

May 28, 2021

Dear Titan Families,

It is hard to believe that the year is about to end. We have had a great year with much success in our academics, athletics, and the arts, regardless of the curveballs thrown our way due to the pandemic. 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. We went over this information with our F2F students during lunches on Friday, May 28.

### **Schedule/Expectations for May 28 – June 3**

We have a [campus webpage dedicated to the end of the school year](#). On that page you will find the schedule for both learning models (online and F2F) for May 28 through June 3, what to bring to school if you are a F2F student, and information about FBISD laptop/hotspot collection. Please note that our **Early Release Day is Thursday, June 3 (last day of school)**, when the **F2F day will end at 1:20** and the **online day will end at 12:15**. On the last day of school, F2F students will have **two options for lunch**—bring lunch from home or order a sack lunch from the cafeteria. Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2, students will eat in the cafeteria as usual, but on Thursday, June 3, students will eat their lunch in their classrooms toward the end of 7<sup>th</sup> period (the last class period of the day). **On Thursday, June 3, we must cut off requests to check students out early at 1:00 PM so that we may be prepared for our dismissal.** Thank you in advance for your understanding.

### **What In-Person / F2F Students May Bring to School June 1 through June 3**

**No backpacks, string bags, or large bags/purses will be allowed at school starting Tuesday, June 1.** Students may only bring:

- Laptop/Charging Cable
- test review material (HS Credit Courses)
- a lunch from home (if not purchasing from the cafeteria June 1 or 2, or ordering a sack lunch on June 3)
- Water bottle (no glass containers)
- Band and Orchestra students will receive information from their directors about expectations for instruments
- Girls may bring a small purse, if needed
- Student cell phones will be placed in the wall pocket holders provided in their teachers' classrooms upon entering the classroom and retrieve it at the end of class. For classrooms/learning spaces without the wall pocket holders (which will not be many), students will be expected to keep their phones powered off and out of sight.

**Bags, backpacks, large purses, etc., brought to school on June 1 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.

### **Laptop and Wi-Fi Hotspot Collection**

The district has checked out over 40,000 laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots to students this year. At SLMS, that number is just under 700 devices. We will collect them with the schedule below. Our plan accounts for the need for devices until the last day of school. Students will need to turn in *everything they were issued* - charging cables, bags, etc., on their scheduled turn-in day:

**F2F students** - Last Day of School (throughout the day) - Thursday, June 3

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**Online students and F2F students who did not get them collected on the last day of school. Collection site on campus TBD but will be shared on our campus website, Schoology, and in the next Titan Newsletter.**

- Monday, June 7, from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00
- Tuesday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 9, from 1:00-6:00 PM
- Thursday, June 10, from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00

Questions related to device collection may be directed to Mrs. Tina Garcia at (281) 634-3117 or at [diamantina.ibarragar@fortbendisd.com](mailto:diamantina.ibarragar@fortbendisd.com).

#### **Two Important Notes:**

1. We will NOT be collecting devices for students who need to attend Summer School or Summer Bridge; they will be collected at a later date. These students already know who they are because they have been contacted by our counseling staff, or will be contacted this week if they have not been already
2. **Aside from students attending Summer School (#1 above), ALL FBISD DEVICES are due to be collected and turned in by Thursday, June 10**

#### **Buses and Transportation**

Please understand that 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 7, 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 5 through July 9, Sugar Land MS, as well as all FBISD, will be closed. Be sure to 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](http://www.fortbendisd.com/slms)) and the PTO website ([www.slmspto.org](http://www.slmspto.org)) regularly.

#### **School Supplies for 2021-22**

School supplies are listed on our campus webpage, and we have an online ordering opportunity in place through June 4. Check out both the supply list and the online ordering opportunity [on our campus webpage](#).

#### **Student Orientation**

We will soon have information to share with you regarding **August Student Orientation** and **Campus Tours** for new students and those who have been SLMS students but have never physically been inside the building. We will communicate these via email and through our campus website when they are determined. **School starts on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.** [Here is a link to the FBISD Calendar for 2021-22, as well.](#)

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](mailto:keith.fickel@fortbendisd.com) if needed.