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Weekly Newsletter of Freeman High School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Scottie Parents/Guardians/Families,

The sights and sounds of ASB, Cheer, Cross Country, Football and Volleyball activities have once again brought our campus to life, I am very excited to welcome the start of the 2023-24 school year! While you've hopefully enjoyed some fun summer activities, our custodial crew has been busy getting the building into tip-top shape, and our staff has been busy attending professional development opportunities and preparing for the new year.

I would like to personally invite you to attend our Meet & Greet / Orientation / Ice Cream Social event on August 28th, when we will hold a FHS Parent Meeting at 5:30 followed by an Athletic Parent meeting.

I'd also like to make you aware of one significant change this year: we will be adding a Scottie Break to our school day. In order to meet the needs of our students, Scottie Break provides an opportunity for some nutrition in the morning with reducing any instructional time. Please see this year's bell schedule on page 5 for Scottie Break time.

Again, thank you for your patience, support and understanding throughout the past two years, and please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any reason. Go Dawgs!

Jeff Smith, Principal

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BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS/CHROMEBOOK ASSURANCE PLAN

Every year we must have all back to school forms completed for every student. Please log in to Family Access and complete form sets for each student prior to the first day of school.

Included in the forms is our Chromebook Assurance Plan Opt-In/Opt-Out Form (see a copy on page 5). In order for you to opt-in for this "insurance", you will need to select opt-in AND pay your \$20 premium no later than September 30th, 2023.

OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATON/ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please plan to join us for our Open House/Orientation/Ice Cream Social. This is when you will receive your class schedules and locker assignments so please plan to attend.

Monday, August 28th 3:30 - 6:30pm

Parent Meeting: 5:30pm in the FHS Blue Gym

Athletic Parent Meeting: 5:45pm in the FHS Blue Gym

PICTURE DAY



Leos will be here for individual school pictures on Thursday, September 7th, first thing in the morning. If you are a Running Start student, please plan to come right at 8:30am to have your picture taken for yearbook and ASB cards. If you would like to order pictures online, please visit www.leosphotography.com and use school code: FAL223020

UPCOMING events

AUGUST 28TH

Open House 3:30 - 6:30pm
FHS Parent Meeting 5:30pm
FHS Athletic Parent Meeting - 5:45pm

AUGUST 30TH

First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 4TH

Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6TH

Fall Sports Team Pictures

SEPTEMBER 7TH

School Picture Day

A complete listing of High School events can be found under the High School website at the "Calendar" tab.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL PAYMENT AND ATHLETIC TICKETING INFORMATION

SCHOOL CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

Freeman School District implemented an upgraded digital payment service that went into effect on August 2nd, 2023. **Please note that when paying by credit/debit card a processing fee will be applied to the total.** Cash and checks will still be accepted without a fee. With the rising costs of processing fees, the annual amount the district has been paying to cover these fees is becoming significant and we do not believe is the best use of our public dollars.

- When paying online, each transaction will incur a 3% processing fee. (student fees, meal account payments, etc.)
- When paying in person by card, each transaction will incur a flat \$0.50 processing fee. *This includes Dawg House purchases*
- Please note that because of increased security with credit card processing, our new system no longer allows us to manually enter credit card numbers and take payments over the phone.

ATHLETIC EVENT TICKETING AT FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL

- **We will be using GoFan for digital ticketing for athletic events at Freeman High School.** Fans can purchase tickets online through the Freeman High School GoFan page or by presenting a card or mobile payment option at the ticket gate (also through GoFan). All major credit cards are accepted, along with Apple Pay and Google Pay. The associated fees with GoFan tickets will be \$1 + 3% per ticket.
- **You will still be able to use cash or check at the gate in person with no fee, but GoFan will be the only option for athletic event card payments moving forward.**
- All season passes and playoff games/tournaments will only be available to purchase through GoFan. Please visit <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23764> to purchase tickets and passes.

The new ticketing policy is something that our league is moving towards as a whole for consistency and to operate a more efficient and professional ticket gate while elevating the fan experience. Buying tickets online allows fans to access and share tickets easily by email or text and will cut down on ticket line time significantly when purchased ahead.

We encourage you to buy tickets online prior to reaching the facility. For your convenience, signage will be set up at the venue to help fans navigate an online purchase quickly and easily.



