



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

August 29, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

**FIDS "Shark" Tee-Shirts.** Students and faculty will get to show their FIDS pride on *School Spirit Day* tomorrow, **Friday, August 30, 2019**. On *School Spirit Day*, students and faculty may wear their FIDS Sharks tee-shirts in lieu of their regular uniform tops. All other school uniform and faculty dress-code standards remain in effect on *School Spirit Day*. If you do not have or do not wish to wear a FIDS Sharks tee-shirt, you may wear your regular school uniform.



**Successful First Week.** Thanks go to the entire FIDS community for making our 2019-2020 opening week a smooth and organized undertaking. Whether you are joining us for the first time this year or are a returning veteran family, we thank you for choosing FIDS for your child.

**Introducing . . . FIDS's 2019-2020 Parent Association Co-Chairs.** I am pleased to announce that our Parent Association (PA) Co-Chairs are Mrs. Anna Mehrabi and Mrs. Katie Volé. Please join me in welcoming Anna and Katie! Collectively, they have eight children who attend FIDS.

#### **Dates on the Horizon:**

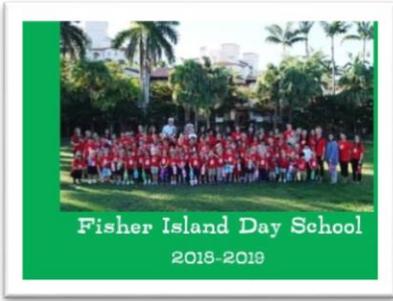
- Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. New Parent Reception
- Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Back-to-School Open House
- Friday, September 20, 2019 Time TBD Parent Association Meeting
- September 23 – 27, 2019 Times TBD Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Athletics, Active Hours, & Extracurricular Programs.** FIDS's Athletics, Active Hours, & Extracurricular Programs (after-school offerings) for the first trimester commence on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Tried-and-true favorites are offered this trimester, as well as new classes—such as *Cheerleading*, *Digital Photography*, *Robotics*, *Sailing*, and *Volleyball*. We have partnered with various community-based organizations to offer FIDS students a wide array of extracurricular activities. Course information and a schedule are available by clicking [here](#). Those parents interested in JCC Sports may complete the registration process directly with the JCC at this time. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Burke, [rburke@fids.org](mailto:rburke@fids.org).



**Labor Day Holiday.** Please remember that FIDS will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019, in honor of Labor Day.

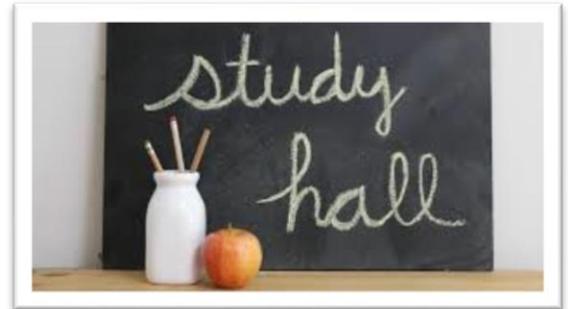
**Hurricane Dorian.** Current forecasts suggest there is an increasing chance that Hurricane Dorian will affect parts of Florida this weekend. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you should there be an impact to FIDS's operations. Please stay tuned!



**2018 - 2019 FIDS Photo Yearbook.** Thanks go to FIDS’s Middle School Broadcasting Team and Ms. Allie Albright & Mrs. Lynn de Araujo—middle school teachers—for compiling and editing the 2018-2019 yearbook. Price of yearbooks will depend on the package ordered and type of shipping selected. The yearbook may be ordered through Shutterfly by clicking [here](#) or on the link below:

<https://link.shutterfly.com/e/14NmqqatyZ>

**Study Hall.** As a service to FIDS families, we are offering daily Study Hall. FIDS’s Study Hall provides the opportunity for students to do their homework, study independently, or read silently. The goal of FIDS’s Study Hall is to provide an environment that encourages learning and focuses on study skills during after-school hours. Important details:



- **Who:** FIDS students in Grades K-8
- **What:** Study Hall
- **When:** Mon. – Fri. afternoons
- **Where:** Neff Family Library
- **How:**
  - There will be a teacher supervising students from 3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.
  - The teacher will be available to assist students with any questions; however, this is not a tutoring class. Students should be able to work independently and quietly.
  - This is a free service provided to all students at FIDS. Study Hall ends promptly at 4:05 p.m. Students who are picked up later will be charged a late fee to be paid to the FIDS Study Hall teacher.
  - Off-island students may ride the 4:05 p.m. bus back to the mainland.
  - Students should use their time wisely in Study Hall. We feel rules and guidelines help students make the best use of their time.

**Study Hall Rules and Guidelines:**

- Students should enter the library quietly and be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Students should choose one place to sit and work independently.
- Students should be respectful of all library books and materials.

**Need to Know.** This year, rather than putting everyone on “information overload,” we have endeavored to reach out separately to each subgroup (e.g., new parents, bus riders, middle schoolers, etc.) to limit the information flow to only those things that each parent needs to know. If you have any questions that remain unanswered, please reach out to any or all of the following, depending on the nature of your inquiry:

Topic	Contact	Phone	Email
Athletics/Extracurricular Programs	Renee Burke	305-531-2350	rburke@fids.org
Accounting/Payments	Cheryl Camp	305-531-2350	ccamp@fids.org
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Student Records/Immunizations, etc.	Deborah Van Stone	305-531-2350	dvanstone@fids.org

**Bus Routes.** Following are the drivers and chaperons assigned to our various bus routes. Please be advised that the staff assigned and routes/stops are subject to change based on the needs of the school.

<b>Routes:</b>	<b>South of Fifth</b>	<b>Jungle Island</b>	<b>Athletics/N Bay Road</b>
Morning	Mr. Miranda-Driver Ms. Lee-Chaperon	Mr. Durango-Driver Ms. Villada-Chaperon	Ms. Perez-Driver Ms. Prosperi-Chaperon
Midday	Ms. Sanchez-Driver Prosperi-Chaperon		
Afternoon 1	Mr. Miranda-Driver Ms. Rodriguez-Chaperon	Mr. McGuire-Driver Ms. Lee-Chaperon	Ms. Perez-Driver Ms. Maruk-Chaperon
Afternoon 2	Mr. McGuire-Driver Ms. Rodriguez-Chaperon		

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

Stay safe and best regards,



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Head of School

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