



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 15, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES: MAY

- 16 - 8th grade Celebration - 8:30 AM
 - 8th grade Dance
 - 7th grade Step Up (on campus)
- 19 - Academic Awards for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade - 1:30 PM
- 20 - 21 - 7th & 8th Grade Finals - See schedule below for details
 - 5th & 6th Grade Rotations
 - Early Release all students @ 11:15 AM
- 22 - 7th & 8th Grade Finals - See schedule below for details
 - 5th & 6th Grade End of the Year Celebrations
 - Early Release all students @ 9:30 AM

NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

I know the end of the school year seems to be the busiest time of year for all of us but let's help our students finish the year strong! I have provided a few reminders below about tomorrow and next week but if you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Tomorrow 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. Please make sure that your permission slip has been turned into Ms. Scheffer. **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.

Monday is a regular day of school for all students! We will have our Academic Awards Ceremony at 1:30 pm in the Upper School gym for our 5th - 7th graders. Please park in the Upper School Parking lot to have easy access to the gym. 8th graders will not be attending the awards ceremony and will continue their class schedule as normal.

Then, Tuesday and Wednesday, our 5th and 6th graders will come to school at the regular time and will be placed in a rotation in order to be able to attend their classes while our 7th and 8th grade students are taking their finals (please see the details below). All students will be released at 11:15 AM.

On Thursday, students will again arrive at the regular school time and while our 7th and 8th graders are taking their last final, our 5th and 6th graders will be participating in an end of the year celebration! All students will be released at 9:30 on Thursday to go enjoy their Summer!

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!**

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| 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

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 [Risse Brothers Uniform](#) 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.

Left turns from Lakeview to enter the parking lot are prohibited during morning and afternoon carpool times. 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 home.

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 [watch this instructional video](#) 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 [Parent Zone](#) or the [MyFBCA Resource Board](#).

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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Middle School Attendance

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