

July 24, 2018

Dear Titan Students and Parents,

We hope that you and your family have had a wonderful and safe summer thus far. The campus leadership team is making plans to ensure that the 2018-19 school year is a great one for everybody. We will focus on several of the attributes of the *FBISD Profile of a Graduate*, as well as on adding value and promoting academic and social-emotional growth for every Titan. Expect to hear a lot about this throughout the year, starting with a student-led campus beautification project designed to rekindle school spirit and a greater sense of student-ownership and community. If you have driven past the campus, you may have noticed that we are in the midst of some significant construction projects from the 2014 FBISD Bond. A security vestibule is near completion at the front entrance, and a complete retrofit of the HVAC system is underway, as well, and will continue into the first semester. The start of these projects was delayed by approximately one month, but the contractors are working hard to do good work and to catch up. Unfortunately, this delay affects our ability to carry out our annual summer student orientation that our students and parents have become accustomed to having. Please see details below under "Student Orientation."

If you have documentation that must be turned in (including but not limited to outstanding immunizations, renewals of dual-residency and/or power of attorney, etc.), **please bring it to SLMS by 4:00 PM on Friday, August 10th**. 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 as of 4:00 PM on Friday, August 10th, will be unable to attend classes on the first day of school.**

We love parent volunteers! Please renew your annual Criminal History Authorization (CHA) by [visiting the district website](#). These reset on July 1st each year. Then, please join the PTO by visiting their website at www.slmspto.org.

Student Orientation – 6th Grade Only – August 6th

Due to the delayed construction progress, at this time we are only able to schedule our incoming sixth graders for orientation this year. If we are able to identify an evening where we could conduct orientation for seventh and eighth graders, we will communicate it in a separate message. If the event we cannot, seventh and eighth graders will receive what they need on the first day of school. We apologize for this inconvenience. Orientation is a come-and-go event where sixth graders will receive a copy of their class list (not their schedule, but a list of their enrolled classes), their locker and locker combination, have a chance to order their PE uniform, get SLMS swag such as t-shirts, hoodies, join PTO, and add money to their cafeteria account. **Please note the times to attend, based on students' last names.** Student WEB leaders will be on hand to assist students and families.

Sixth Grade Orientation - Monday, August 6th

- 1:00-3:00 PM – Last names A through L (Principal/Parent Chat at 1:15 and 2:15)
- 3:00-5:00 PM – Last names M through Z (Principal/Parent Chat at 3:15 and 4:15)

School Supplies and PE Uniforms

- Our [School Supply List is on the campus website](#)
- **AVID Binders** - We are in the second year of a three-year phase-in of AVID binders. Details are on the school supply list. **Sixth and seventh graders are required to have an AVID binder**, and eighth graders are strongly encouraged to get one, as well. We will provide support for them during the year.
- **PE Uniforms** – available for purchase online
 - [Link to Boys' Uniform Purchase Site](#)
 - [Link to Girls' Uniform Purchase Site](#)

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Free and Reduced Meal Information

- Visit the district's [Free and Reduced Meal webpage](#) to sign up for or renew your children for the free and reduced meal program. Applications/renewals are available starting August 6th

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

- **Athletic Physicals** – visit the article on our [campus webpage](#) titled *Fort Bend ISD Student Physicals* for details about required physicals, including a downloadable physical form. Opportunities are available on July 28 and August 16
- **Volleyball** – Tryouts are August 15, 16, and 17. Tryouts on August 15th will be after school from 4:30-6:00 PM; Tryouts on August 16th and 17th will occur before school from 6:45-8:15 AM. For morning tryouts, 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 15, and have all of your forms completed online at www.rankonesport.com. Contact Coach Woods at Toni.Woods@fortbendisd.com with questions related to volleyball.
- **Football** – Physicals must be on file with the coaches before receiving equipment, including the completion of all online forms at www.rankonesport.com. Coaches will distribute football equipment on Saturday, August 11, from Noon-3:00 PM and again on Tuesday, August 14, from Noon until 3:00 PM for students who have completed and submitted all of the needed paperwork. There will be an “open field” opportunity after school on Thursday, August 16, and the first practice will occur after school on Friday, August 17th. Students must have all paperwork and forms completed to participate in any football-related activity. Contact Coach Davila at Christopher.Davila@fortbendisd.com with questions related to football.

Upcoming Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

- **Parent Coffee with the Principal** – Friday, August 24th, at 9:30 AM (these will occur monthly)
- **NEW!!! Sixth Grade Back-to-School Social** (courtesy of PALs)– Friday, August 24th, from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Specific details will be sent home with all sixth graders as we near the start of school
- **Mid-Day Break with the Counselors** – Wednesday, September 12th, at 11:15 AM
- **Fall Open House** – Thursday, September 6th; more details coming soon

Be sure to visit our campus webpage frequently at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/slms>, and follow us on Twitter at [@SLMSTitans](https://twitter.com/SLMSTitans). We look forward to working with you and your family this year as we strive to add value and growth to every student every day. Please do not hesitate to contact us any time you have a question, concern, or compliment. The main number is (281) 634-3080. We will follow up with another update before school starts that will include some last-minute reminders.

Keith Fickel, Principal
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