



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

December 13, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Following are this week's [FIDS](#) updates.

**FIDS Holiday Student Show.** Please join our students as they usher in the holiday season with the annual *FIDS Holiday Student Show*. Following are the details:

- Date: Friday, December 21, 2018
- Time: 11:00 a.m. – Holiday Show  
12:15 p.m. – Students Dismissed From Vanderbilt Theater
- Place: Vanderbilt Theater (nee Café Tangier)
- RSVP: No later than Wednesday, December 19, to your child's homeroom teacher.
- Parking: Please refer to the directions below.

## **All Guests**

Thank you for adhering to the following directions as your cooperation will allow the entire FIDS community to enjoy the Holiday Show:

- Students should report to school at the regular arrival time on Friday. We will not be holding Morning Meeting.
- Other than any homework assignments and items needed for the performance, all other items—such as backpacks—should not be brought to school on Friday.
- We kindly ask that any holiday gift exchanges conclude no later than Thursday, December 20, 2018.
- **There is no parking at or visiting of FIDS before or after the Holiday Show.** Parents should proceed directly to the assigned parking area for the show. After the show, students will be dismissed directly to their parents from Vanderbilt Theater.
- Please follow any directions provided by Fisher Island security staff with regards to parking and traffic.
- The Holiday Show will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m.

## **Island Residents**

Island residents should arrive via golf carts and park as directed outside of Vanderbilt Theater.

## **Non-Island Residents**

Due to limited parking and ferry queues, please adhere to the following:

- Carpooling is recommended.
- **Ferry clearances will be provided based on RSVPs received by Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- Please refer to the attached maps on pages 3-4 for directions to the parking area assigned for attendees.
- If the assigned parking area becomes full, you may be redirected to an alternate lot. Please follow the directions provided by Fisher Island security.
- Midday bus service will be provided, if needed.



A special thank you is extended to: Mr. Adam Bornstein and Ms. Natalia Larionova for coordinating the Holiday Show; our faculty for their support with rehearsals; our room parents for the costumes, and our entire student body of performers. Be prepared to enjoy a wonderful performance by our students. Students will be dismissed from school immediately following the performance. (See details above.)

**Welcome Aaron Julian Small.** It gives me great pleasure to announce the birth of Aaron Julian Small, who was born to parents Mollie and Eric Small on Friday, December 7, 2018. Aaron weighed-in at 6 pounds 12 ounces. Mother, baby, and the entire Small family are doing well. Please join me in congratulating Mollie and her family on the arrival of Aaron Julian.

**STEM Home Challenge.** This year, we are limiting STEM Home Challenges to one for the entire year (excluding the STEM Fair project in April 2019). The 2018-2019 FIDS STEM Home Challenge poses the question:

**Can you design and build something that can carry a Ping-Pong ball from the top of a zip-line string to the bottom in four seconds or less?**

Here's how to participate:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participating families may elect to submit a separate challenge per child or complete one "family" project. \*
- Design something that can carry a ping-pong on a zip line. You are free to choose your own materials, as long as you build it yourself! Cardboard, cups, straws, tape, and skewers might be a good start.
- Projects must be student-made creations; do not use zip-line construction kits!
- Projects must be STEM-related and incorporate one or more of the 4 STEM pillars: Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics. While you may want to give your design an artistic twist, **THIS IS NOT AN ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT!** Your zip line must be fully functioning!
- **Projects are due to your child's teacher by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.** Projects submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Selected projects, **based on merit**, will be recognized at Morning Meeting on Friday, January 18, 2019.
- The selection of projects to be shared will be based on a combination of FIDS's STEM Team assessment of the projects, the student's presentation of the project, and/or additional follow-up questions by staff adjudicators.
- Mrs. Rosa, our STEM Coordinator, is available to support students who may need guidance on getting started.
- Consult with your child's teacher for any specific class requirements.
- Early Learning, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten will complete the challenge as a class project.
- Use this challenge to be creative, have fun, and learn!



*\* Family projects will be shared once in one child's classroom, with all contributors included in the presentation.*

**FIDS Gazette.** Attached to today's Fisher Flyer, please find a copy of the student-created FIDS Gazette for your enjoyment. Kudos to our student editors and writers and Ms. Wolgast's publishing class!

