

May 19, 2018

Dear Titan Parents,

We are saddened by the senseless loss of life in Santa Fe on Friday morning. At Sugar Land MS we are committed to the safety and well-being of all of our students, staff, families, and visitors. We remain vigilant to ensure that everyone stays safe. The protocols we have in place, such as Let's Talk and Talk Line (281) 240-TALK, as well as an open-door policy for students to talk to administrators and counselors, among others, are there to ensure students' concerns are heard. As has been shared previously, it is important that students also play a role in their own safety by making adults aware of anything that concerns them. It is important for them to know that if they have concerns about their friends and classmates that they are encouraged to speak up. It is not an act of betrayal of their friends if they express concerns to adults. Rather, it is an act of love and care that may end up saving lives. This includes reporting any concerns related to social media postings. Counselors will be available Monday to talk to students who may experience anxiety over the events from Friday. The district has added some resources for parents and teachers related to coping with school violence to its [Counseling and Postsecondary Readiness webpage](#). Know that we have your child's best interest at heart. Thank you for the support you provide to your children and to their school.

Keith Fickel, Principal

Other items for you to consider for this week include:

Student Soccer Game May 22nd – Wristbands for the student soccer game are only \$1.00, and they will be on sale during lunches on Monday and Tuesday. The game will occur during 5th and 6th periods. Tickets are limited to the first 225 students who purchase them.

Yearbook - SLMS Yearbooks are still available for purchase for \$40! Your child may purchase one before school from 8:20 – 8:45 in the commons. Please be sure to bring cash or a check made out to SLMS.

Kempner HS Junior Varsity Dance Tryouts - JV Try-outs are being held On May 22nd from 4:30-6:30pm at the Auxiliary gym at Kempner High School. This information is for 8th grade parents and students! Use these links to get to the needed forms (<https://goo.gl/forms/NRi0cMfMJ3e5eU9P2>) All of these forms are also located on KHS website. <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/82983> If you have questions or concerns, please contact taylor.shank@fortbendisd.com

End of the Year Information – Last week's parent message contained all the information you need to know to end the school year. In case you missed it, it is posted on our campus webpage. You may also find the information by [clicking this link](#). Know that we are conducting a locker cleanout this Thursday, as well (details are in the communication sent last week; click the link above).

Summer Food Service Program - The Texas Department of Agriculture administers this U.S. Department of Agriculture program to connect Texas children 18 and younger with good nutrition during the summer. Please [download this information card](#) to learn more.