

February 5, 2018

Dear Titan Families,

Our 8th grade Career Day this past Friday was terrific! We had engaging speakers and a dynamic program, all put together with staff and parent help. We wish to thank all involved in organizing and executing the day. Order forms for the panoramic picture were distributed to students Friday, as well, and they are also available on our [campus webpage](#). I follow Tim Elmore and his *Growing Leaders* blog, and this past week he had an excellent article about the *Four Balancing Acts to Perform on a New Generation of Kids*. I encourage you to take a moment to check it out. We live in a quickly evolving landscape for education and parenting, and he offers some great ideas to consider.

Here are some additional items for you to consider for the upcoming week and beyond...

- **Tennis Tryouts** - Boys are Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 6th; Girls are Wednesday, February 7th, and Thursday, February 8th. Please complete forms found at [RankOneSport.com](#). Meet Ms. Buchly and Ms. Larges at the Tennis Courts at 7:00 AM. Should have a physical on file, as well.
- **Tutorial Buses Continue Tuesday/Thursday** - Please take advantage of our Tutorial Buses that leave at 5:15 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your child attends tutorials, club/organization events, rehearsals, etc., after school, they may ride the bus. Please consult with your child's teachers to determine their tutorial schedule.
- **Student Work** - Teachers are reporting an increase in the number of students who are not turning in assignments. Please help us to help your child by ensuring that work is submitted on time. We are also organizing a plan to have students who don't get work done or who have missing assignments to stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays so they may get the work done and also get a ride home on the 5:15 bus. Stay tuned for details.
- **Tardiness** - We continue to conduct hall sweeps occasionally, and we have escalated consequences from warnings, to one lunch detention, to two lunch detentions. Please help us by checking out your child's attendance records in Skyward Family Access. If you see "L" (late) or "T" (Tardy), your child has not made it to class on time.
- **Student Recognition Event** - Our next Student Recognition Event is set for Thursday, March 29th; attendance requirements will be shared with students soon
- **Early Release - February 16th** - Friday, February 16th, classes will be out at 12:55 PM. Students who don't bring lunch from home will have the opportunity to order a sack lunch from the cafeteria.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider the items above. Be sure to visit our campus webpage often at [www.fortbendisd.com/slms](#), and follow us on Twitter at @SugarLandMS. Have a wonderful week!

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