



Spring Forest Middle School

2018 PTA Back-to-School Newsletter

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FALL CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 16 First Day of School
- 21 PTA General Meeting (11:30 am)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Holiday-No School
- 21 6th Grade Welcome Dance
- 27 SFMS Curriculum Night (6:30 pm)

OCTOBER

- 8 Holiday – No School
- 16 PTA General Meeting (11:30 am)
- 19 7th & 8th Grades Fall Dance
- 25 Multicultural Festival (3:30-5:30 pm)

NOVEMBER

- 9 Veterans Day Celebration
- 13 PTA General Meeting (11:30 am)
- 19-23 Thanksgiving Holiday Week

DECEMBER

- 18 PTA General Meeting (11:30 am)
- 19-21 Exams - 12:30 pm dismissal
- 12/24- 1/7 Winter Break Holiday

- ❑ Sign up for SKYWARD to **register online**, and to access your child's grades, attendance, etc. – obtain password in the front office. (If you need access to a computer for this, please visit the Registrar's office.)
- ❑ Confirm **Online Directory** information once notification email received
- ❑ Send **school supplies** (see each class syllabus)
- ❑ Turn in required **Athletics forms** for SFMS sports participants
- ❑ Visit the new (and in progress) Parent Center in Room G204
- ❑ **To stay informed and be part of our school community, make sure to:**
 - ❑ Use the PTA Site for **Calendar** and Information sfmspta.com
 - ❑ Sign up to receive our **Weekly e-Blast**. (Link on pta website)
 - ❑ Use the My School Anywhere (MSA) site or Smartphone App for the **Online Directory, Joining PTA, Donating, and for Volunteer Sign-Ups** myschoolanywhere.com
 - ❑ **Register as a Volunteer** (SBISD Requirement, renew each year) springbranchisd.com/engage/register-to-volunteer
 - ❑ Sign up to receive text message **Reminders from the Principal** – text "@sfmiddle" to (203) 680-3778
 - ❑ Use the **school website** for Bell Schedule, Dress Code, Faculty, Counselors, Classes, Electives, etc. sfm.springbranchisd.com
 - ❑ Follow SFMS PTA on Facebook facebook.com/sfmspta
- ❑ Mark your calendar for **THURSDAY, September 27, 6:30 pm, General PTA meeting** and immediately following @ 7 pm **SFMS Curriculum Night** (Parents only! Meet your child's teachers)

CONTACTS

| WHY | WHO | HOW |
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| General questions | School website or Front Office | sfm.springbranchisd.com or 713-251-4600 ext. 0 |
| Student home sick | Attendance Office | 713-251-4600 ext. 2 |
| Schedule changes | Counselor -6 th Grade: Jana Gwinn -7 th Grade: Leah Whitten -8 th Grade: Patricia Schappell | 713-251-4600 6 th Grade: ext. 4618 or jana.gwinn@springbranchisd.com 7 th Grade: ext. 4617 or leah.whitten@springbranchisd.com 8 th Grade: ext. 4612 or patricia.schappell@springbranchisd.com |
| Volunteer opportunities | My School Anywhere | www.myschoolanywhere.com or the MSA App |
| PTA information | PTA Website or PTA President | www.sfmspta.com or email president@sfmspta.com |
| Questions/concerns about a class | Your student's teacher | See syllabus or teacher's page on school website |

PLEASE SUPPORT SFMS BY JOINING OUR PTA

Our goal is to have at least one member for each student at our school!

WHAT DOES SFMS PTA CONTRIBUTE TO SPRING FOREST? SFMS PTA provides financial support for materials and technology for all subjects and electives, building improvements, online directory, Spirit Wear, Multicultural Festival, Veteran's Day celebration, Staff Appreciation, School Dances, professional staff development, E-Blast communication, and much, much more!

HOW CAN I BE A PART? BECOME A MEMBER & VOLUNTEER, attend any of our General meetings to hear Mr. Barnes' monthly campus reports and current status of PTA events/support – go to sfmspta.com for info!