

July 2, 2021

Dear SLMS Titan Parents and Community,

I hope my message finds you and your family doing well, and I hope each of you is getting some much-needed rest so that your mental and physical batteries can fully recharge, and that you will enjoy a safe July 4 holiday. As we are at the midpoint of the summer break, I wanted to touch base with you briefly about a few topics, with a promise to provide a more comprehensive update sometime during the week of July 12. Additionally, I feel it is important for our incoming sixth grade parents to hear from the school, as they really have not heard anything at all from us, at least directly. Up to this point, incoming sixth grade parents may have seen things on our website or that we post on Twitter, or maybe something that their fifth grade teachers sent on our behalf, but they have not received any direct communication from us yet. As the principal, this is something I greatly regret allowing to happen. But moving forward, be assured that you will be kept up to date on a more regular basis. Thank you for your grace in this regard.

And now, onto a brief update regarding a few important topics, most of which will be more comprehensively communicated sometime during the week of July 12.

Employment Opportunities in FBISD and at Sugar Land MS

At **Sugar Land MS**, we have an opening in our **Special Education Department** in our **ABC classroom**. We are looking for an **additional aide** to help the teacher and the students in this classroom. To find out more about this position, as well as to apply, please visit the [ABC Aide Middle School information page](#) on the district's employment website.

Fort Bend ISD Auxiliary Job Fair is Tuesday, July 13. The district is seeking candidates to support District operations in **Facility Operations, Child Nutrition, Transportation and Extended Learning** before/after-school programs. This is a face-to-face event. Safety protocols and social distancing measures will be in place. Pre-registration is required. Here are the particulars:

Fort Bend ISD Auxiliary Job Fair: Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- 2:30 pm – 4:30 (Child Nutrition & Transportation)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm (Extended Learning & Facilities)
- **Where:** Clements High School, 4200 Elkins Road Sugar Land, Texas 77479
- [Registration/Website Link](#)

Campus Tours Hosted by WEB Leaders – July 29, 29, and 30

Going into the 2021-22 school year, half of our student body will have never set foot on the SLMS campus due to the pandemic, and we want to help any student and their family to become familiar with our campus layout and experience being in the building in small numbers to help ease minds and hearts before we start the school year. Tours will be conducted by our wonderful 8th grade WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) student leaders. A link to the Sign-Up Genius for this event is at the end of this section. Please note:

- **Each slot can accept a maximum of four families to maintain health and safety protocols. Therefore, please only sign up for one slot for your family**
- Please enter the parent's name in the "name" field
- When you arrive at SLMS, **please park in the parking lot on the east side of campus (by the bus ramp) and walk to the main entrance (by the flagpole)**
- **It is your decision whether to wear a mask or not, but by entering the building you are certifying that you currently feel well, are not exhibiting signs of illness, are not running a fever higher than 99.9 degrees, and that you have not come into close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days.**

We are genuinely interested in helping our students, especially those who have never been on the SLMS campus before and regardless of grade level, acclimate themselves to being on campus and to find their way around. [Here is the link to the Sign-Up Genius for SLMS Campus Tours](#), scheduled for July 28, 29, and 30.

Titan Camp (Student Orientation) – August 4 (Grades 7 & 8), August 5 (Grade 6)

We invite all students to participate in our “Titan Camp”, which is a brief come-and-go opportunity for students and their parents to participate in the following opportunities:

- Get a list of your classes (not your actual schedule; it will be distributed on the first day of school, August 11)
- Purchase SLMS Spirit Gear from our PTO
- Get their Photo ID made (students wear ID’s during the day on color-coded lanyards)
- Purchase PE Uniform (will also be able to do this online, starting in late July)
- Add money to your cafeteria account for breakfast and lunch
- See your friends
- Tour the campus
- Pick up pre-ordered school supplies (if they were purchased online in April – May)
- Meet and interact campus administration, counselors, and other staff members
- Turn in any missing paperwork, such as updated immunization records for the clinic

