

February 12, 2018

Dear Titan Parents,

We had a good week last week, and we anticipate another one this week, as well. We would like to congratulate our **Boys' and Girls' Track Teams** and their coaches on a job well done at their first Track Meets this past week! We'd also like to congratulate all of our **Beginning Orchestra students** and their fine directors for their performance experience this past Thursday at the annual FBISD String Fling held at Wheeler Field House!

Please take note of the items below that we have pulled together for your information and convenience. You may also view [our entire campus calendar on our campus website](#). Be sure to follow us on Twitter at [@SugarLandMS](#).

- The **FBISD Board of Trustees** presents a **"Listening Tour"** on Monday, February 12th, at 5:00 PM at Hodges Bend MS
- **FBISD Facilities Planning Meetings** - If you are interested in hearing more about or voicing your opinion about the planning of facilities, please attend one of the meetings being held this month. February 20th at Ridge Point HS and February 22nd at Travis HS. Both are from 7:00-9:00 PM
- **SLMS Musical Theatre Production of *The Little Mermaid*** - Please come out and support our talented actors and singers this week as they present Disney's, The Little Mermaid. Performances are on **February 13th and 15th**, and they start at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 (students) and \$7 (adults). Contact Teresa Ragland at teresa.ragland@fortbendisd.com if you have questions.
- **Course Selection for 2018-19** - The course selection window for current 6th and 7th grade students is open in Skyward Student Access from January 22nd through February 23rd. The counselors have already visited with the students about the process. Course Guides and Course Selection Sheets have been distributed, as well. The deadline for students to return their signed Course Selection Sheet to their Social Studies teacher is February 23rd. We need 100% of students to complete this process by February 23rd because it plays a primary role in how we determine staffing needs for the coming school year. Please contact your child's grade level counselor for more information or if you have questions
- **Progress Report #6 is Friday, February 16th** - The reporting period for Progress Report 6 (PR6) is this Friday, February 16th. This is the final progress report you will receive before the end of Term 3 (T3) on Friday, March 9th. These are available electronically through Skyward Family Access
- **Early Release this Friday, February 16th** - The school day ends at 12:55 PM on February 16th, and students will be given the opportunity to order a sack lunch through their 7th period teacher on Thursday if they don't plan to bring a lunch from home for Friday. Students should stay off of all FBISD property on early release days
- **School is in Session on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19th** - Due to the closure of school for two days in January, FBISD has adjusted its calendar to have Monday, February 19th, become a school day instead of a holiday, as originally planned
- **Upcoming Student Events** - During these next few weeks, there will be a Staff v. Student Basketball Game and a Staff v. Student Volleyball Game. Tickets will be on sale during lunches the weeks that they occur, and the number of tickets sold is directly tied to the

capacity of the gymnasium. *Note: students who have received a level 2 or higher discipline referral since January 8, 2018 will not be able to purchase a ticket, and students may only purchase a ticket for themselves*

- **Student v. Staff Basketball Game - Friday, February 16th**
- **Student v. Staff Volleyball Game - Friday, March 9th**
- **SLMS Student Artwork on Display at HMNS Sugar Land through February 28th** - We are fortunate to have nearly 100 pieces of student artwork from Dr. Maresh and Mr. Cole's art classes on display at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Sugar Land! These will be on display through February 28th. There is no cost to view this artwork at HMNS
- **iFest (International Festival) / Spring Open House March 6th** - Please make sure you mark your calendar to join us on Tuesday, March 6th, for our annual iFest. It is always a blast, as we will have booths representing many countries, entertainment, and a book fair in the library

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and your family. We have no higher obligation than to effectively partner with you in the education of your child(ren). Have a wonderful week!

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