

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCOTTIE SCOOP

November 17, 2023

Let's Get Involved!

Please see the following attachments for information about sports, activities, clubs, meetings, volunteer opportunities and important information:

- Red Robin Fundraiser
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair
- Mini Cheer Camp (due Dec 5th)
- Regal Cinemas Toy for Tots
- PTSG Craft Night Volunteers
- Robotics Volunteers Needed
- Freeman Athletics Auction
- Opt In to Text Message from SD
- Balanced Calendar Info
- Peach Skin Sheets (Class of 2024)

Tree of Sharing

The annual Freeman Tree of Sharing program provides Freeman families with gifts and extra assistance this holiday season. We are excited to announce that it will continue this year! We have at least 18 Freeman families who will be recipients including students from all 3 buildings.

If you, your family, or a group you are apart of are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Stacey Rawson at srawson@freemansd.org or call (509) 291-4790 by Sunday, November 26.

If you are interesting in donating an individual gift to a Tree of Sharing child or family, please look for more details in an email next Monday, November 27. Gift tags will be available for selection at that time using an online system.

For more information, please email K-8 School Counselor, Stacey Rawson at srawson@freemansd.org or call (509) 291-4790.

Happy Holidays!

Extra-Curricular Sports

Thank you for supervising your sports kids and siblings when there are after school sports practices inside the schools. Please continue to help us keep everyone safe and the school intact by not allowing kids to run around and play with sports balls and equipment in the foyer. The best option is to stay in the gym with your kids where the practice is taking place.

Important Dates

November 23-24	Happy Thanksgiving!! No School
November 27	Jiu Jitsu
November 28	Robotics
November 29	Late Start 10:15am
November 29	Chess Club
November 29	Robotics Presentation Day
November 29	Board Meeting at 6:00 K8 MPR
November 30	Robotics
November 30	Red Robin Fundraiser
December 2	Barnes and Noble Book Fair
December 4	Jiu Jitsu
December 5	Robotics
December 6	Chess Club
December 6	Robotics
December 7	Robotics
December 9-10	Robotics Regional Competition

Ways to Support Freeman (see flyers for more information)

VOLUNTEER: We have several opportunities to volunteer for different activities throughout the year.

Coming up:

- Craft Night: Contact FreemanPTSG@gmail.com.
- Robotics: See flyer for how to sign up to volunteer.
- Athletics Auction: See flyer for volunteer contact info.

SHOP:

- Download the Box Tops App, Assign *Freeman Elementary* as your school, then scan receipts when you shop.
- Connect your Fred Meyer Loyalty Card with Fred Meyer Community Rewards, and select *Freeman Elementary* for additional rewards.
- Shop at Barnes and Noble for our Book Fair on December 2nd!

EAT at Red Robin on November 30th!

JOIN: Become a PTSG Member and come to the meetings.

DONATE:

- Tree of Sharing: Adopt a family or donate gifts
- Freeman Athletics Auction needs items to auction off. Also, buy a ticket or a whole table to attend!
- Toys for Tots at Regal Cinemas

Year Around Scottie Gear!

Get some new Scottie Gear through Game One! A portion of the proceeds go to PTSG!

[Freeman All-School Spirit Wear Custom Apparel and Merchandise](#)
- Game One (game-one.com)

CONGRATULATIONS to our PACE Award Recipients

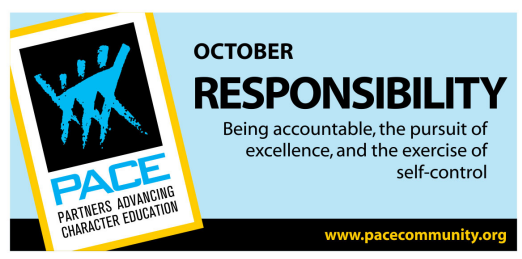
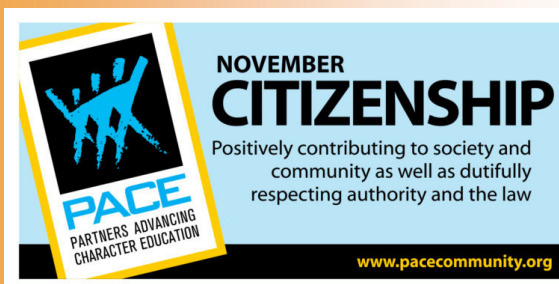
September-Respect

