held and remedies suggested. The teacher contact information, which is available on the Resources page of our website.
- ✚ As a reminder, the Student Parent Handbook and the District Parent Handbook contain important information about school policies and procedures and is available on the Resources page of our website. Please refer to it often.
- ✚ We appreciate your patronage of our PTSA Uniform Store. Uniform sales represent the largest income producer for the PTSA and the proceeds go directly to our students. Please continue to shop with our PTSA. Also, shirts or jackets with hoods, leggings, shorts and torn jeans are not permitted in school. We want our students to exemplify the best image. Please help us by checking your student's attire before he or she leaves you in the morning. Thanks.
- ✚ Tutoring is available to all students who are in Dual Enrollment courses at the Center for Academic Success in AC1-160, M & Th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, T & W 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, F 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Tutoring is also available by appointment with your child's teachers.
- ✚ This 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.

✚ I have attached a few flyers for your information.

✚ Hopefully, we will see you on Wednesday. Until next time, bye for now.

NOTE: The fish pictured above is a lionfish. Its scientific name is Pterois. It belongs to a genus of venomous marine fish, commonly known as lionfish, native to the Indo-Pacific. It is characterized by conspicuous warning coloration with red, white, creamy, or black bands, showy pectoral fins, and venomous spiky fin rays. Lionfish are not native to Atlantic waters and they have very few predators. Invasive species, like the lionfish, can and do cause extinctions of native plants and animals, reducing biodiversity, competing with native organisms for limited resources, and altering habitats.

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