

October 22, 2017

Dear Titan Families,

Below, please find important information for you and for your children for this coming week. This week starts the second nine-week grading period (Term 2). Report cards will be mailed on Tuesday morning, although you may view grades anytime in [Skyward Family Access](#). Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your children! Several of our classrooms have begun taking advantage of our new blended learning platform called Schoology. This is a wonderful technological platform to help equip our students with the skills they need for life, which is one of the attributes of the [FBISD Profile of a Graduate](#). **Congratulations to our Houston Astros!!!** We highly encourage students and staff to wear orange or Astros' gear during the World Series, but also to participate in our week-long observance of Red Ribbon Week. See information below.

Monday 10/23	Tuesday 10/24	Wednesday 10/25	Thursday 10/26	Friday 10/27
Red Ribbon Week (RRW)				
RRW – Wear Red Digital Storm 4:20 7A Football v. Bowie MS (5:00) OKS 7B Football v. Bowie MS (5:00) @ JBMS	RRW – Mismatched Clothing Report Cards Mailed 8A Football v. Bowie MS (5:00) OKS Orchestra Concert 6:00	COLLEGE SHIRT DAY RRW – Canned Food Drive Starts (5 th period) AVID Trip to Rice (8 th Gr) Digital Storm 4:20	RRW- Crazy Socks Day Picture Retakes during Lunches Mid-Day Break w/ Counselors 11:30 Volleyball v. HBMS @ SLMS 5:00 Band @ Kempner FB Game	RRW – Team Jersey Day (GO ASTROS!!!) Activity Bell Schedule Pep Rally 7 th period (8 th Grade attends) Students without parent consent lose access to FBISD Technology

Red Ribbon Week October 23-27

To drive home the message to our community that drugs and violence have no place in anyone's life, we celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The themes for each day of the week are as follows (students will still be expected to be in dress code):

- Monday, October 23 - Wear red, sign drug-free pledge cards
- Tuesday, October 24 - "Don't Get Mixed Up in Drugs" - wear mismatched clothing (in dress code)
- Wednesday, October 25 - "Being Safe and Drug Free Comes in 'Cans'" - Canned Food Drive through 5th period classes. Ice Cream for the 5th period class that brings in the most cans
- Thursday, October 26 - "Sock it to Drugs Day" - wear ugly/crazy/outrageous socks
- Friday, October 27 - "Team Up Against Drugs and Violence" - Wear your favorite team jersey; PE/Health classes do a mile walk to stomp out drugs

Picture Retakes October 26th During Lunches

Lifetouch photographers will be at Sugar Land Middle School on October 26th to take pictures of all those staff and students that missed the earlier portrait day. If your student missed the original portrait day and would like to have a picture taken, please have him or her see their PE, Health, or Kickstart teacher for a flyer. If you had pictures taken and are not satisfied, please bring your pictures back on the 26th of October to have them retaken. All pictures must be in the original packet and intact. Pictures will be taken on the stage in the commons during all lunch periods.

Opportunities for Parents

Volunteers are needed to fill many opportunities this year. Chief among them is helping to organize **Career Day**, which is scheduled for February 2nd. Many months of planning go into making this a great event for our 8th graders, and it is not necessary that you have an 8th 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 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 26th, and our next **Coffee with the Principal** at 9:30 on Friday, November 3rd. Both events are in the library.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Reminders

We have no higher obligation to our community than for providing a safe learning environment for our students. Please be mindful that we do not provide supervision of students before school until just before 8:00 and that the building opens to students at 8:20. Also, the Sugar Land Police Department has been issuing citations to drivers who violate the solid white line/dedicated right turn lane into the front circle drive, as well as to those who make a left-hand turn from the circle drive onto Seventh Street during posted hours. Please observe all traffic laws, and remain patient during our pick-up and drop-off processes. Last, students who need to cross Seventh Street may do so at our designated crosswalk that is manned by a crossing guard. It is at the east end of the property. Help us keep your children safe by observing these points.

Semester Exams

Believe it or not, semester exams will be upon us sooner than you think! Please see the [semester exam schedule](#) for this school year. Please note that exams will not be administered early for any reason. Students who miss an exam in December must make it up in January, and students who miss an exam in May must make it up in June.

Student Recognition Event #1 – November 17th

In an effort to help keep students focused on doing great work, keeping up with assignments, exhibiting excellent citizenship and discipline, along with good attendance, groups of students and teachers have designed a Student Recognition Event plan known as "Titans on the Rise." In an effort to focus on our campus mission statement which endeavors to provide a safe environment with high expectations leading to physical, social, emotional, and academic success, we believe this event will help improve campus climate and make school a better place to work and to learn. This event will also help to focus our students' efforts on living out the attributes of the FBISD Profile of a Graduate. We plan to repeat these in the second semester.

- When?: Friday, November 17
- What Time?: Approx. 1.5-1.75 hours in the afternoon (approx. 2:00-3:45)
- What are the Activities?: Activities could include some of the following student-generated ideas:
 - Music, Dance (with a DJ)
 - Open Gym (Basketball, Volleyball, Jump Rope, etc.)
 - Board Games
 - Face Painting
 - Movies
 - Organized Outdoor Games
 - Snacks and refreshments
 - Snow Cones
 - Dunk Tank (dunk various teachers and administrators)
 - Duct Tape an administrator or teacher to the wall
 - and maybe more...

How Do Students Become Eligible to Attend?

- Have no disciplinary office referrals from October 23 through November 17 (the date of the event)
- Maintain an average of 75 or above in all courses as of PR3 (as of November 10)
- Not have an "N" or a "U" for conduct mark on PR3 (as of November 10)
- Between October 23 and November 10, have no missing assignments for any course, even if the student's average was a 75 or higher all courses on PR3

- Between October 23 and November 10, have no more than 2 tardies in any particular class (note that the 4th tardy to a class is an office referral, and office referrals automatically exclude students from attending the event)
- Between October 23 and November 10, have no more than 1 unexcused absence in any single class
- As of November 10, have no overdue books in the library
- Any discipline referral on or after October 23 that results in DAEP (or a more severe consequence) automatically excludes a student from all recognition events will hold this school year

We will have a preliminary list of eligible students posted in the common areas by Tuesday, November 14th; however, students may be removed from the list of eligible students due to disciplinary reasons up to and including the day of the event. Students who do not meet the criteria above will have an alternate activity to do that will help them earn points toward their T2 average.

- Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal