



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

September 26, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

**Dates on the Horizon:**

- September 23 – 27, 2019 Times TBD Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, September 27, 2019 School Spirit Day—Shark Shirts
- Monday, October 7, 2019 School Picture Day/Formal Uniforms
- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 School Picture Day/No Uniforms
- Monday, October 14, 2019 No School/Columbus Day

**FIDS Parent Association Room Parents.** Please join me in thanking the following parents for volunteering as FIDS room parents for the 2019-2020 school year. Your room parents will be reaching out to you throughout the year to solicit your support.

Grade Level	Co-Room Parent		
Early Learning	Andrea Khan	Katie Volé	
Pre-Kindergarten	Satcha Pretto	Nicole Sturm	
Jr. Kindergarten	Maria D’Almeida	Yuliia Faist	
Kindergarten	Lauren Coleman	Satcha Pretto	
Grade 1	Evelyn MacKenzie	Ellen Singh	
Grade 2	Melissa Lustbader	Monica Otero	
Grade 3	Evelyn MacKenzie	Ellen Singh	
Grade 4	Melissa Lustbader	Morgan Shara	
Grade 5	Eugenia Chu	Kashleigh Johnson	
Grades 6-7-8	Gabriella Negy	Kris Puryear	Yvette Triana



**FIDS Middle School Joins Forces with Nautilus Middle School Swimming.** On Monday, September 23, 2019, FIDS’s 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Mark Postolnikov, joined the Nautilus Middle School swim team. Practices are twice-weekly at Flamingo Park on Miami Beach. South Florida’s premier independent high schools offer competitive swimming as part of their athletic programs. It is never too early to start preparing your children for high school. Good grades, conduct, attendance, and test scores matter; however, it is important that candidates bring something else to the admissions table! Congratulations go to Mark for making the Nautilus Swim Team and for building his high-school admissions résumé.

**Ferry/Island Access.** As a private island, Fisher Island limits regular access to the island to residents and/or Fisher Island Club members. Such limitations help to: (1) preserve the quality of life on the island; (2) manage ferry, parking, and transportation services; and (3) ensure a safe environment for residents and guests. As a tenant on the island, Fisher Island Day School benefits from the aforementioned restrictions, particularly as they pertain to the safety of our students and faculty.

In addition to these terms being codified in our lease agreement with the Fisher Island Community Association, Fisher Island Day School strives to be a “good neighbor” on the island. To that end, following are the protocols for non-residents to access the island:

- **Bus Access, Lane 2 Decal Holders, or Fisher Island Club Membership:** The access that parents have to FIDS varies according to the transportation options they have purchased or if they are members of the Fisher Island Club.
  - **Base Annual Access Fee (Bus Service)**
    - Off-island students shall access FIDS via the school-provided bus system, which includes pre-determined stops and pick-up/drop-off locations.
    - FIDS may provide clearance to parents in the event a child is ill\* or in an emergency situation, such as a hurricane evacuation.
    - FIDS may provide parents clearance for approximately 10 pre-determined schoolwide events, which include 2 parent conferences and 3 Parent Association meetings. Such event clearances may require off-site parking/shuttle arrangements and staggered start/end times.
    - FIDS is unable to provide ferry clearance for any reason not listed above.
    - Parents who are cleared by the school to attend a school function, event, or parent conference must limit their time on the island—including arrival and departure—only to attend the school-sponsored event or parent conference. Parents may not use their school-ferry clearance for purposes other than official school business, such as running errands, marketing, dining, exercising, socializing, inviting other guests, organizing get-togethers, etc.
    - Parents/Families attending non-school sponsored events must be cleared by a resident and/or club member. Similarly, guest’s cars need to be parked at the host’s home.
  - **Lane-2 Decal Annual Access Fee**
    - Lane-2 Decal holders may avail themselves of the school-provided bus system, which includes pre-determined stops and pick-up/drop-off locations.
    - Lane-2 Decal holders may also drive-on/off the island on school days for arrival, dismissal, and/or school-related business.
    - Lane-2 Decal holders must limit their time on the island—including arrival and departure—only to attend the school-sponsored event or parent conference. Parents may not use their school ferry clearance for purposes other than official school business, such as running errands, marketing, dining, exercising, socializing, inviting other guests, organizing get-togethers, etc.
    - Parents/Families attending non-school sponsored events must be cleared by a resident and/or club member. Similarly, guest’s cars need to be parked at the host’s home.
  - **Club Membership**
    - Provides off-island parents with regular access to the island.

\* *Students being picked up early for doctor’s appointments have the option to ride the mid-day (12:15 p.m.) bus.*



**Formal Uniforms.** The first day that students will be required to wear their Formal Uniform is on school picture day, **Monday, October 7, 2019.** Please start planning accordingly. Following are the Formal Uniform Requirements:

<b>Formal: Primary – PK2 through Kindergarten</b>					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White logoed Oxford shirt (choose short- or long-sleeve); khaki non-logoed slacks or trousers; navy logoed Cardigan; and plaid tie (pre-tied recommended).</li> <li>• Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Penny Loafers or similar for boys.</li> <li>• The navy Cardigan replaces the blazer; the plaid tie replaces the striped tie.</li> </ul>					
<b>Boys</b>					
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>SKU</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Choose One</b>	Short Sleeve, No-Iron Pinpoint	White	315355	Boys	Logo
	Long Sleeve, No-Iron Pinpoint	White	219320	Boys	Logo
	Boys Iron-Knee Elastic-Waist Blend Chinos*	Khaki	403843	Boys	Option for cooler weather
	Performance Button-Front Cardigan	Navy	458498	Boys	Logo
<b>Choose One</b>	Kids Plaid Tie	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	
	Kids Plaid Tie (Pre-Tied)	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	

