

August 14, 2017

Dear Titan Students and Parents,

Last week we had a good turnout for Orientation. We would like to thank our 8th grade WEB leaders for helping orient our newest Titans! For those families that were unable to attend, we will do an abbreviated **Make-Up Orientation** (orientation “lite”) in a come-and-go format this **Thursday, August 17th, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM**. Students will be able to get their locker and locker combination and have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the campus. It might be a good chance to bring some of your supplies to school, and place them in your locker (although they will not be needed until later). 7th and 8th grade boys wishing to play football may also pick up their equipment that evening, as well (see section about football below for details).

Below is some helpful information for you as we head toward the start of the school year. **Please take note that this year FBISD is working to go “paperless” when it comes to completion of the usual first-day forms.** Your child will come home with only one small packet on the first day, and there is nothing to return to school. To find out more and to start filling out your forms online, please read this [Update Your Student’s Information](#) flyer. Please give your child permission to use computers at school and to be able to take surveys so that their voice is heard.

Important Note: If you have been informed or if you know that you have documentation that must be turned in (not limited to but including outstanding immunizations, renewals of dual-residency and/or power of attorney, etc.), please bring this paperwork to SLMS by Friday, August 18th, at Noon. This is our cut-off time so that staff may complete their readiness tasks for the first day of school. Students who have outstanding items past noon on Friday, August 18th, risk being unable to attend classes on the first day of school.

Limited supplies needed for the first day of school

- Pen or pencil
- Lunch or lunch money
- String bag (roughly 15” x 15”)
- Please **DO NOT** bring all of your school supplies on the first day

School Supply List

- School Supply List is on our [campus website](#); 6th grade parents please take note of our AVID binder pilot project this year, described in the school supply list. You may want to bring some of these supplies to your locker on Thursday evening, August 17th, between 6:00 and 8:00 PM, if you are able.

First Day of School Reminders

- Sugar Land MS strives to maintain a welcoming, yet safe environment and to give superior customer service to our community. On the first day of school, please support our transition process, and allow your middle-schooler to enter the building independently, unless you are dropping off medication at the clinic or have a pre-arranged meeting. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their child’s classes at Open House on September 7th, and they are welcome to come to our Make-Up Orientation this Thursday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM
- School Hours: 8:55 (tardy bell) to 4:10 (dismissal)

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- Building Hours for Students: 8:20 to 4:20. Students should not arrive before 8:15 AM, due to supervision reasons
- Parents should observe all traffic signage along Seventh Street, as well as to be patient
- Bike riders should utilize the bike rack near the main entrance off of Seventh Street; walk bikes once arriving on campus
- Car riders should **only** use the front circle drive by the main entrance off Seventh Street; there are no left turns permitted from the front circle drive back onto Seventh Street
- Bus rider information should arrive at your home soon (if your child is eligible for bus service)
- 6th graders will report to the Commons (cafeteria)
- 7th graders will report to the Boys' Gym
- 8th graders will report to the Girls' Gym

Volleyball and Football Information (7th and 8th Graders)

- **Volleyball** – Tryouts are August 23, 24, and 25 from 6:45 to 8:15 AM. Arrive at the bus ramp entrance between 6:30 and 6:45 AM. Doors will be locked at 6:45, therefore please do not be late. Be sure to attend ALL tryouts (be present all three days), have your physical on file with the coaches by August 23rd, and have all of your forms completed online at www.rankonesport.com
- **Football** – Physicals must be on file with the coaches before receiving equipment, along with the completion of all online forms at www.rankonesport.com. Coaches will distribute football equipment on Thursday, August 17th, 6:00-8:00 PM for students who missed equipment distribution on August 12th, and who have completed all the needed paperwork.

Upcoming Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- Parent Coffee with the Principal – Friday, September 1st at 9:30 AM
- Open House – Thursday, September 7th; more details coming soon

Be sure to visit our campus webpage frequently at <http://www.fortbendis.com/slms>, and follow us on Twitter at @SugarLandMS. We look forward to working with you and your family this year as we strive to make it the best year yet. Do not hesitate to contact us at the school any time you have a question, concern, or compliment. We may be reached at (281) 634-3080. See all of you on Tuesday, August 22nd!

- The SLMS Administrative Team