

Dear Franklin Families:

It has been a terrific IB Week and we are looking forward to our high school IB dance on Saturday. We had a very well attended Parent Academy last night where Mrs. Showalter and Mrs. Vazquez presented the state of Florida assessments requirements, how your student's data is used, the importance and impact of state testing and the resources that we have available at Franklin Academy. One of the resources presented was Canvas. We received such a positive response from our families that we will be presenting it again at next week's Academy (Oct. 18) along with Graduation and Middle School Promotion Requirements and PSAT Information for our high school students. In addition, our Class Moderators will present the lesson plan highlighting the Character Trait Responsibility and the Diversity Trait: Italian American. Our Guidance Team will also introduce a new member of the department Mrs. Monica Hilversum-Perez. The Guidance Team will now assist students and families as follows by student last names:

A-F Christine Englert: [englert.christine@franklin-academy.org](mailto:englert.christine@franklin-academy.org)

G-O Monica Hilversum-Perez: [hilversum.monica@franklin-academy.org](mailto:hilversum.monica@franklin-academy.org)

P-Z Vanessa Almendarez: [almendarez.vancessa@franklin-academy.org](mailto:almendarez.vancessa@franklin-academy.org)

As we are now in October, we should all be aware of the protocol regarding arrival and dismissal. However, we still seem to have some areas of confusion that I would like to address.

- If your child is a bus rider, please make sure that they have ridden the bus this week – as this is the week that generates the bus funding that we need to keep the bus system running for you.
- If your child is a bus rider, you need to make sure that you have signed the bus expectations letter that was sent out. I am attaching it again here, as this is a mandatory requirement for all bus riders.
- The only students who are allowed to attend the Sibling Link in the morning are middle school students who have a high school sibling at the school.
- The only students who are allowed to attend the Sibling Link in the afternoon are high school students who have a middle school sibling at the school.
- You may not drop off your student early and allow them to go to the cafeteria for Sibling Link; that is not the purpose of Sibling Link.
- For middle school parents, please do not arrive before 3:30pm for middle school dismissal. It is against the city ordinance for you to park on 207<sup>th</sup> Terrace and you may be ticketed. We are unable to allow you to enter the campus before 3:30pm, as we are still conducting dismissal for the high school students. Also, you will find that the amount of time that you spend picking up your child will decrease if you come a bit later.

We are looking to increase our sub pool. If you are interested in subbing or knows someone who is, please send your resume to Mrs. Didi [Perez.Diana@franklin-academy.org](mailto:Perez.Diana@franklin-academy.org). You are required to have 60 college credits and will be required to get fingerprinted. Mrs. Didi will contact you for an interview and sub training.

Last, but certainly not least, we have three incredibly important events going on this month- Socktober, Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Red Ribbon Week (flyers attached). Please take the time to discuss

these events and what they mean with your child. We are working hard on awareness, celebrating diversity and being good citizens. We can't do it alone, we need you as our partners in education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arlene H. Valdes

Principal