

Freeman Middle Scoop – 12-5-25

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

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Did you know the **Freeman Middle School (FMS) Yearbook Class** is running our official Instagram account? That's right! Our very own students are in charge of capturing and sharing all the best moments happening around campus!

It's super easy to join the FMS community online!

1. Open the camera app on your phone.
2. Point your camera at the **QR Code below**.
3. Tap the link that pops up to go straight to our page!

Follow us today to make sure you don't miss out on any of the fun!



Scottie Weekly Recap & Preview

- This week included the WSU Mentorship Program for 8th graders
- Late Start: Students enjoyed a Late Start on Wednesday morning.
- Clubs: Let's Lego Club met on Tuesday, and students got to enjoy Taco Bout It during lunch today (Friday).
- Tournament Sign-Ups! Sign-ups for the MS Lunchtime Volleyball Tournament happened this week! Get ready for some friendly competition!

Weekend & Next Week Preview: Action-Packed Days!

Robotics Regional Weekend at FMS!

- It's finally here! Over the next two days, we are hosting forty teams for the First Lego League Robotics Regional right here at FMS! Six teams from each day will qualify for the State Competition!
- When: Saturday and Sunday.
- Support: Our two FMS teams compete on Sunday! The intense table competition will take place in the FMS Gym beginning a little after noon—come cheer them on!

Freeman Book Fair: Saturday Only!

- Time to stock up on reading material! The Freeman Book Fair is hosted at Barnes & Noble in the Spokane Valley this Saturday!
- Hours: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 - The best time to go is between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM while Ms. Longinotti is there to assist families.

Thank You! A big shout-out to Mrs. Chadduck and Ms. Longinotti for organizing this opportunity!

Sixth Grade Food Drive Prize Vote!

- The 6th graders won the Food Drive by donating 319 items and several turkeys! Their class vote for the prize (extra recess, ice cream, popsicles, etc.) is happening TODAY during Advisory!

Mark Your Calendars: The Big Friday (Dec. 12th)

Next Friday, December 12th, is a fun-filled day and evening—plan ahead!

- **Scottie Time:** Focus on the important goal of "No F's" during the school day.
- **Musical Meeting:** Interested in being in a MS musical right before Spring Break? See **Mrs. Thompson** during the Scottie Time half-hour.
- **PTSG Craft Night:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- **FMS Winter Dance:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the gym!

Staff Working Hard During Late Start

During the December 3rd Late Start, Grade 6–12 teachers worked within their Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) focused on strengthening alignment and deepening student learning across all content areas. Their collaboration includes:

- Strengthening alignment across grade levels so students experience a cohesive learning progression from grades 6–12.
- Increasing clarity and consistency in assessments, including common scoring practices and shared expectations.
- Emphasizing higher-level thinking—moving students beyond summary toward deeper analysis, reasoning, and problem-solving.
- Building intentional skill development in writing, mathematics, science inquiry, social studies reasoning, and workplace professionalism.
- Using shared language and common tools to support student understanding and self-assessment.
- Integrating technology and resources, including AI and digital assessment tools, to modernize instruction and improve efficiency.
- Supporting students in developing real-world skills such as accountability, communication, and self-reflection that prepare them for postsecondary success.

Thank you for supporting our staff in this important work!

Sports Highlights

Wrestling: Scotties Bring the Fire to All-League!

Last night, our wrestling team traveled to Cheney for the final All-League Tournament, and they did not hold back! Our wrestlers showed incredible heart, toughness, and determination—and it paid off in a big way!

A massive congratulations to all the Scotties for their fantastic placings:

Top Finishers!

- 1st Place Finishers: Darren and Evan.
- 2nd Place Finishers: Eli, Orryn, Avery, Reagan, and Harrison.
- 3rd Place Finishers: Tanner and Marquon.
- 4th Place Finishers: Thomas.
- 5th Place Finishers: Colt and Mason.
- 6th Place Finishers: Adam and Barrett.

Coach Orrino Shout-Out: "I could not have asked for a more incredible group. For every moment you wanted to quit but chose to keep going, that's what makes this team special. Congratulations to all our Scottie wrestlers on an amazing tournament and an unforgettable season!"

Boys' basketball first day of practice – Tuesday, January 6th.

- Parent Meeting Wednesday, January 7th at 5:15 pm in the K-8MPR
- Picture Day Wednesday January 21st starting at 3 pm
- Must have 8 practices to play in games

Girls' basketball first day of practice – Thursday – February 20th

- Each player must have 8 practices to appear in games

ACTIVITY BUS:

- The Activity Bus will run M-F for the first two weeks of Middle School Sports Seasons and then M-Th the rest of the year. The bus departs at 5:25pm. Questions, call the Transportation Department at 291-5555.

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

- If you have not yet created an account for yourself and your student in Final Forms, please do so ASAP and select which sports they plan to participate in for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents must create a parent account and then an individual account for each student. There are forms for both parents and students to complete each year.
- **Athletes will not be able to practice, or stay at practice, unless all paperwork is completed and they have a current physical.**

SPORTS FEES/ASB CARDS:

- We ask that student-athletes pay for their ASB card and extracurricular participation fees before the first athletic competition.
- Middle School Sport Participation Fees - ASB Card (once annually) - \$30. Transportation Fee (once annually) - \$10

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.*



Understanding Empathy

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. It's a key ingredient in every healthy relationship. To be empathetic, try to put yourself in someone else's shoes before you speak or act. Try This: After watching a movie or TV show, ask your child to talk about how a character felt in a certain scene. "Why do you think that character was so angry?" Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald – karchibald@freemansd.org

Tree of Sharing:

Our generous community has already committed to donate more than 75 gifts to Freeman families this year! We still need about 50 more gift cards to fulfill our Tree of Sharing wishes! These gift cards are used not only at the holidays but throughout the year to support Freeman families as needs arise- please consider signing up to donate a gift card this holiday season!

Our Annual Tree of Sharing provides local families with extra assistance around the holidays- in the form of gifts, gift cards and meals. If you would like to donate a gift or gift card to a Freeman family this holiday season, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A8A622A1F5C70-60716025-freeman#/>

There you will find our Tree of Sharing wish list with specific gifts requested by Freeman families. Once you select a gift from the list, please purchase it and turn it in at the Freeman Elementary School office. **All gifts should be new, unwrapped and labeled with the gift number.** Please purchase and deliver to FES by Monday, December 15. Additionally, you can support Freeman families by donating a gas or grocery gift card using the same wish list link above. These gift cards are distributed throughout the year as needs arise. **If you have any questions, please contact FSD Student Services Director Stacey Rawson at (509) 291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org.** If you or your business are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact srawson@freemansd.org directly as soon as possible! Have a wonderful Holiday Season and THANK YOU for your generosity.

CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

December 6 & 7 – Robotics Regional @ Freeman MS (Both Freeman teams will compete on Sunday, 12/7)

December 10 - FSD School Board Meeting – PRTC @ 6 pm

December 12 – PTSG Holiday Craft Night

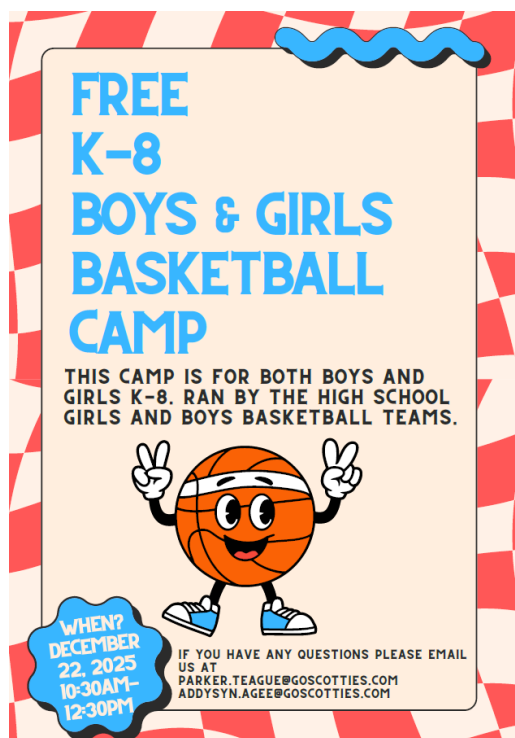
December 15 – Band/Choir Concert – FHS Blue Gym @ 7pm

December 22 – January 2 – No School - Winter Break

January 5 – No School for Students – Professional Development Day for Teachers

January 6 – First Day of School for the 2nd Semester

Important Fliers and links



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

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