<b>Formal: Primary – PK2 through Kindergarten</b>					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White short-sleeve piped-collar logoed shirt; navy logoed Ponte-Pleat jumper; navy logoed cardigan; white cable knee socks.</li> <li>• Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Mary Janes or similar for girls are acceptable options.</li> </ul>					
<b>Girls</b>					
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>SKU</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	Girls Short-Sleeve Piped-Collar Shirt	White/Navy Piping	458441	Girls	Logo
	Girls Performance Button-Front Cardigan Sweater	Navy	458420	Girls	Logo
	Girls Ponte-Pleat Jumper	Navy	445971	Girls	Logo
	Girls Solid Cable Knee Socks	White	093594	Girls	

Formal: Lower School—Grades 1-5					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White logoed Oxford shirt (choose short- or long-sleeve); khaki non-logoed slacks or trousers; navy logoed blazer; and plaid tie (pre-tied recommended).</li> <li>• Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Penny Loafers or similar for boys.</li> <li>• This ensemble is identical to last year’s formal uniform except the plaid tie is new.</li> </ul>					
Boys					
	Description	Color	SKU	Gender	Notes
Choose One	Short-Sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint	White	315355	Boys	Logo
	Long-Sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint	White	219320	Boys	Logo
	Boys Perfect Chino Pants*	Khaki	470225	Boys	
	Hopsack Blazer	Deep Navy	406157	Boys	Logo
Choose One	Kids Plaid Tie	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	
	Kids Plaid Tie (Pre-Tied)	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	

Formal: Lower School—Grades 1-5					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White short-sleeve piped-collar logoed shirt; plaid logoed jumper; and white cable knee socks.</li> <li>• Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Mary Janes or similar for girls are acceptable options.</li> <li>• This ensemble is entirely different from prior years.</li> </ul>					
Girls					
	Description	Color	SKU	Gender	Notes
	Girls Short-Sleeve Piped-Collar Shirt	White/Navy Piping	458441	Girls	Logo
	Girls Uniform Plaid Jumper	Classic Navy Large Plaid	065010	Girls	Every Day & Formal
	Girls Solid Cable Knee Socks	White	093594	Girls	

Formal: Middle School—Grades 6-8					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue logoed Oxford shirt (choose short- or long-sleeve); khaki non-logoed slacks or trousers; navy logoed blazer; and plaid tie (pre-tied recommended).</li> <li>Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Penny Loafers or similar for boys.</li> <li>This ensemble is identical to last year's formal uniform, except the blue Oxford replaces the white Oxford and the plaid tie is new.</li> </ul>					
Boys					
Description		Color	SKU	Gender	Notes
Choose One	Short-Sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint	Blue	315355	Boys	Logo
	Long-Sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint	Blue	219320	Boys	Logo
Boys Perfect Chino Pants*		Khaki & Navy	470225	Boys	
Hopsack Blazer		Deep Navy	406157	Boys	Logo
Choose One	Kids Plaid Tie (Pre-Tied)	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	
	Kids Plaid Tie	Classic Navy Large Plaid	426743	Boys	

Formal: Middle School—Grades 6-8					
Cliff Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White short-sleeve Peter-Pan collar logoed shirt; plaid side-pleat skort (above knee); navy logoed cardigan; navy cross tie; and navy cable knee socks.</li> <li>Closed-toe, black dress shoes are the standard for formal wear; black Mary Janes or similar for girls are acceptable options. Middle-school girls may also wear closed-toe black shoes—such as Mary Janes—with a modest (i.e., not more than 2-inch) heel.</li> <li>This ensemble is the same as last year's.</li> </ul>					
Girls					
Description		Color	SKU	Gender	Notes
Short-Sleeve Peter-Pan Collar Shirt		White	445901	Girls	Logo
Side-Pleat Plaid Skort Above Knee		Classic Navy Large Plaid	231588	Girls	(Every Day & Formal)
Girls Cotton Modal Fine-Gauge Cardigan		Navy	510725	Girls	Logo (Every Day & Formal)
Girls Cross Tie		Navy	438994	Girls	
Girls Solid Cable Knee Socks		Navy	093594	Girls	



**FCIS Compliance Visit.** On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, the two co-chairs from our Florida Council of Independent Schools' (FCIS) re-accreditation team will be at FIDS to conduct a one-day compliance review. This is the initial phase of a two-step process to fulfill re-accreditation requirements. Our two co-chairs, Ms. Amie Pitts (Head of School, Glades Day School) and Mr. Louis St-Laurent (Head of School, Unity School) will return to FIDS—along with the entire re-accreditation team—November 10-13, 2019, at which time they will complete the second and final step of the process.

**FIDS “Shark” Tee-Shirts.** Students and faculty will get to show their FIDS pride on *School Spirit Day* tomorrow, **Friday, September 27, 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.



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Bell'.

Michael Bell  
Head of School

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