

May 17, 2018

Dear Titan Families,

It's hard to believe that the year is about to come to an end. We've had a great year with much success in our academics, athletics, and the arts. Below are some important points to keep in mind as we end the year. Our aim is to provide a smooth landing going into summer for all students, staff, and the community. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with important details about the end of the year.

Semester Exams

The second semester exam (SE2) counts for 15% of a student's overall Semester 2 grade (S2), which is the equivalent of 2.5 weeks of work; each nine-week grade (T3 and T4) count 42.5%, respectively. By the time that you read this message, your child should have received all his/her semester exam reviews.

A [revised semester exam schedule](#) may be found on our campus webpage. **Please note that no exams may be taken early.** Opportunities to take any missed exam(s) will start on **Monday, June 4th**. Please contact the counseling office at (281) 634-3088 to arrange a time to take any missed exam(s). **All missed exams should be made up by Thursday, June 14th.** Students will be given the same amount of time to take each make-up exam as was originally scheduled during semester exam week, which is approximately 2 hours.

Please also note that our **only early release day is Thursday, May 31st**, when the day will end at **1:25**. What is different, though, is that students will have **two options for lunch**—bring lunch from home or order a sack lunch from the cafeteria. Students will order their lunch during their 4th period class on Wednesday, May 30th, in order to give the cafeteria staff ample time to plan. On May 31st, students will eat their lunch in their classrooms at the conclusion of their first exam before proceeding to their final test. Furthermore, students are reminded to stay off of other FBISD property, such as elementary schools after we dismiss.

We will conduct a locker clean-out on Thursday, May 24th, and this will be the last day in which students may access their lockers. **Starting on Friday, May 25th, students will not be able to access their lockers, and should bring minimal supplies with them. Therefore, no backpacks, string bags, or large bags/purses will be allowed at school starting Friday, May 25th.** Students may only bring:

- pencils/pens
- test review material
- a book to read
- band/orchestra instrument (if applicable)
- a lunch from home (if not purchasing from the cafeteria May 25th, 29th, or 30th, or ordering a sack lunch from the cafeteria on the final day of school)
- Girls may bring a small purse, if needed

Bags, backpacks, large purses, etc., brought to school on May 25th and thereafter will be collected at the entrances as students arrive, and they will be returned to students at the end of the day. Please help us minimize any inconvenience by ensuring that students do not bring bags to school to begin with.

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Buses and Transportation: Please understand that moving forward we will not be able to honor requests for students to ride bus routes other than their own designated route. Students who do not have bus-riding privileges will not be able to ride buses with their bus-riding friends. Therefore, please plan accordingly so that everyone experiences a smooth dismissal process at the end of the year.

Looking Forward to Summer and Next Year

Starting Monday, June 4th, our summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30-5:30. Offices will be closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch. The week of July 2nd through July 6th, the campus, as well as all of FBISD, will be closed. Be sure follow us on Twitter ([@SLMSTitans](https://twitter.com/SLMSTitans)), keep up with your child's grades, etc., on Skyward Family Access (instructions may be found on our campus webpage), and monitor our campus webpage (www.fortbendisd.com/slms) and the PTO website (www.slmspto.org) regularly.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: Our campus will also have a considerable amount of construction going on this summer. We are getting all new HVAC equipment and a safety vestibule installed in the front entrance. It is possible our summer staff may have to relocate to other parts of the building or possibly to another campus at some point during the summer. Any such changes will be noted on our marquee and on our campus webpage.

A link to our **Summer Reading List** is in the "Quick Links" section of our campus webpage at www.fortbendisd.com/slms.

Additionally, our [SLMS-specific school supply list](#) is posted on the campus webpage. It is *considerably* streamlined compared to prior years' supply lists.

We have yet to determine any date(s) for **August Student Orientation** for our returning students due to the uncertainty of the construction schedule. We will communicate these via email and through our campus website when they are determined. **School starts on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.**

In closing, I want to re-state that it has been a pleasure to serve as your principal this year, and I wish you and your family the best during the Summer Break. Thank you for helping to ensure that SLMS is a great place to work and to learn. Please feel free to reach out to me at keith.fickel@fortbendisd.com if needed.

Kindest regards,

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