Upcoming Sports



8/26 - Jamboree @ Home
4pm

9/1 - Varsity @ Home vs.
West Valley 7pm



8/31 - Jamboree @ Cheney
4pm

9/1 - @ Home vs. West
Valley 3:30pm



8/31 - Jamboree @ Home
3:30pm

**CROSS
COUNTRY**

Sports Links:



Pay Fines/Fees 



FALL SPORTS NEWS

Here are some important details for you to know if your student is planning to participate in a Fall Sport:

- There will be an Athletic Parent meeting at the Open House on Monday, August 28th at 5:45pm in the Blue Gym. Please plan to be in attendance to hear from Chad Ripke - Athletic Director.
- Each athlete must pay their fees prior to the first athletic competition:

ASB Card: \$35

Transportation: \$20

Sport Fee: \$25

(Please pay using the link to the left. Select items at student's school then each item separately)

SEASON PASS PRICES/PURCHASING

We are pleased to offer season passes for all home, regular-season games. This year ALL season passes must be purchased through GoFan. Below is a listing of the different passes as well as a link to purchase them directly. Please note that the family passes include two adults and your children in Kindergarten - 8th grade. Senior passes are individual passes for seniors 60+.

<u>Fall Season Family Pass</u>	\$101.75 (fees incl.)
<u>Fall Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 33.50 (fees incl.)

<u>All Season Family Pass</u>	\$233.00 (fees incl.)
<u>All Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 75.50 (fees incl.)

<u>Winter Season Family Pass</u>	\$141.46 (fees incl.)
<u>Winter Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 44.00 (fees incl.)



Daily Happenings & General Information

We understand that communication is key. Our primary form of communicating with you as parents/guardians is through this Friday Flyer each week. Here is some basic FHS details...

BELL SCHEDULES

Regular Schedule		
0	7:00 - 7:50	50 min
1	8:15 - 9:05	50 min
2	9:10 - 10:00	50 min
SCOTTIE BREAK	10:00 - 10:10	10 min
ADVISORY	10:13 - 10:35	22 min
3	10:40 - 11:30	50 min
4	11:35 - 12:25	50 min
LUNCH	12:25 - 12:55	30 min
5	1:00 - 1:50	50 min
6	1:55 - 2:45	50 min

2 Hour Late Start		
1	10:15 - 10:51	36 min
2	10:56 - 11:32	36 min
3	11:37 - 12:13	36 min
LUNCH	12:13 - 12:43	30 min
4	12:47 - 1:23	36 min
5	1:28 - 2:04	36 min
6	2:09 - 2:45	36 min



ATTENDANCE LINE

We do not have an "attendance only" phone number at the high school. Please call our main phone line at 291-3721 if your student will be absent/tardy or leaving early on any given day.

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 forms ASAP. Instructions on how to apply [here](#).

SCOTTIE BREAK We have brought back Scottie Break at the High School this year. A light snack will be available for students to purchase from 10:00am - 10:10am. Cost: \$2.20

LUNCH - served at the High School in the MPR. Cost: \$3.50



ACTIVITY BUS

We have an Activity Bus that runs after sports M-F for the first two weeks of Middle School Sports Seasons and then M-Th the rest of the year. Bus departs at 5:25pm. Questions on more details, call the Transportation Department at 291-5555.

They're Back! - All New Design!

Plush "Cuddly" Blankets - 80" x 60"



Great gift for that special
someone or yourself!

Only \$70

Purchasing Options:

1. In person at Freeman HS
2. Call FHS 291-3721 (Mrs. Hayek)
3. Contact FBLA Advisor Scott Moore
(smoore@freemansd.org)



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(English)



Optional Chromebook Assurance Program | Grades 6-12 | 2023-2024 School Year

As part of our learning program, the Freeman School District provides a Chromebook to all secondary students (Grades 6-12). This device is the property of the Freeman School District. Chromebooks are issued to 6th-12th grade students in September and collected in June.

Families have the opportunity to enroll in the district's **optional** Chromebook Assurance Program (CAP). While not mandatory, this insurance program is highly recommended as it provides coverage in the event the device is lost or damaged. Annual cost is **\$20 per student** for the school year. Families who choose to enroll more than two Middle or High School students in CAP will only be required to pay for two CAP enrollments to cover all district-owned devices in the family each school year. Defective devices will be replaced or repaired at no cost to the family. Fees must be paid **prior to September 30, 2023**.

- To **opt-in** to the annual insurance program, there is a **\$20** fee for the school year. Fees must be paid prior to **September 30, 2023**. To purchase insurance, access Online Payments at <https://wa-freeman.intouchrecepting.com>
- **Opting out of the program** means families will be held financially responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement associated with any damaged, lost or stolen equipment. A fine will be placed on student accounts for the cost of replacing or repairing the equipment.
- Lack of action prior to September 30th will be considered an opt-out.

