



Greeting Mustang Parents,

Hello and welcome back to the 2017-18 Mustang school year! The Mustang Leadership team truly believes that our 25<sup>th</sup> year of educating children will serve as the catalyst of change as we gain momentum and prepare our students for futures beyond their imagination. You will be excited to hear that we have been working hard this summer to brainstorm, create, and implement many new campus initiatives starting with a shared mission/vision and core belief system that will guide us all on the pathway to success.

### **LOMS Mission/Vision and Core Beliefs:**

*Students, Staff, and Parents at LOMS are collectively committed to inspiring academic achievement and productive citizenship through our LEAD Philosophy.*

### **ALL Mustangs Will...**

**L**earn to become productive life-long learners.

**E**mpower themselves and others.

**A**chieve academic success.

**D**ream of futures beyond imagination.

I have had the amazing opportunity to work with a campus leadership team of various stakeholders who volunteered their precious summer break to establish new campus routines and who helped to develop an instructional plan that we are sure will assist us with creating a safe and productive learning environment. Ultimately, our goal is to increase academic success for all students!

As Parents/Guardians, you play a very important role in your child's success. We hope that you too will join us in our mission to ensure every child has a safe and successful learning environment. Your partnership is important and your feedback is always welcome. I believe the Mustang Family can overcome any challenges when we all come together as a united force. **MUSTANG MOMENTUM #Bring it!**

In closing, I want to thank you in advance for your continued support this year. We anticipate a smooth upstart but are well aware that it takes time to establish new procedures and routines. Our commitment to both our parents and our students is to remain reflective and progressive as we venture on into the 2017-18 school year. Barack Obama said, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Sincerely,

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Important Notes for 1<sup>st</sup> day arrival on August 22, 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Period begins at 8:55 so please arrive early):

### **Arrival for students:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** – Report to the cafeteria, check the rosters, and take a seat at their assigned college pod in the cafeteria. (Table assignments will be by their 1<sup>st</sup> period teachers.)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be dismissed by pods to get in the breakfast lines.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student** – Report to the girls gym, check the rosters, and take a seat behind the cone with your 1<sup>st</sup> period teachers name on it.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** - Report to the boy's gym, check the rosters, and take a seat behind the cone with your 1<sup>st</sup> period teachers name on it.

*Students will be dismissed to eat breakfast from the gyms.*

### **Opening Day procedures: (8:55 AM)**

Students will be held in their 1<sup>st</sup> period classes until the campus counts have been completed. It is important that student shot records have been updated with the campus nurse or they will not be allowed to attend. Once the official campus count has been completed, students will have the opportunity to follow their schedule for the remainder of the day.

Things to expect from teachers: Supply list, Syllabus, and a review of classroom procedures & routines.

### **Dress Code:**

Please take time to review the student handbook with your child prior to arrival with regards to dress code. Special addendums to the FBISD Dress Code at LOMS are:

- Students who have holes in their jeans **MUST** wear tights, leggings, or compression pants underneath unless the whole is covered with threading. (NO SKIN can be showing)
- Students are allowed to wear sandals **BUT** please remember that proper shoes are required for PE/Athletics and in any Lab Type Environment. Failure to wear appropriate shoes will result in a grade reduction, so it is important for students to be responsible.

### **Other Items to Note:**

- ✚ Transportation can run late the first few days of school, so please be patient and make special arrangements ahead of time if you anticipate potential conflicts.
- ✚ All PE Uniforms will be purchased online this year. Please take time to purchase them in advance so that your child(ren) is ready to participate. Cost: \$14.00
- ✚ Free and Reduce lunch application need to be submitted online as well. Please make sure your child(ren) application is completed so that their free/reduced lunch is not interrupted.