

August 12, 2016

Hello Longhorns!

We are on the down hill slide to the start of school. We are so excited to see all of our Longhorns back at the "Ranch"! We are looking forward to a great year.

A few reminders for the first day and week of school...

#### **First Day of School Reminders - School Begins on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- School Hours - 8:55 a.m. (tardy bell) to 4:10 p.m. (dismissal)—there are 15 additional minutes to our school day
- Building Hours for Students - 8:10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Students should not arrive before 8:00 a.m.
- Bike riders must secure their bikes to the bicycle racks on the bus ramp; please insist that your child wears a bike helmet, even if it doesn't seem "cool"
- Carpool riders must be dropped off on the front circle – For your child's safety, please do not use the parking areas for drop off.
- Bus riders will enter the building from the bus ramp (route details to be mailed by Transportation Dept.)
- Students must be in dress code for the first day of school. If they are out of dress code, we will ask them to correct their attire. Here is the link to the Fort Bend ISD student code of conduct for dress code specifics [Download the Student/Parent Handbook 2015-2016](#). General reminders for dress code are:
  - No holes or rips in jeans
  - Dresses and shorts must be 3" above the knee
  - No spaghetti strap tops
  - Shirts must cover the midriff and not expose undergarments
  - No clothing that is excessively tight such as spandex/lycra (tights, leggings, yoga pants) unless worn with a garment that reaches mid-thigh.
- Students must have their ID with them.

#### **Where Do I Report?**

- Sixth graders will report to the Commons
- Seventh graders will report to Gym 1 (smaller gym)
- Eighth graders will report to Gym 2 (larger gym)
  
- After arriving at their assigned grade level area, students should find their name on the alphabetical listings posted in multiple places around the area. These listings will tell students who their Advisory teacher is. Students will sit with their advisory teacher, who will have a sign identifying them.

#### **What Do I Bring to School on the First Two Days?**

- Pen/Pencil
- Backpack—string bags are preferred.
- Lunch (if you don't plan to purchase from the cafeteria; lines could be long)
- Student ID (last year's is fine if you didn't have one made at orientation)

**Student IDs and Lanyards:** For the 2016-2017 school year Baines will require all students to wear their student IDs and have them visible at all times. The reason for this is twofold: first and foremost is another measure for the safety and security of our students. Secondly, students will be required to use their IDs in the lunch line, library, and other areas as needed. There will be several privileges attached to wearing their IDs. If your child did not have the opportunity to attend Longhorn Round-Up, make up pictures will be on September 9, 2016. Students can use their previous year ID if they have it. They will be issued temporary IDs on the first day of school if they do not have any form of ID. Additionally, thanks to the generosity of the Baines PTO, at that time each student will receive a Baines lanyard on the first day of school. More information regarding procedures for lost or forgotten IDs will be provided through materials that will be sent home on the first day of school and through student assemblies the first week of school.

### **Staying Up-To-Date and Volunteer Opportunities**

If you do not subscribe to *Longhorn Links*, the BMS PTO's weekly newsletter, please visit [www.bmspto.org](http://www.bmspto.org), and sign up for the newsletter under "Sign Up for Longhorn Links." Baines could not be the fantastic school that it is without the generous support of the PTO, the community, and volunteers. Each year volunteers must resubmit their Criminal History Application in order to be cleared to volunteer at district schools. If you need to renew or submit for the first time, please visit <http://www.fortbendis.com/Page/659> for details and to submit your information. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and we will see you for Longhorn Round-Up.

### **School Supplies**

If you have not purchased school supplies, please click the link to view the lists.

[2016-2017 School Supply List](#)

Again, we at Baines are excited for a new school year and to welcome your children on Monday, August 22, 2016 to a great new year!

Enjoy the last few days of summer!

With much gratitude,

J. J. Roberts  
Principal