Our Titan Camp is broken down by grade level, and the 6th grade event is further broken down by last name. Here is the schedule (note that safety protocols and social distancing measures will be in place):

- **6th Grade Titan Camp – Thursday, August 5**
 - **Last Names A-L:** 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM
 - **Last Names M-Z:** 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
- **7th Grade Titan Camp – Wednesday, August 4**
 - 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM
- **8th Grade Titan Camp – Wednesday, August 4**
 - 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

School Supplies

All of the supplies your child will need are listed in the [SLMS school supply list](#), which was created by the teachers and has been pared down significantly from the district’s list for middle school. The only items not included are things like PE uniforms and specialty items needed for certain elective classes. PE uniform sales will begin in late July in a separate online process and should be available for purchase during Titan Camp, as well. A list of items needed for specialty electives classes will be shared by your child's teacher once school starts.

If you ordered the ready-made school supply kits that were on sale online from late April through early June, orders will be delivered to the school and distributed to students at Titan Camp / Orientation (see previous item). If you have questions about pre-ordered school supply kits, please contact Lisa Vogel at vogelville2@yahoo.com. Unfortunately, sales have ended for our ready-made school supply kits. Please use the school supply list linked above. Students will not need to bring everything with them on the first day of school. Stay tuned in a future communication about what to bring on the first day/first week.

Office Hours

- **Summer Office Hours (through July 22)** – Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch)
- **NOTE: FBISD campuses are closed the week of July 5 through 9, and will resume operations on Monday, July 12**

- **Regular Office Hours Resume Monday, July 26** – Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch)

School Hours (Revised for 2021-22)

- Campus opens at 8:20 AM for students to enter
- Our first class begin at 8:55 AM (5 minutes later than last year)
- The day ends at 4:10 PM (5 minutes later than last year)
- [Link to our bell schedule for 2021-22](#)

Important Links to Keep Handy

- SLMS Campus Website: www.fortbendisd.com/slms
- SLMS Twitter: [@SLMSTitans](https://twitter.com/SLMSTitans)

Who's Who at Sugar Land MS

6th Grade

- Associate Principal - Monika Martin (monika.martin@fortbendisd.com)
- Counselor - Nafecia Brinson (nafecia.brinson@fortbendisd.com)

7th Grade

- Assistant Principal - Dr. Dawn Rogers (dawn.rogers@fortbendisd.com)
- Counselor - Eleni Smith (eleni.smith@fortbendisd.com)

8th Grade

- Assistant Principal - Luster Goodwin (luster.goodwin@fortbendisd.com)
- Counselor - Kim Seright (kimberly.seright@fortbendisd.com)

Counselor Clerk - Carmen Brantley (carmen.brantley@fortbendisd.com)

Assistant Principal Secretaries

- 7th and 8th Grade - Tina Garcia (diamantina.ibarragar@fortbendisd.com)
- 6th Grade - Sherri Woodcock (sherri.woodcock@fortbendisd.com)

Attendance - Mary Beth LaVergne (mary.lavergne@fortbendisd.com)

Registrar - Tandi Phillips (tandi.phillips@fortbendisd.com)

Nurse - TBD

Clinic Aide - Julie Cutaia (julie.cutaia@fortbendisd.com)

Executive Assistant to Principal Fickel - Mary Connealy (mary.connealy@fortbendisd.com)

Thank you for taking a moment to review the items in this message. A more comprehensive message will be sent to you during the week of July 12, which will include updates on things we are doing to get ready for this upcoming year and how we will better meet students' needs post-pandemic. In the meanwhile, please keep an eye on our campus webpage, as well as in Schoology, for updates. To look at previous communications to parents, they are always kept in our newsletter archive, which is on our campus website.

I look forward to a great year with your children, and if we have not met yet, I look forward to that opportunity!

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, Principal

Sugar Land Middle School

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