

February 17, 2019

Dear Titan Families,

We hope the three-day weekend was great for you and your family, and we want you to know that during our professional development day on Friday, we were blessed to receive such an outpouring of support through a fantastic snack bar that you, the parents, created! **THANK YOU** to all who helped contribute to this incredible (and healthy) snack bar! Our staff really appreciated it!

This is a big update for you on a lot of topics, so I hope that you take a moment to check out the items in this message.

- **Spring Open House / International Festival (iFest) / Book Fair** - Please mark **Tuesday, March 5, 2019**, on your calendar to attend our amazing event! The library will be open extended hours from 4:30-6:00 for browsing and shopping in our Spring Book Fair, and iFest/Open House starts at 6:30 in the large gym. This is one of the most fantastic things we do at SLMS all year, and you won't want to miss it! [Check it out in more detail on our campus webpage!](#) See you there!
- **Gifted and Talented (GT) Student Scholarship Opportunities** - The Texas Association of Gifted and Talented is accepting scholarship applications for identified gifted students to participate in summer enrichment experiences. The scholarships are awarded to identified gifted students grades K- 12, who are currently participating in a gifted program and who want to enrich their learning experience during the summer months. The maximum summer scholarship award is \$400. Students may use these scholarships to attend programs with academic, fine art, or performing arts focus. **Deadline is Friday, February 22nd.** Find out more by visiting [the TAGT website](#).
- **Creative Ways to Support Your Child's Teachers** - We know you know this, but your children's teachers work HARD! Take a moment to read this quick article about [Nine Creative Ways You Can Support Teachers](#). This is the time of year when everyone needs a boost, including teachers. We work hard to keep their tanks full so they can in turn keep your kids' tanks full. I challenge you to pick one of the nine strategies and do it for your child's teachers this week.
- **City of Sugar Land Public Meeting at SLMS on Monday, February 25** - Starting in early May, a significant construction project involving drainage improvements along Seventh Street will occur. Please come learn more about how it will impact our school, but also the neighborhood in general. The meeting starts at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Park on the bus ramp (east) side of the building. To find out more, [visit our campus webpage](#).
- **Early College High School / Pathways in Technology Programs for Rising Ninth Graders** - Early College High School and Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs will provide students with opportunities to earn college credit, an associate degree, a two-year post-secondary certificate or industry certification – all while earning their high school diploma. To find out more, please [visit the FBISD ECHS/P-TECH website](#).
- **Campus Calendar** - Several requests have been made to have our campus calendar viewable in a variety of ways. Try using this link to view our campus calendar (it's a Google calendar). You may want to make it a favorite on your browser or add it as an icon on your home screen of your mobile device. You will always see the most updated version of our calendar with this link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=c3VnYXJsYW5kbWlkZGxlQGdtYWlsLmNvbQ>

Have a great week!

Keith Fickel, Principal