

November 6, 2017

Dear Titan Parents,

Last week was an exciting week with the Astros' win over the Los Angeles Dodgers, and it was great to see so many of our students supporting our hometown team by wearing Astros' gear! We also want to celebrate our volleyball teams who all participated in the district tournament last Thursday. Our 7B team went all the way to win the 7B district title on Saturday at Wheeler Field House. Congratulations to all these ladies and their wonderful coaches for a great season! We would also like to congratulate all the band students who auditioned for All-Region Band this weekend. SLMS had 10 students earn places in the All-Region Band on Saturday! As if that weren't enough, our student thespians garnered several awards and advanced to the district One-Act Play competition next weekend with their performance on Saturday of their play, "Ago." It was an amazing week at Sugar Land MS. Congratulations to all of these students and their directors! All of the students in these activities are demonstrating attributes of the FBISD Profile of a Graduate--particularly that of being a collaborative team member. To top it all off, the canned food drive started the previous week yielded 2,381 individual items, with Mr. Efron's 5th period class collecting the most items—696! Thank you all for demonstrating another Profile attribute—servant leadership! Thank you, Mrs. Hancock, for organizing this food drive! Go Titans!

Please take a moment to consider the important items below

- **Arriving on Time to Class**
- **Spirit Week**
- **Semester Exams**
- **Student Recognition Event – November 17**
- **Events for the Week**

Arriving on Time to Class

In order for SLMS to best meet our students' academic needs, students *must arrive to class on time*. This ensures that students are present from bell-to-bell for instruction. To better meet this expectation, **Hall Sweeps** will be conducted randomly throughout the rest of the school year starting this week, the week of November 6. We will roll out hall sweeps in phases:

- The first step is this notification to our students and parents about the purpose and intention of the hall sweeps
- The second step will be to announce over the PA right before a passing period that we are going to have a hall sweep
- The third step will be to announce at the beginning of the day that a hall sweep will occur that day
- Last, we will conduct them randomly without any prior notification

At first, students will be given a written warning. As the hall sweeps continue throughout the rest of the semester and through the year, we will increase consequences from verbal warnings to lunch detention, then to morning detention, and then to Saturday Detention for students who continue to report to class late. Student/parent conferences may also be scheduled by the grade level assistant principals for students who are habitually tardy; this includes being tardy to first period. When the tardy bell rings for that passing period, any students still in the hallway will be directed to a pre-identified area where they will sign in and receive their consequence. **Note that tardies can affect students' eligibility for our Student Recognition Events, of which the first is scheduled for Friday, November 17th.** See the related item in this newsletter about Student Recognition Events.

Spirit Week

Our annual Spirit Week, sponsored by StuCo, will be a fun way to show your spirit at school. Dress code and great behavior are key elements in keeping Spirit Week fun! Here are the details day-by-day:

- Monday 11/6 - "Western Day" - Cowboy and Cowgirl gear (but no spurs, ropes, or toy weapons)
- Tuesday 11/7 - "Twin Day" - Find a friend and match them for the day; both people should be in dress code

- Wednesday 11/8 - "Character Day" - Dress up as your favorite character or superhero; should be dress-code appropriate and in good taste
- Thursday 11/9 - "Decades Throwback" – Select a decade to dress up as (90's, 80's, 70's, 60's, 50's, etc.). Dress will be in good taste and in dress code
- Friday 11/10 - "Veterans Day" - Show your military support by dressing in military clothing or represent the USA by wearing red, white, and blue!

Spirit Week will end with the Powder Puff Football game at 4:30 on Friday, November 10th, at Old Kempner Stadium. Tickets are on sale for \$5 all week during the week of November 6th during lunches. Students participating in the game and spectators must be picked up by 5:30 PM.

Semester Exam Schedule

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 November 17

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 [Profile of a Graduate](#). We plan to repeat these in the second semester. To view eligibility requirements, [please visit this section of our campus webpage](#)

This Week's Events

Monday 11/6	Tuesday 11/7	Wednesday 11/8	Thursday 11/9	Friday 11/10
Spirit Week!!!				
Western Day	Twin Day	Character Day	Decades Throwback Day	Veterans Day
Book Fair Consequences Program through Health Class Digital Storm 4:15 FBISD Literacy Tour @ Barrington Place ES 5:00 PTO Board Meeting 6:30	Election Day – VOTE! Book Fair Consequences Program through Health Class	COLLEGE SHIRT DAY Book Fair Consequences Program through Health Class WEB Leader Training Admin Team 1:30 Digital Storm 4:15	Book Fair Consequences Program through Health Class	SLMS Spirit Shirt Day PROGRESS REPORT 3 Book Fair Flu Shots for Students during lunches Powder Puff Football Game 4:30 UIL One Act Play