

Freeman Middle Scoop – 8-8-25

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

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Welcome to the 2025–26 School Year!

Dear Freeman Middle School Families,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer! On behalf of the entire staff at FMS, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new school year. We are excited to open our doors once again and fill our halls with the energy and enthusiasm that comes each fall.

Our dedicated maintenance and custodial teams have been hard at work all summer to ensure our building and campus are ready for both learning and community activities. We can't wait to see our students return and to partner with you for another great year of growth and success.

Inside this flyer, you'll find important information to help your family prepare for the first days of school and support your child throughout the year.

Please mark your calendar for our **Open House and Ice Cream Social at 4:30 PM, on Monday, August 18th.**

You will have the opportunity to pick up your child's schedule, open and stock their locker, socialize and visit our classrooms. There will be a **Middle School Parent Meeting at 5:30 PM, in the FMS Gym.**

We're also looking forward to seeing you at **Back to School Night at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 3rd,** and other exciting events around the district throughout the year.

Thank you for being an essential part of your child's school experience and the Freeman community. Let's make it a fantastic year together!

Go Dawgs!

Jim Straw

Principal, Freeman Middle School

OPEN HOUSE:

- August 18th – 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Ice Cream Social
- Students will be able to put their school supplies in their lockers
 - There will be boxes available in the commons for tissues/wipes/zip lock bags
- FMS Parent Meeting at 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm in the FMS Gym- no schedules or classrooms will be available at this time as all FMS staff will be at the Parent Meeting.

SCOTTIE DASH:

Each year we organize an annual fundraising event called the "Scottie Dash." This event is not only a fun-filled day for our school community, but also the primary source of financial support for the ASB (Associated Student Body) and PTSG (Parent, Teacher, Student Group). The funds raised through the Scottie Dash, sale of ASB cards and donations directly contribute to the success of various TK- 8 student activities and programs: Assemblies, Craft Fairs, Dances, Math is Cool, Class Retreats, Robotics and Sports- equipment, officials and uniforms.

By sponsoring our event, you will not only be investing in the development of our students but will also demonstrate a commitment to supporting the growth and well-being of the local community.

- Enjoy promotional opportunities through event materials, banners, and social media shoutouts.
- Event t-shirt w/ business sponsors logo for Corporate, Platinum, and Gold Sponsors
- Gain visibility among the Freeman community.

We offer three levels of sponsorship to accommodate a range of contributions:

- Corporate Sponsor: \$2500
- Platinum Sponsor: \$1000
- Gold Sponsor: \$500
- Silver Sponsor \$250
- Custom Sponsorship: We welcome contributions of any size and will gladly recognize your support.

To confirm your sponsorship commitment or to discuss any details further, please feel free to contact me, Jim Straw, directly at jstraw@freemansd.org or Mike Allen at mallen@freemansd.org.

- You can go to our Scottie Dash website at: <https://wa-freeman-lite.intouchrecepting.com/ScottieDash>
 - This link is available to send to friends and family so they can donate directly.
 - Please make sure to add your students' name when you make a donation.

[Scottie Dash Sponsorship Letter](#)

[Sponsor Pledge Form](#)

Thank You to our Sponsors that have already committed!



SAVE THE DATES:

- Open House: Monday, August 18
- First Day of School: Wednesday, August 20
- **FMS Back to School Night:** Wednesday, September 3
 - 6 pm – Assembly in the FMS gym
 - Purpose of Conferences
 - Important upcoming Dates
 - Follow your student's schedule
 - 10-minute rotations in classrooms
- “Scotties Be Nice” Week- Monday, September 8-Friday, September 12
- TK-8 Scottie Dash: Friday, September 26

RETURNING STUDENTS:

- Every year we must have all back-to-school forms completed for every student.
- Contact the FMS office at jmoyer@freemansd.org if you need help logging into your Family Access Account.
- Please log in to Family Access and complete form sets for each student.
 - You can find this on the left side of your home page on the Skyward Family Access screen titled
 - “FMS Registration for All Returning Students”.
 - Included in the forms is our Chromebook Assurance Plan Opt-In/Opt-Out Form. For you to opt-in for this "insurance", you will need to select opt-in AND pay your \$20 premium no later than September 15th, 2024.

Student Schedules:

Schedules will be open for students to access on August 15th at 4 pm. If your student would like to request a schedule change, the student will need to complete the following: [FMS Schedule Change Request](#). Schedule change requests will not be accepted after the end of school on Tuesday, August 26th.

SPORTS:

Draft Sports Schedules – Click <https://www.freemansd.org/Page/3535> to review 25-26 SY DRAFT sports schedules.

- Football Gear Check Out – Thursday, August 21st until 5:15 pm. Activity Bus will be available
- Football, Softball and Cross County parent meeting – Monday, August 25th @ 5:15 pm

Our coaching staff are excited to see our athletes in August. All middle school sports begin on August 25th.

- Cross Country – Kaelynn Mendenhall
- Softball – Nicki Seehorn and James Javier
- Football – Joe Nunley, Josh Robins, Stephen Busbee and Daniel Schwartz

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.
- Sports physicals are required to participate in practice the first day. They are valid for two years from the date of completion. (If you have a new physical, please bring it in to the office and we will get it uploaded into Final Forms or you may scan it and upload it yourself. If you manually uploaded yours, we must go in and approve each one individually and will be working on that ASAP. If you have any questions regarding Final Forms or physicals, please reach out to Joanne Moyer @ jmoyer@freemansd.org.

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

ATHLETICS OPTIONAL INSURANCE: <https://myers-stevens.com/enrollment/>

- The safety of our students is of critical importance to all of us and we want to protect them from injury. Even so, accidents do happen (at school and elsewhere) and the required medical care can be expensive. Please know that your school **does not** assume responsibility for such costs but does offer you access to several student accident insurance plans for voluntary purchase. Details can be found in the attached brochure/enrollment form. Options are available to cover your child 24/7, anywhere in the world or you can limit coverage to school-related injuries only. The plans do not restrict your choice of doctors or hospitals. However, you'll also have access to an extensive network of providers with discounted fees. Seeking care through contracted providers may further reduce your out-of-pocket costs, particularly if your child needs surgery or hospitalization

CALENDAR:

August 18 – Open House

August 20 – First Day of School

August 27 – FSD Board Meeting – PRTC Conference Room @ 6 pm

August 29 – NO SCHOOL

September 1 – NO SCHOOL- Labor Day

September 3 – FMS Back to School Night – 6 pm

September 24 – Late Start

October 23 – 24 – Conferences – No School

SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH:

- We are operating under the standard National School Lunch guidelines, which means students pay for meals unless qualifying for Free/Reduced prices. The application is included in your online registration for returning students so please complete all the forms ASAP. Instructions on how to apply <https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1484349669652&page=lunchapps>
- SCOTTIE BREAK (Breakfast)– 9:53am - 10:01am. Cost: \$2.50
- LUNCH - Cost: \$3.90

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[FMS 2025-2026 School Supply List](#)

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