

September 20, 2017

Dear Titan Families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. Our "Reboot" to the school year has been smooth, and the students are doing a wonderful job in so many ways. It's great to see their smiles and friendly faces every day. We've welcomed a number of new Titans in the last week, as well, and we are glad they are here! Please take a moment to review the following topics in this communication. Be sure to visit our campus webpage frequently at [www.fortbendisd.com/slms](http://www.fortbendisd.com/slms), and please follow us on Twitter [@SugarLandMS](https://twitter.com/SugarLandMS). You'll also want to keep tabs on our [campus calendar](#) to see all events going on.

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#### **Update Student Information Online – Deadline Extended to October 1**

If you have not done so already, please update your child's information online through [Skyward Family Access](#). Instructions may be found by [downloading this information sheet](#). When you update your child's information, please be sure to give them full access to the computer network, and grant your child permission to take surveys so that their voice will be heard as we try to make our campus the best it can be.

#### **Fall Open House - Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Please plan to attend our Fall Open House on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. It will begin at 6:15 with performances from our Choir, Orchestra, and Band, as well as some words from our PTO and Mr. Fickel. At 6:45, parents will have the opportunity to walk their child's class schedule to meet all of their teachers. We hope to see everyone at this important event in the life of our school! Students will take [this Open House letter](#) home to their parents on September 25th. [This is the Spanish version.](#)

#### **Events with the Counselors and the Principal**

Please join us for two special events on Wednesday, September 27th and Friday, October 6th

- The Counseling Office would like to invite you to their 1<sup>st</sup> "BREAK WITH THE COUNSELORS"! Wednesday, September 27 from 11:30 to 12:30 in the upstairs library, the SLMS counselors will share what is happening through the counseling office, as well as answer any questions you have about upcoming developmental guidance lessons, groups, or counseling topics. Light refreshments will be provided
- Join Mr. Fickel, our principal, for a "Coffee with the Principal" on Friday, October 6th, at 9:30 AM in the library. It's an informal way to hear about the great things going on at SLMS and how you can get involved. It will also have an opportunity talk informally about topics on your mind as a parent. This is always a good time, and we look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Student Picture Day - Monday, September 25**

Monday September 25th during PE /Health classes. Flyers were sent home on September 18th. [Here is a downloadable flier and price sheet.](#)

#### **Presentation from Student Assemblies Held September 13, 2017**

Grade-level assemblies were held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. A number of topics were discussed, including general expectations, how to be successful, dress code, academic honesty, and use of digital devices at school. [This is the slide deck that was used for the talking points.](#)

**Tardies to Class**

Please note that starting Wednesday, September 20th, being late to classes will result in tardies counting. We have given students enough time now to know their routines and learn routes to various classes and become accustomed to how much time they have between classes. Moving forward, tardies will count. For a given class, students will receive the following consequences for tardies. This menu starts over each nine weeks.

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Warning and Parent Contact
- 3rd Tardy – Morning Detention and Parent Contact
- 4th + Tardy – Referral to Grade Level AP

**New for 2017-18: FBISD Middle School Athletic Events Charge Entrance Fee**

Please note that starting this school year, there is a \$1 charge for students and a \$2 charge for parents to attend volleyball, football, basketball, and soccer events.

Thank you for taking some time to look over the items in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (281) 634-3080 if you need anything. Go Titans!