

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2025

## **IMPORTANT DATES: MAY**

- 9 Last day to turn in Library books
- 14- SALT Chapel
  Full year House Winner Reveal
- 16 8th grade Celebration 8:30 AM8th grade Dance7th grade Step Up (on campus)
- 19 Academic Awards for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade 1:30 PM
- 20 22 Finals See schedule below for details Early Release

## NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered or donated things for our Spring Field Day! We are so thankful that the rain held off so that we could get all our

activities in. I know the kids had a wonderful time and were super thankful for all of the treats and goodies.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who came out to our Spring Band Concert. I was blown away by the talent of our students and I am so thankful that God has blessed us with Mr. Isiba. I know both him and the students worked very hard to prepare for their concert and I was so proud to see it all come together! If your student is interested in taking Band next year, it is not too late! Just have them email Mrs. Pizzitola to let her know.

I cannot believe that we are entering our last full week of school next week! Just a reminder that next Friday, May 16 is a **regular day for 5th and 6th graders**. If your student is in **7th grade**, they will come to school as normal and then be bussed over to the Sugar Land Methodist Church in order to attend 8th grade celebration. 7th graders will then return to campus for a day of community building and leadership training as they "Step-up" into 8th grade. **8th graders** will go directly to the church for Celebration. They are asked to dress in their "Sunday Best" for the event. After the Celebration, 8th graders will not return to campus but we will see them all that night at the dance.

Blessings,

Melisa Carroll
Head of Middle School

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## **Semester Exams for 7th & 8th Graders**

All students get out at 11:15 AM on Tuesday & Wednesday and 9:30 AM on Thursday!

Tuesday, May 20	ELA Math	7:45 to 9:20 AM 9:40 to 11:15 AM
Wednesday, May 21	Science History	7:45 to 9:20 AM 9:40 to 11:15 AM
Thursday, May 22	Bible	7:45 to 9:30 AM

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

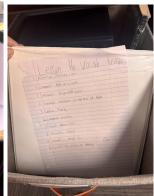
**Lost and Found** 

We have so many lost and found items that we have had to add another rack to hold it all! Please encourage your student(s) to see if any of the items belong to them. If you see anything in the pictures below that belong to your student, please let us know and we will return it to them! Any items left in lost and found on May 22nd will be donated.

















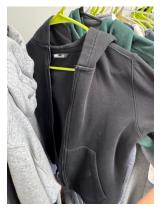
























# **Academic Awards Ceremony**

You are invited to join us on Monday, May 19th at 1:30 PM in the Upper School Gym as we honor our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders for their academic achievements for this school year! Our 8th graders will be honored at their celebration and will not be attending the awards ceremony. Please park in the High School Parking lot to enter the Upper School Gym.



8th Grade Celebration

Please join us for our 8th grade celebration at 8:30 AM on Friday, May 16th at Sugar Land Methodist Church. Doors will open at 8:00 AM.

8th grade students will not return to school after the celebration



## 2025-2026 School Supplies

It's crazy to think that we are already beginning to look forward to the next school year! However, we wanted to get you the information as soon as possible in order for you to get the free shipping benefits!

Each year we partner with The Write Stuff to provide school supplies for families who wish to order through them. You are more than welcome to purchase supplies on your own. This is simply a tool to help make things easier for our families. When you go to the link that is listed on the flyer below, you will choose your student's grade level that they will be entering. All items will be listed for you and if you order your kit before June 9th you will receive free shipping to FBCA!

If you have your kit shipped to the school, it will be ready for pick up in August when students come to pick up their schedules prior to school starting.



## **GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

## **School Uniforms**

All uniforms are now in stock and ready to be purchased, including our Chapel uniform.

Please use the <u>Risse Brothers Uniform</u> link to access their online store. All students are expected to be in full uniform everyday.

#### **External Emails**

This year, as an added safety precaution, students are no longer able to receive any outside emails. This does include any emails from their parents. If you have any messages that you need to get to your student, please feel free to email or call the Middle School office and we would be happy to pass along the information!

## **Student Birthdays**

Parents, please feel free to come decorate your student's locker on their birthday. You are welcome to come after school the day before up until 4:00 p.m. or the morning of their birthday. As a reminder, students are only able to keep their lockers decorated for the week of their birthday.

## **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:**

#### **Tardies**

If your student is tardy to a class, they will be marked absent and then the office will change it to a tardy. The process for it to appear as a tardy and not an absence may take up to 24 hours.

## **REFERENCES**

■ MS Rotating Schedule

**Uniforms: Risse Brothers** 

Middle School Lunch Menu

Spirit Wear Store (able to be worn on any Friday)

24-25 Middle School Bell Schedule

Middle School Athletics Calendar

24-25 Traditions Calendar

24 - 25 Instructional Calendar

**IT Parent Training Videos** 

Navigating Blackbaud

**Lunch Tab** 

**School Pass** 

Student iPad Tutorial

**SNAP Nurse's Portal** 

#### **School Times**

School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Middle School Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:15 a.m. (If you need to drop your child off earlier, please sign them up for the Extended Care Program.) Students arriving after 7:15 a.m. will go directly to the cafeteria and will be dismissed at 7:30 a.m. to go to their lockers and then to their first period class. All students should be dropped off in the front car line area. There will be staff outside directing traffic and welcoming students.

Students are not allowed to go upstairs until 7:30 A. M.

VERY IMPORTANT: To help the flow of traffic for FBCA, as well as surrounding companies/businesses, parents must approach our campus during morning drop off and afternoon pickup from Jess Pirtle as follows:

- Take Hwy. 90 to Eldridge
- Head north on Eldridge to Jess Pirtle
- Turn right on Jess Pirtle
- Turn right on Gillingham
- Turn right on Lakeview until you reach our parking lot.

<u>Left turns from Lakeview to enter the parking lot are prohibited during morning and afternoon carpool times</u>. From approximately 7:25 a.m. - 7:55 a.m., one of our SLPD officers will be directing a lane closure on Gillingham prohibiting turning left onto Lakeview.

Please note: in order for Faculty & Staff to have access in a timely manner to the parking lot, Faculty & Staff will be able to make a left turn into the staff parking lot coming from Eldridge on Lakeview.

## Middle School Afternoon Pick-Up (Middle School Students only)

Students should report immediately after the 3:05 p.m. dismissal to the front of the school. Pick up will be made in one of two lines. Students with the last name beginning with the alphabet

A-M is picked up in the lane closest to the school.

N - Z is picked up outside lane between the 1st and 2nd row of parked cars

There is staff outside assisting students to their cars. Please make sure you have your car tag visible.

Middle School Afternoon Pick Up (Upper, Middle and Lower School Students)

Students of carpools that also include upper school and/or lower school students report to the area outside the front doors and wait for the lower school carpool to begin at 3:15 p.m.

Upper school carpool begins at 3:30 p.m.

Any student not picked up by 3:45 p.m. goes to the Extended Care Program and regular extended care fees are billed to the parent's account.

No middle school student is allowed to leave campus from the upper school.

#### Lunch

"A" lunch for 5th and 6th grade students is from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on regular days and 12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. on Chapel days.

"B" lunch for 7th and 8th grade students is from 1:00 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. on regular days and 12:50 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. on Chapel days.

You are always welcome to come and join your child for lunch.

We do not allow DoorDash deliveries for students.

## **Technology**

All Middle School students are issued an iPad for their school use. Students may use their own device at home; however while on campus, they will be required to use the school issued IPAD only.

5th grade students do not take IPADS home.

6th, 7th and 8th grade students are responsible for bringing their IPADS to and from home, as well as making sure they are fully charged each day.

The office will no longer issue students a loaner IPAD in the event they leave theirs at <u>home.</u>

## New Password Self-Service for Middle School

Starting December 14, Middle School students will have access to password self-service, similar to Upper School students. However, parents must assist with the process. This feature will allow students to update their Google Workspace and WiFi

passwords. A parent's mobile phone number must be on file to enable password changes, and this requirement has already been met for all 7th and 8th graders.

Families of Middle School students are encouraged to <u>watch this instructional video</u> for guidance on using the password reset self-service feature. You can access the link to reset your students password through these platforms - logging into Classlink and clicking password reset, the <u>Parent Zone</u> or the <u>MyFBCA Resource Board</u>.

#### **House Shirt Orders**

If you are interested in purchasing a House Shirt, please follow the link below! These are able to be worn any Friday and especially for house dress up days! Also, this year, students will receive 20 house points EVERY Friday that they choose to wear their house shirt. This is such an easy way for students to get house points and show their house spirit!

Middle School House Shirts

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Please see below for reference:

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