

May 7, 2022

Dear Titan Families,

The school year is coming to a rapid conclusion. We have had a challenging year, but also a great year with much success in our academics, athletics, and the arts. Below are some important points to keep in mind as we end the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with important details about the end of the year.

Semester Exams and Class Schedule

Semester exams for high school credit classes begin on Tuesday, May 23, along with a special schedule, much like the one we followed in December at the end of the first semester. The semester exam schedule is on our [campus webpage](#), but you may also [download it here](#). **If your child is enrolled in a high school credit course, please note that no exams may be taken early.** Opportunities to take any missed exam(s) will start on **Tuesday, May 31**. Please contact the counseling office at (281) 634-3088 to arrange a time to take any missed exam(s). **All missed exams must be made up by Wednesday, June 8.** Students will be given the same amount of time to take each make-up exam as was originally scheduled during semester exam week, which is approximately 2 hours.

Please also note that our **Early Release Days are Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26**, when the day will end at **1:25**. On these two days, students will have **two options for lunch**—bring lunch from home or order a sack lunch from the cafeteria. On Monday and Tuesday of the final week of school, students will order sack lunches for the two early release days (Wednesday and Thursday) to give the cafeteria staff ample time to plan. On Wednesday and Thursday, students will eat their lunch in their classrooms at the conclusion of their first exam before proceeding to their final class/exam. Specific lunch times may be found in the semester exam schedule linked above. **Please note that we will not be able to accommodate lunch visitors or drop-offs of lunches during the final week of school.**

What to Bring to School May 23 thru 26

Starting **Monday, May 23**, students should bring **minimal supplies** with them. **Therefore, no backpacks, string bags, or large bags/purses will be allowed at school starting Monday, May 23.** Students may only bring:

- pencils/pens
- test review material
- a book to read
- band/orchestra instrument (if applicable)
- a lunch from home (if not purchasing/ordering from cafeteria)
- Girls may bring a **small** purse, if needed



Bags, backpacks, large purses, etc., brought to school on May 23 and thereafter will be collected at the entrances as students arrive, and they will be returned to students at the end of the day. Please help us minimize any inconvenience by ensuring that students do not bring bags to school to begin with.

Buses and Transportation: Please understand that we will not be able to honor requests for students to ride bus routes other than their own designated route. Students who do not have bus-riding privileges will not be able to ride buses with their bus-riding friends. Therefore, please plan accordingly so that everyone experiences a smooth

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dismissal process at the end of the year. **NOTE:** On our two early release days, the **LATEST** time parents will be able to check students out of school early is **12:30 PM**. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Looking Forward to Summer and Next Year

Starting Monday, June 6, our summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30-5:30. Offices will be closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch. The week of July 4 - 8, Sugar Land MS, as well as all FBISD, will be closed. The four-day work week will be in place throughout the entire summer. The five-day work week will resume on Monday, August 1. Be sure to follow us on Twitter ([@SLMSTitans](#)), keep up with your child's grades, etc., on Skyward Family Access (instructions may be found on our campus webpage), and monitor our campus webpage (www.fortbendisd.com/slms) regularly. The SLMS PTO's online ordering system for school supplies for next year is open through May 20 by [visiting this link](#), and you may [visit this link to view our school supply list](#).

Back-to-School Orientation / Titan Camp

Our Titan Camp or "back to school" orientations are scheduled as follows. Please add these dates to your calendar, and plan to attend. Additional details will be posted on our campus webpage as plans develop.

- **Monday, August 1**
 - Newcomer 7th/8th, returning 7th Grade, and returning 8th Grade
 - 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM, or
 - 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM
- **Tuesday, August 2**
 - Incoming 6th Grade – 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM

Summer Reading

Fort Bend ISD encourages all students and their families to engage in summer reading, both to keep developing minds stimulated while formal instruction is not taking place and to reduce the regression of literacy development that occurs every summer. Students should self-select books to read that suit their interests and preferences. [Visit this Google Drive](#) to access some helpful resources for summer reading:

- **FBISD Summer Reading Letter for Parents** - Includes many website links and other literary resources curated by the district
- **Fort Bend County Libraries: Summer Reading Challenge** - Registration starts 5/30; students log their own reading time and receive prizes for 600 and 1200 minutes. Additional prizes will be given by the SLMS Library to all participating students when they return from the summer.
- **Video on getting the mobile Sora app, also accessible via FBISD 1Link** - Sora, the District's premier application for eBooks and audiobooks, is accessible all summer long.
- **Video on accessing Hoopla/Libby**, two applications used by the County Libraries for eBooks and audiobooks. Library cards are required, and instructions for how to acquire these (for free) are included

In Closing

School starts on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. [Here is a link to the FBISD 2022-23 Instructional Calendar](#). It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the principal of Sugar Land Middle School for the past six years, and I wish you and your family, as well as the entire SLMS community the best during the Summer Break and for the upcoming school year. Thank you for helping to ensure that SLMS continues to be a great place to work and to learn. And last, please be sure to welcome our school's new principal, Dr. Latoya Garrett, as she transitions into her role on July 1.

Kindest regards,

Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal