



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

December 5, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

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

Due to Thanksgiving occurring late in November this year, we have been jolted into the busyness of December and the holidays. Please be mindful of the school calendar in the ensuing weeks as there is much happening at FIDS through December 20, 2019.

## Dates on the Horizon.

- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 Evening Field Trip for Middle School Students Enrolled in Mandarin Chinese
- Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 Middle School Students Perform Holiday Montage at Morning Meeting
- Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 Middle School Students Perform Holiday Montage at Rebecca Towers
- Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 No Morning Meeting due to Performance  
Holiday Show (Early Learning – Grade 5) 11:00 a.m.  
Early Dismissal—Students Dismissed at 12:15 p.m.
- Dec. 21, 2019 – Jan. 5, 2020 FIDS Closed for Winter Recess
- Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 Parent Association Meeting, South Pointe Tavern

**FIDS Sixth Graders Visit Art Miami.** Ms. Jacqueline Roch, FIDS Art Teacher, and the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class embarked on an exciting, private guided tour at *Art Miami* as part of Art Basel. Students received a curated experience by experts in the arts industry. FIDS students are provided up-close and personal experiences uncommon in other independent schools.

**Are You Registered Yet?** The second trimester of Athletics, Active Hours, & Extracurricular Programs commenced the Monday following Thanksgiving Recess, December 2, 2019. Tried-and-true favorites are offered this trimester, as well as new classes—such as *Calligraphy, Dance, Drama, Focused Movement Academy, and Sewing*. 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).





**Tibetan Monks Visit FIDS.** Today, FIDS lower- and middle-school students were treated to a visit by two Monks from the [Drepung Loseling Monastery](#) in India. FIDS's founder, [Mrs. Lexie Potamkin](#), arranged for this special visit and joined our students for the presentation and chanting session. The visit will culminate with a creation of a sand mandala. Thanks go to Lexie for her continued support of Fisher Island Day School, where we develop the mind, body, and spirit each day.



**Aladdin Jr.** In May, Fisher Island Day School and Miami Children's Theater will present *Aladdin Jr!* This extracurricular program will hold rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the second trimester. *Aladdin Jr.* has many lead roles for both girls and boys. There are roles for students who are interested in acting and other roles for those interested in singing. Drama Club requires your child's full commitment until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the day of the performance.

**Cooler Weather School Uniforms.** Now that the weather is cooler, please refer to FIDS's [Uniform Guidelines](#) for specifications regarding children's outwear. Please note that FIDS does not permit creative interpretations of outerwear, including leg coverings for girls. Thank you for your compliance.

**Food Drive Recap.** Thanks to the generosity of our entire FIDS community, we collected over 120 tote bags of food to distribute to low-income and homeless families in the South Beach neighborhood. On Friday, November 22, 2019, students from Grades 3 and 5 helped distribute the donated foods to families in need. Shout out to our Parent Association Co-Chairs, Anna Mehrabi and Katie Volé, and School Counselor Sierra Goggins, for coordinating this charitable endeavor.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Bell  
Head of School

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