

October 16, 2017

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your family doing well. The weather turned nice this morning; a sure sign that Fall is on its way! We are having a wonderful year thus far ensuring that your children are equipped with skills for life, which is one of the FBISD Profile of a Graduate attributes. I wanted to briefly touch base with you about a few important items. Thank you for taking a moment to check out the items below. Have a great week!

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, is an Early Release Day and the end of the first nine weeks of school** – School is out at 12:55 on this day. Students will attend periods 1-4 and eat lunch in their 4<sup>th</sup> period class prior to dismissal at 12:55. Report cards for the first nine week grading period will be mailed on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, is a Student Holiday**

Starting today, Monday, October 16, 2017, we are adjusting our event attendance procedure to encourage greater student attendance at events and to enhance school spirit. This is a "trial run", so to speak. If it goes well, it will become our permanent procedure. For now, this will be on a game-by-game basis. Students wishing to attend an after-school home athletic event (i.e. in the SLMS gymnasiums or at Old Kempner Stadium), will:

1. Go home via their regular method (bus, car, bike, rider, walker) - this means no loitering off property in the city park, baseball fields, adjoining properties, or on school grounds
2. Return to campus no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of the event and pay their entry fee to get in (see below)
3. Exhibit appropriate behavior before, during, and after the event
4. Remain only in the designated area (the gyms or OKS)
5. Be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the event is over. Students who do not get picked up within 15 minutes after an event is over (aside from the athletes themselves who are with their coaches) may be prohibited from attending future after-hours events. Please plan accordingly and have a mobile device to contact your ride ahead of time

New for 2017-18: FBISD is charging admission to middle school athletic events (volleyball, football, basketball, and soccer). Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 adults.

**Volunteers** are needed to fill many opportunities this year. Chief among them is helping to organize **Career Day**, which is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many months of planning go into making this a great event for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and it is not necessary that you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to be a part of the planning and logistics team. We're starting now to get this event off the ground, so please take a moment to reach out to our VIPS (Volunteer in Public Schools) Coordinator, Rebecca Vaughan, at [rnd.vaughan@gmail.com](mailto:rnd.vaughan@gmail.com) or by calling her at (832) 301-2236.

Please also join us for our next **Mid-Day Break with the Counselors** at 11:30 on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and our next **Coffee with the Principal** at 9:30 on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both events are in the library.

- Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal