

# FRANK BLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome Parents and Students to the 2017-2018 school year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer, with plenty of time for rest, relaxation and family and friends! As we head into another incredible year here at FBMS I would like to highlight some of the amazing things that have been happening here!

- We have continued our focus on academic growth. This year we had gains in student achievement, closing performance gaps, and college level readiness.
- This year FBMS added another distinction in social studies, we are now a five star campus!
- We were awarded an A rating by children at risk!
- We were also awarded a spot on the Texas Honor Roll as a Star School by the Education Results Partnership. FBMS was one of only three comprehensive middle schools in HISD to receive the prestigious award.

Our commitment to excellence in Athletics, Academics and the Arts has continued with another strong showing in academic UIL. This year we received numerous first place awards in competitions for both academics and debate, and had a strong showing in the finals where we received third overall and second in debate. Our art car once again brought home best in show for youth groups, our one act play earned second in district, and our band earned all ones at UIL. In athletics it was another dominant year for our girls, who are now undefeated two years straight in volleyball, and brought home first in basketball with both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades undefeated. We also made our mark on swimming with 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls earning first in district and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys pulling in a strong second. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys brought home first in both basketball and football, and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys had a great football season with only one loss. We look forward to another strong year in athletics, make you come on out and see some games!! Win or lose it's always a lot of fun.

Our theme for this year will be "Building Relationships One Kid at a Time". Here at FBMS we are committed to building strong relationships amongst our student body, faculty and staff, and with our community. It has been an amazing journey so far, I could not be prouder of all the work that has gone into transforming our school into a great place for kids! As we continue to grow in all areas we will look for your support, guidance and trust to keep our school moving forward. I wish to personally thank all of you for choosing FBMS for your child's academic needs, and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Paolo Castagnoli  
Principal, Frank Black Middle School