OPT-IN – Chromebook Insurance Program	OPT-OUT – Chromebook Insurance Program
<p>Annual Fee: \$20 nonrefundable</p> <p>Annual Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accidental Damage: First incident covered in full. After first incident, family is responsible for full replacement of damaged part, or up to \$200 total per incident. (Loaner device available during repair.)• Lost or Stolen: First incident \$100. \$200 for subsequent incidents. (If stolen, Police Report must be filed within 24 hours and a copy provided to the school Business Office.) If the device is later found or recovered and is in working condition the fee will be refunded. <p>Not Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional damage, neglect or loss without a copy of a Police Report.• Lost/Damaged Power Cord (\$30) <p>Note: Replacement equipment will not be issued until fees set forth above have been paid or there is a payment plan in place.</p> <p>Student Name</p>	<p>Damage Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 Full Replacement• \$150 Motherboard• \$50 Display (LCD)• \$20 Keyboard• \$20 Trackpad <p>Lost or Stolen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 Device (If the device is later found or recovered and is in working condition the fee will be refunded.)• \$30 Power Cord <p>Note: Replacement equipment will not be issued until fees set forth above have been paid or there is a payment plan in place.</p> <p>I, would like to:</p> <p>OPT- IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>OPT-OUT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Parent Signature: _____ Parent Signature</p>

*I understand that by inserting my name in the signature fields I am submitting an electronic signature.
This signature will be enforceable on the same basis as if it were signed in person.*



Dear Freeman High School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we gear up for another exciting school year at Freeman High School.

We are thrilled to inform you that new legislation, SSSB 5048, has been passed in Washington State, eliminating the fees for all College in the High School (CiHS) courses. These CiHS courses offer an exceptional opportunity for our students to earn college credit while still in high school. We believe this initiative aligns perfectly with our commitment to providing an enriching and academically rigorous experience for every student at Freeman High School.

While our CiHS course offerings are currently available to our upperclassmen, we feel it's important to extend this information to our 9th and 10th-grade families as well. Including you in this communication is part of our efforts to aid in the planning process for your students' academic goals. This early awareness will empower your students to consider these courses as they shape their educational pathways.

Freeman High School is offering an array of CiHS courses that cater to a variety of interests and academic pursuits:

- ENGL 101: College Composition-EWU (offered even graduation years)
- POLI 100: Introduction to US Politics-EWU
- MATH 141: Pre-Calculus 1-EWU
- MATH 142: Pre-Calculus 2-EWU
- BIOL 101: Fundamentals of Biology-CWU
- BIOL 201: Human Physiology-CWU (offered even graduation years)
- ENST 201: Earth as an Ecosystem-CWU
- ENGL 170: Introduction to Literature-EWU (offered odd graduation years)

We're proud to highlight that most of these courses are taught in conjunction with Advanced Placement (AP) courses, providing our students with multiple avenues to earn college credit. This approach empowers our students to challenge themselves academically while reaping the benefits of college-level instruction while remaining in the familiar high school classroom setting.

I encourage you to explore these opportunities with your students and have open discussions about their academic goals. I am available, along with our teachers, to provide guidance and support as your students navigate their choices.

As we embark on this exciting new chapter together, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of Freeman High School's commitment to excellence in education. We believe that these CiHS courses, made far more accessible by the recent legislation, will contribute significantly to your student's academic journey and future success.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to assist you in any way we can.

Warm regards,

Kaela Holm
Freeman High School Counselor

WE'RE GOING TO

The South Pacific



Dear FHS parents and students,

Hello! I am excited to inform you that I'm organizing an educational tour of Australia/New Zealand on **June 25 – July 2, 2025** for Freeman High School students. International travel offers a wealth of opportunities for learning outside the classroom, and this will be a fun, easy way for students to see the world with their friends. Please join me for an informational meeting to learn more about our tour itinerary, the sign up process, and the payment schedule.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: FHS Room 205

If you'd like a sneak peak of the tour before the meeting, just visit

www.explorica.com/FRYE-2025 to see the full itinerary, print important information about the tour and learn more about the tour destinations.

I look forward to speaking with you and traveling with your student!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frye

Student HIGHLIGHTS



Over the summer Addison Bowen competed at the Stars and Stripes National Gymnastics Meet in West Palm Beach, FL where Addison placed 10th in the country in tumbling and 5th in the nation in trampoline. Congratulations Addison!



On Thursday we had the majority of our incoming Freshman Class here for an orientation put on by our ASB Student Council.

