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On-Campus Schedule Back to School Parent Information Bulletin

Welcome to Fidelis Academy! We are very excited about this upcoming school year. The following is an overview of some basic information to assist you in starting this school year safely, smoothly and with confidence.

Grade	School Daily Schedule
4-Year Old's (VPK)	7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<i>Kindergarten to 8th Grade</i>	
Breakfast Time	7:50 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.
Drop-off Time:	8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Instructional Time	8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pick-up Time	3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
After Care Hours	3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Important Dates:

- Parent Orientation / Open House– Saturday, TBD.** Policies and procedures will be reviewed. Before / Aftercare and transportation service information will be available.
- First Day of School – TBA** for all students.

School Supplies

Please take a list of the supplies needed on the first day of school.

Backpacks

Due to the safety concerns and space limitations, it is our school policy you provide your child with a backpack (bag on wheels are not allowed). If a medical concern is present, please notify Dr. Davilmar so that special accommodations can be made as dictated by your child's physician.

Uniform Policy

All polos and t-shirts must be purchased from the school office. All students must be dressed in the proper school uniform each school day on campus and online. Uniforms are mandatory and will be strictly enforced to ensure student safety, and academic decorum and continuity. It is important that all articles of clothing are clean, and in good condition. Belts are also required for all students when appropriate. Order forms are always available at the school office.

Elementary School Uniforms

- Tops: Official uniform polo with official embroidered school logo or gray dress down shirts.
- Bottoms: Pants, skorts, shorts, or jumpers - may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Tight fitted pants, very loose pants without a belt ARE NOT allowed at any time.
- Shoes: Closed Toe/full coverage comfortable shoes and socks are required at all times.

Dress Down Days

Dress Down Days are announced by the school office only.

VPK

All VPK students must have a complete change of clothes in a sealed gallon size Ziploc bag in their backpack.

Please see the supply list for VPK and Kindergarten for other required items.

Communication

Your child's teacher will provide a contact card with their email address. You may use email and the student's planner to communicate with any member of our staff.

Transportation to and from School

If you need transportation, please see Dr. Davilmar.

Arrival and Dismissal

School starts promptly at the time designated for each grade level respectively. Students who are dropped off late must be signed in by a parent or guardian at the school office. Students who are dropped off early will be placed in morning care and charged \$10.00 per day for supervision if they are not signed up for before/after care.

Students may not wait unsupervised in front of the gate or parking lot at any time. Students who are picked up late will be placed in Aftercare and will be charged \$1.00 per minute late for supervision if they are not signed up for the before/aftercare program.

All students not picked up by 3:20 pm will be charged \$1.00 per minute until picked up. If students have not been picked up by 6:30 pm, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be notified to take the child under their supervision until parents/guardians can be reached as prescribed by the Department of Children & Families.

Students may not be picked up for early release between 2:30 p.m. and dismissal time without a valid notification of a family emergency. This policy has been put into place in order to avoid excessive disruption to our end-of-day instruction and to maximize learning time for all students. If unavoidable incidences occur, please notify the office at 954-712-1707 before coming to the school.

Drop off/ Pickup Procedures

The entrance of the school is located at the 20th Street gate not Powerline Road which is a designated exit. Please follow the flow of traffic to avoid confusion and accidents. Make it a safe environment for all parents, students, and staff.

Tardy and Absences

Any students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy and the child will need to be signed in by the parent in the office in order to be permitted to class. Tardiness disrupts the learning process for all of our students, so please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Please be sure to write a note or bring a doctor's note if your child is absent; be sure to indicate the reason for the absence. Any extended absences must be reported to your child's teacher; in such cases, only an administrator can determine if the long-term absent days will be marked excused or unexcused and if work will be able to be made up at a later date. If a trend of non-attendance or excessive tardiness is developing, you will be contacted by the school.

School Safety

All parents must report to the office upon entry on the grounds. As part of the Jessica Lunsford Act, parents

wishing to attend a field trip or volunteer in the classroom must complete a Volunteer Form and be fingerprint screened. The parent is responsible for the cost of fingerprinting.

Weather Conditions

In the event of dangerous weather, such as a hurricane, tropical storms, etc., please refer to the news or radio for announcements regarding Broward County's schools. We will follow any and all guidelines and actions according to what the county dictates necessary. If Broward County Public Schools are closed, we are closed!

Parent/Student Conduct

Please refer to our parent/student policy guide regarding student conduct and discipline.

Homework Policy

Follow your teacher's policy as communicated in your Google Classroom.

Textbook Policy

Each student is responsible for textbooks issued to him or her. Lost or damaged books must be replaced through payment at the cost of a new book and will include shipping charges. A textbook contract will be sent home during the start of the school year for parents to sign and return to the teacher. This contract will be kept in your child's file until the end of the year, any textbooks not returned will be charged to the students account. You will be provided with a copy upon request.

Outstanding Fees

Parents with outstanding financial obligations must plan with the school office in order to clear debts. Students with outstanding financial obligations may not receive report cards and may be dismissed from the school for failure to pay.

Personal Possessions

Please label all your child's possessions in permanent black marker - particularly lunch boxes, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts. The school will not be held responsible if any personal items are lost, damaged, or stolen.

All forms of personal technology devices are prohibited (iPads, personal gaming devices, etc.), we strongly discourage personal cell phones, however, if a student has a cell phone, it must always be kept on silence and placed in their backpacks, or as directed by their teacher. If your child does bring any of these items to school, it is not the school's responsibility if it is lost, damaged or stolen.

Birthdays and Invitation to birthday parties

If your child is going to bring invitations to school for a party at home or elsewhere, please make sure all children in the class or grade-level are invited. Otherwise, please make other arrangements outside of school to distribute invitations. If you wish to have a birthday party, please be sure to schedule it at least one week in advance with your child's teacher. All parties must occur during lunch time and/or recess time only.

Extracurricular/Specials

All extracurricular activities are scheduled on Friday's during school hours.

School Lunch Information:

We currently have a full-service kitchen. We will contact parents with more information regarding Free/Reduced Meals.

Medication/Health

Students that need to take medication during school hours must fill out all required forms. A completed form must be on file from your child's doctor for medication dosages and daily times for medication administration. Our

policy dictates that medication bottles must be new and unopened and must contain the amount listed on the prescription label. The medications are kept in a secure location in the office and may only be administered by appropriately trained personnel.

Remember that contagious ailments spread easily in a classroom, so when your child is “under the weather,” PLEASE keep them home until they are feeling better.

Testing, Grading, and Progress Reporting

Teachers are required to record weekly grades in each subject area. You may schedule a conference with your child’s teacher to review your child’s portfolio. It is our policy and educational philosophy, that parents are notified if a child is performing below proficiency in the following ways:

- Teacher communication/ Notices
- Interim Reports (sent to all students)
- Report Cards
- Conference requests, phone calls, and/or emails

Standardized Testing

All students in grades 3- 8th will be administered the IOWA standardized tests annually.