

September 7, 2017

Dear Titan Families,

As promised, we are reaching back out to you with additional information regarding the reopening of school and the restart to the school year on **Tuesday, September 12th**. First, however, I want to take a moment to thank the many students, staff, and parents who volunteered in various ways to help their fellow man after Harvey. Whether it was assisting at the shelter at Kempner HS, helping to move out damaged furniture, sheetrock, and carpet from affected homes, or simply being available to talk to people who were experiencing trouble, our community rose to the occasion, it is greatly appreciated. It demonstrates students and staff living out the ideals in the FBISD *Profile of a Graduate*. Even today, SLMS was the recipient of a huge gift of school supplies and other useful items from Walmart, and we appreciate them so much!

Several students took advantage of today's **Open Gyms**, courtesy of our wonderful coaching staff. We are doing it again tomorrow (Friday) from 10:00 – Noon. Please come out and enjoy some time with your friends tomorrow if you like.

I know that as we return to school next **Tuesday, September 12th**, your child(ren) will be well cared for. Several members of the campus leadership team met today to forge a plan to re-enter the school year in a way that supports students' social-emotional needs but also lays the foundation to move into academic success. Details of those plans are discussed below. We will also work to support any students who were displaced because of Harvey. If your child(ren) have been displaced, please contact or visit the campus starting tomorrow Friday, September 8th. Under the [McKinney-Vento Act](#), you may be eligible for free meals, transportation, and other services. Registration times are available tomorrow Friday, September 8th and again on Monday, September 11th. Registration availability will be from 8:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00 each of those days. If you have questions, you may reach out to campus staff at (281) 634-3080, or use this [Let's Talk](#) link that is specific to assistance for displaced students.

Details About Re-Opening and Our First Day – Tuesday, September 12th

- [Bus Route Information is available online](#), and it will remain the same for all of our students as it was prior to Harvey. Thank you in advance for your patience, as it is typical that there are delays as the school year begins, and we know that like our students, our staff members and bus drivers are also “re-starting” the school year
- **Building opens to students at 8:20 AM**
- **Students report to the following locations**
 - 6th grade – Commons/Cafeteria
 - 7th grade – Boys' Gym
 - 8th grade – Girls' Gym
 - All students will find their names on an alphabetical list in their holding areas. After finding their name on the list, students will go sit with their first period teacher, whose name is also on the list. These lists are provided in case students have forgotten their first period teacher's name
 - We will redistribute copies of students' schedules, just in case they lost them; this will also include their locker number and locker combination
- **What to bring to school**
 - Lunch or lunch money

- Backpack/string bag
 - AVID Binder (6th grade)
 - Pen, pencil, paper
- Parents are reminded that there is no parking along Seventh Street and to observe all traffic signage. Please drop off/pick up your children only in the circle drive in front and not along Seventh Street or in a parking lot. There are no left turns permitted from the circle drive back onto Seventh street, as well
- **Athletics**
 - **Volleyball Tryouts** resume after school Tuesday for the third and final day and will conclude at 6:00 PM. This is only for students who attended the first two days of tryouts
 - **Football practice** will resume after school Tuesday and will conclude at 6:00 PM. Students who have not completed the online forms at www.rankonesport.com and/or who have not turned in a completed [physical form](#) will not be able to practice
- We will conduct grade level assemblies on Wednesday to discuss a variety of topics, including personal devices, responsible use of technology, academic honesty, the FBISD Profile of a Graduate, dress code, and ways that we are here to support your children and how they may support one another

In closing, I would like to restate my appreciation of our students, staff and community. Together we are all committed to a successful year. Our first three days of school were fantastic, and I'm sure the same will be true this week, as well. We are still working on rescheduling several events, such as Open House, so please look for updated information soon. We look forward to seeing students and staff return next week, and you may contact us with any question you may have by calling (281) 634-3080 or visiting our campus webpage at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/slms>.

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, Principal

Sugar Land Middle School