**Save the Date—January 11, 2019 Luncheon.** Ms. Jana Neff, Board President & Chair, is pleased to invite the Parent Association (PA) membership to a luncheon she is hosting on Friday, January 11, 2019. Following are the details:

- Date: Friday, January 11, 2019
- Time: 12:00 noon
- Place: Fisher Island Beach Club
- RSVP: [Ms. Mary Reiling](#) or 773-401-4901

As a member of our PA, please plan on attending. The luncheon will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled January meeting. Beachside lunch will be served.

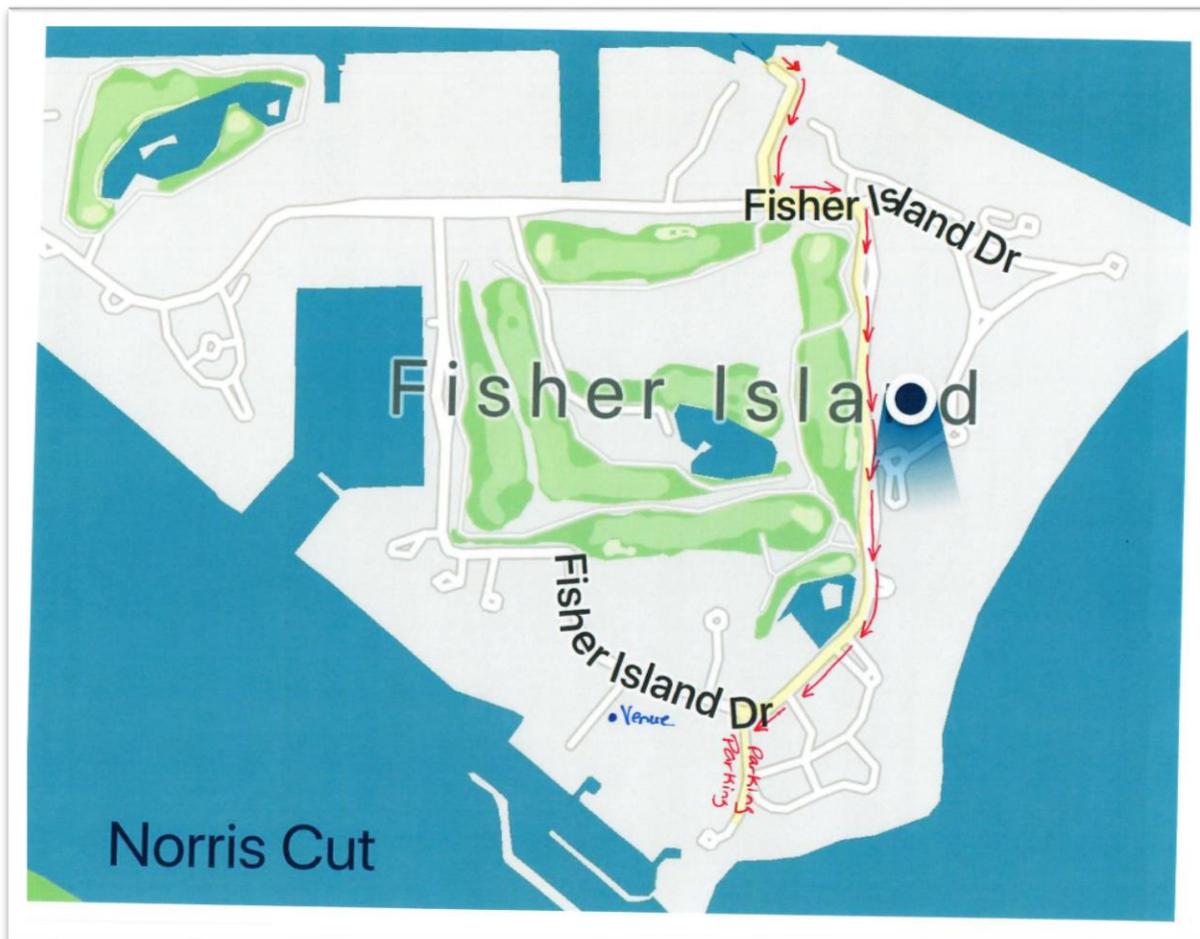
Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Michael Bell  
Head of School

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#### Holiday Show Route to Parking



## Holiday Show Route to Parking (Detailed)

