December 17, 2018

Dear SLMS Parents and Guardians,

This is the final week of the semester, and exams begin tomorrow, Monday, December 18th. Here are a few important pieces for you to consider this week. A lot of this information was previously communicated to you in <u>my message from</u> <u>December 1st.</u> This is also posted on our campus webpage under *SLMS Newsletters and Other Communication*.

Fundraising prizes from our recent PTO fundraiser will be delivered when we return in January. Thank you for helping to make that a success!

Monday - Full Day; 7th period exam

Tuesday - Full Day; 1st and 6th period exams

Wednesday - Early Release Day; 2nd and 3rd period exams. No string bags, backpacks, or large purses. Students will eat either a lunch from home or a sack lunch ordered from the cafeteria. Day is over at 1:25

Thursday - Early Release Day; 4th and 5th period exams. No string bags, backpacks, or large purses. Students will eat either a lunch from home or a sack lunch ordered from the cafeteria. Day is over at 1:25

Friday - Staff and Student Holiday; School resumes on Monday, January 8th

On early release days, please ensure your child stays off other FBISD campuses, and please refrain from having your child text/call you to say when their last final is over so that they can have you pick them up from school early. Our front office has a limited capacity on early release days to accommodate these kinds of requests, and we typically experience an unusually high volume of requests on these kinds of days. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for your patience in this regard.

If your child misses an exam(s), please follow the instructions on our <u>campus webpage</u> and also in the letter linked in the first paragraph above. He or she will have the opportunity to make up any missed exam(s) after school during the first two weeks of the second semester or on Friday, January 5th.

If your child is currently an 8th grader, please take a moment to <u>check out this information from Kempner HS</u> related to Coog Fest on January 31st. This is a must-not-miss event to help your child be setting his/her sights on high school.

Last, please remember that our final time to print and mail paper report cards will be for this grading period. Starting January 26th, and with the first progress report of the second semester, they will only be viewable in Skyward Family Access. You may read more by clicking the link in the first paragraph of this message.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful time away from school, and I and the entire faculty and staff look forward to seeing your child(ren) on January 8th! I will email you again around January 4th or 5th with information about January 8th in terms of what to expect, where to report, etc. This will be particularly important for 7th graders who will be flipping from PE to Health or Health to PE.

Kindest regards,

Keith Fickel, Principal

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