

April 29, 2019

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

It is always my hope that our parent messages find you and your family doing well. We have much to celebrate and to share with you! First, we are excited to announce that four of our teachers will be receiving a combined \$11,584.83 in grants from the Fort Bend Education Foundation for next year. Congratulations to Coach Esposito, Coach Johnson, Coach Davila, and Dr. Maresh on this exciting news! We look forward to the impact that their grants will have on our students in upcoming school year! Congratulations to our Robotics Team who will be advancing to the district finals on May 9th! Congratulations to all of our Lip-Sync Battle contestants; last Thursday's performance was fabulous! Thank you to the PTO for running the concession stand! I am pleased to announce that due to the efforts of Mrs. Brinson and our NPFH committee, our campus has once again been designated a "No Place for Hate" school by the Anti-Defamation League. Congratulations to our choir students who gave award-winning performances at the American Classic Bayou Class in Clear Lake last week! Congratulations to all of the 7th grade students who have been accepted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and who will be inducted this Wednesday! Here are some important items for the upcoming week and beyond...

Parent Meeting regarding student use of technology and some changes for the 2019-20 school year will occur in the SLMS Commons at 6:30 PM Monday, April 29. Please join us for this important discussion about student-owned devices and the rationale behind some adjustments being made for next school year.

Progress Report 8 (PR8) will be available for viewing in Skyward Family Access mid-day on Thursday, May 2

Emergency Drills – We have been discussing emergency drills with students during the last week, as we will be conducting a required lockdown drill prior to the end of the school year. When we conduct this drill, it will be immediately followed with a parent notification via email that the drill took place. The safety of your children is our most important priority.

Current Sixth Grade Immunizations – please have your updated immunization records turned in ASAP. There still about 65 students who have not updated their records. Students without updated records will not be able to attend school in 7th grade until the appropriate vaccinations are documented with an updated immunization record that is given to the clinic

Tuesday/Thursday Tutorial Buses this week and next week will depart at 5:30 instead of 5:15, in order to accommodate the District Acceleration Assessment that many of our current 6th and 7th grade students will be taking after school in order to determine readiness for placement in PreAP 7 Math or Algebra I . These students are currently in regular math classes but have requested PreAP for next year. Students who are taking this assessment have been given an invitation already, and have been returning these invitations indicating which day they will take it, as well as whether they will need the Tutorial Bus or not

School Supply Lists for 2019-20 are available for viewing and downloading on our [About SLMS](#) webpage. We will be communicating soon with all families regarding a PTO-led effort to allow you to order your school supplies online to be delivered directly to school in August. This will be a narrow window of opportunity, but it is designed to save you time and money. Grade-level supply kits will range between \$45 and \$52. PE Uniform online ordering will begin in late July/early August in a separate process. More info to come.

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week (May 6-10). A message sharing how you can recognize/thank your child's teachers will be coming soon

This is a reminder that **SLMS has 100 laptops** in our **Laptop Lending Library**. After completing a few pieces of paperwork by parents, students may check out a laptop (including a Wi-Fi hotspot) for two weeks, just like a library book. To find out more and to complete the parent paperwork, visit [the SLMS Laptop Lending Library webpage](#).

Overdue Library Books and laptops must be turned in no later than May 10 to the library

STAAR Testing Schedule (No visitors to campus, other than clinic or pre-scheduled counselor visits):

- May 7 – Algebra I EOC (End of Course)
- May 13 – STAAR Math 6 & 7, Math 8 Re-Test
- May 14 – STAAR Reading 6 & 7, Reading 8 Re-Test
- May 15 – STAAR Science 8
- May 16 – STAAR Social Studies 8

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal