

Freeman Middle Scoop – 10-31-25

FMS Office Hours are 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Doors are open to students at 8 am.

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Hello Freeman Families,

As we turn the page into November, we would like to express our appreciation for the strong partnership we share with our school community. Thank you to all who attended Parent–Teacher Conferences on October 23–24, as well as those who joined us for the District Curriculum Review Night on Thursday evening. Your engagement and involvement make an incredible difference for our students.

Our PTSG’s Harvest Hoedown is right around the corner, Friday, November 14, 4:30-6:30 pm! This is always a fun, family-friendly event, and we would love to see you there. Funds raised from the Hoedown directly support PTSG initiatives such as classroom grants, conference meals, and additional student and school support throughout the year. Your participation and support have a meaningful impact for our students and staff.

We are also proud to invite our families, veterans, and community members to our Annual Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Freeman High School Blue Gym. This event is a very meaningful tradition, and we would be honored to have you join us as we recognize and thank those who have served our country.

Later this month, our students and staff will once again support our community through our Annual Food Drive, scheduled for November 17–21. Donations will benefit both the North Palouse Food Bank and our “Fill the Gap” program, which provides healthy food for students in need over weekends and school breaks. We appreciate your generosity in supporting families right here in our district.

Thank you for your partnership and for making Freeman Middle School a place where students feel known, supported, and capable of great things. Wishing your family a wonderful start to November!

Jim Straw
Freeman Middle School Principal

Staying Connected with Freeman Middle School Staff

- We appreciate our collaboration with you! Please remember that staff have up to 48 hours to return messages, as they prioritize classroom instruction during the school day.
- For urgent matters or to schedule a meeting with a staff member, please call the office directly at **(509) 291-7301** so we can relay the message promptly.
- Staff email addresses are available on our website: www.freemansd.org

Late Start Learning & Collaboration

On Wednesday, October 29, our staff used the late-start morning to collaborate, align instruction, and strengthen learning experiences for all students. Highlights include:

- Curriculum Alignment & Instructional Planning:
 - Staff explored resources within Illustrative Mathematics and identified supplemental SBAC-style

materials, including tools from *Achieve the Core*, to support math and ELA instruction.

- Middle and elementary teachers met to strengthen common language and instructional practices in writing, including the use of several frameworks.
- Teachers reviewed curriculum alignment in reading and writing to ensure a consistent K–12 experience for students.
- Student Support & Well-Being:
 - Teams reviewed a developing plan to better support students experiencing school avoidance and discussed proactive strategies for future student support plans.
- Health & Fitness Update:
 - Staff refined the 6th–8th grade Health and Fitness calendars, ensuring alignment of units, lessons, digital notebooks, and classroom resources to best meet student needs.
- Professional Growth & Collaboration:
 - Teachers worked in a variety of content areas—from science Professional Development on Next Generation Science Standards-aligned assessment items, to yearbook training and planning for new student history and project opportunities—all with the goal of improving student learning and engagement.

Our staff values these opportunities to reflect, collaborate, and continually improve. Their commitment to student growth is something we are incredibly proud of.





This Week's Daily Announcements

Here are some of the reminders and highlights your students heard at Freeman Middle School this week:

Student Leadership Opportunities

- Peer-to-Peer Program: 7th- and 8th-grade mentors met with Dr. Layton for Lesson #2 in the FES Community Classroom.
- Social Institute Ambassadors: FMS is seeking student leaders to promote positive choices online and offline. Students interested in building leadership and communication skills can stop by the office for information.

Clubs & Activities

- Let's Lego Club: Tuesdays during lunch in the Counseling Center.
- Math Is Cool: Weekly 6th-grade practice sessions continue Wednesdays.
- Volleyball Manager Positions: Interested students can pick up forms in the MS office.

Halloween Dance Celebration

- Students enjoyed a fun afternoon dance on Friday, October 31, sponsored by our amazing PTSG!
- Costumes were festive, creative, and school-appropriate—thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success!

Looking Ahead

- WSU 8th Grade Mentorship Program: Tuesday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- MS ASB Lunch Meeting with Mr. Straw: Thursday.
- First Friday Activity Schedule: November 7 – Focus on *Positivity & Ownership*.

Go Scotties!

- Congratulations to all our student leaders, athletes, and clubs for a fantastic October full of energy, learning, and school spirit!

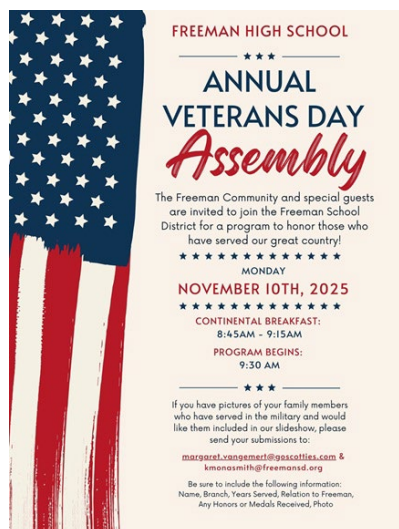
SPORTS

Volleyball and Wrestling - Click [Freeman Middle School Athletics](https://freeman-wa.finalforms.com/) for the finalized sports schedules.

FINAL FORMS ATHLETE REGISTRATION: <https://freeman-wa.finalforms.com/>

REMINDER: If your student is planning to stay and watch any of the MS home games/meets, they will be meeting in the MS Commons at 2:55 for a study hall. They will be released at 3:35 pm to go directly to the game. *If they stay for after school activities, the closed campus policy is still in effect. They will have school discipline if they go to the Freeman Store.*

The latest edition of the Freeman Focus Newsletter is here! Catch up on all the amazing things happening across the Freeman School District – from outstanding state test results and student achievements to new programs like Freeman ConnectEd and exciting updates on our 100% grant-funded solar project! Plus, don't miss highlights from fall sports, clubs, field trips and the Scottie Dash fundraiser. There's so much to celebrate as we enter the 2nd quarter of the 2025-26 school year! Read the full edition [here](#).



Digital Citizenship

The online world is a big part of life now. Being a good digital citizen means using technology responsibly and respectfully. Think before you post and remember that what you say online can have a big impact on others and your future. **Try This:** Have a conversation about what a "digital footprint" is and why it's important to be intentional about what we post and share online. Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald – karchibald@freemansd.org



The Middle School would like to put together a basket for the raffle. If you have any items for the basket, please drop them off at the MS office by Friday, November 7th.

CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

October 29 – LATE START for Students

November 10 – FSD Veterans Assembly

November 11 – No School – Veterans Day

November 14 – PTSG Harvest Hoedown

November 19 - FSD School Board Meeting – PRTC @ 6 pm

November 24th-28th – NO School – Thanksgiving Break



Important Fliers and links

[Office Reminders: Attendance; Bus Rider Changes](#)

[FMS 25-26 Bell Schedule](#)

[FMS 25-26 Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

[Shop your Scotties Sideline Store](#)

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[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Freeman Elementary Scottie Scoop](#)

[Freeman High School Friday Flyer](#)

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