Hailyn Akiyama
Evalea Bessire
Nava Cassanego
Beckett Chambers
Emma Croskrey
Kate Croskrey
Avery Fernandez
Sophia Forschler
Collins Harmon
Samantha Johnson
Kamden Ketel
Brooklyn Rumsey
Asa Shea
Nelle Thompson
Olivia Thompson
Jocelyn Toftdahl
Dennis Tupikov
Eugene Tupikov



November-Citizenship

Jenelle Anderberg
Hannah Burgess
Cruz Chambers
Temperance Durrant
Kate Flake
Levi Gilrein
Timber Hlookoff
Sebastian Kazmi
Norah Miller
Maddox Olson
Edda Paxton
Mia Powers
Bridger Ramsey
Elizabeth Santman
Benson Smith
Warren Sudbrink
Lainey Turk
Harry Wilkinson



October-Responsibility

Daniel Dexter
Chandler Graham
Genevieve Hall
Charles Harmon
Penny Heidt
Wyatt Kegley
Caroline Lagreid
Joey Loft
Elizabeth Maksimenko
Adeline Mueller
Nash Perry
William Perry
Teagan Rhodes
Owen Sherwood
Parker Theodorson
Gwendolyn Thomas
Elle Thompson
Emma Watts

Kindergarten—2nd Grade



3rd Grade—5th Grade



Thankful for a beautiful campus and fun visitors!



A beautiful bird's eye view of our campus with our new football field. We have also had some fun visitors this year. An amazing owl sitting outside of Mrs. Romey's window and a moose visiting outside of our TK Portables.



Friendship Breakfast in Mrs. Edwards' Class

Her kindergartners and their families enjoyed pancakes and other breakfast foods together.



5th Grade Floats

The 5th Grade Floats turned out so great! It was so fun to have families come to enjoy the Float Parade.



NOVEMBER BREAKFAST

27	Breakfast Cookie ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	28	Churro ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Gala Apple Chocolate Milk White Milk	29	LATE START Have a Healthy Breakfast at Home	30	Chocolate Chip Muffin ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Banana Chocolate Milk White Milk
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NOVEMBER LUNCH

27	Meatball Sub ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	28	Orange Chicken with Rice Dinner Roll WG ----- Turkey Sandwich ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	29	Corn Dog ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	30	Pepperoni Rippers ----- Turkey Sandwich ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk
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Freeman School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator: Randy Russell, rrussell@freemansd.org, (509) 291-3695, 15001 S Jackson Rd. Rockford, WA 99030 (Updated 2021)

Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

14736 East Indiana Ave., Spokane, WA 99216

November 30, 2023*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIRS

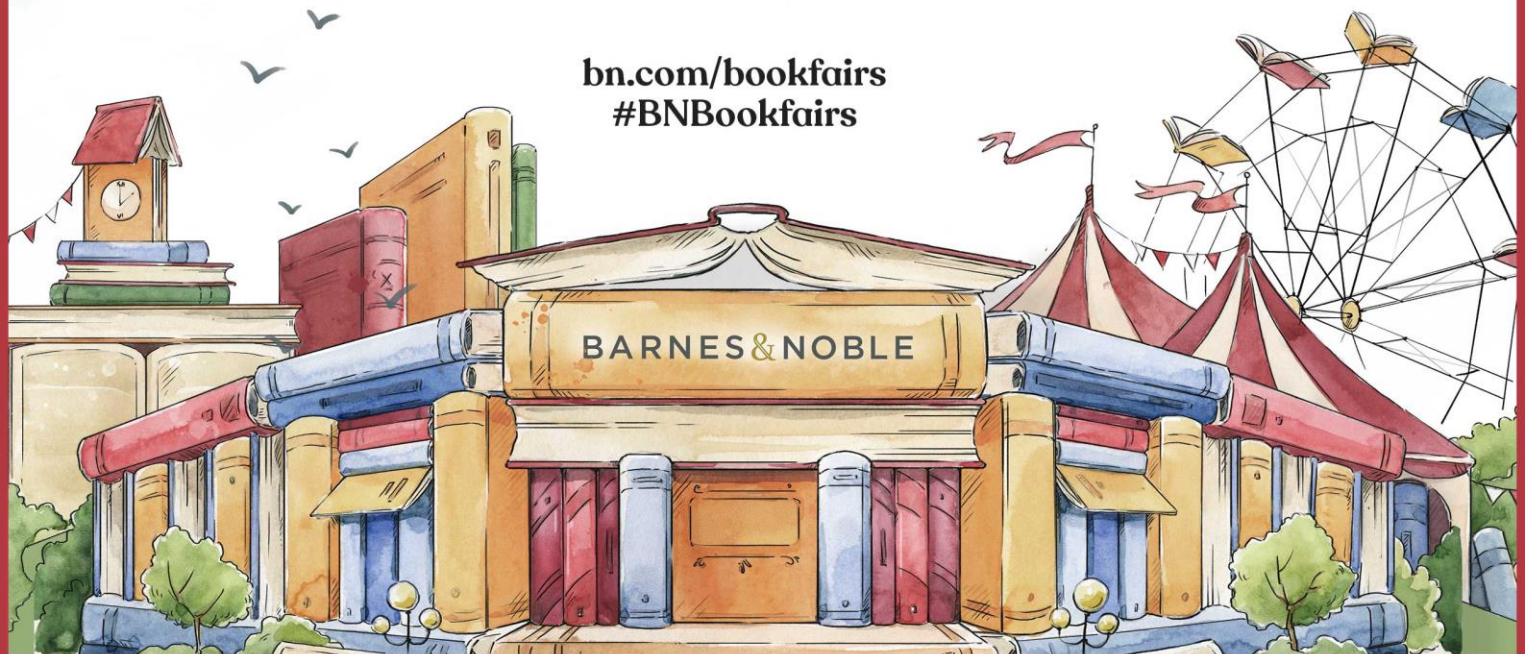
Freeman School District

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Barnes & Noble 15310 E. Indiana Ave.

- See our school choir perform between 1:00 – 2:00pm at the in-person event on 12/2!
- If you do not want to shop in store, you can shop online between Dec. 2nd-7th and at checkout scroll to the very bottom and click the plus sign next to “Add Bookfair ID”. Then add Bookfair ID #12706958 to the “Apply Bookfair ID” field and click apply.

bn.com/bookfairs
#BNBookfairs



Freeman High School Mini Cheer Camp

Grades K-3. Camp days will be after school on **December 6th, 7th and 8th from 3-5pm.**

The game is Saturday, December 9th. Mini Cheer will perform at halftime of the girls game which is at 4pm. There will **NOT** be an activity bus available. Your child will need to be picked up from the High School MPR.

More info will be provided during the week of camp.

Please turn this form into any school office by **December 5th.**

Cost: \$50 per camper. Cash or check made out to Freeman High School.

Price includes pizza, a T-shirt, and new this winter-poms and a bow.

Limited to 60 spots

Student Name:	
Age, Grade, Teacher:	
Shirt Size (Circle)	Youth S M L XL Adult S M L
Parent Email Address:	
Parent Name/Phone	
Emergency Contact/Phone	
Doctor Name/Phone	

____YES I am okay with my child's picture being taken during camp or the performance to be used on the school website or social media

____NO please do not take my child's picture

MEDICAL RELEASE:

I understand that this activity is voluntary and my child's participation is not mandatory. In case of emergency, the supervisor on site as my permission to obtain medical treatment for my student. I understand the Freeman School District does not purchase or have medical/dental/hospitalization insurance to cover any injury while participating at this event.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Come to **Regal Spokane Valley** and donate any new, unwrapped toy for



You will be entered for your chance to win
a \$300 Regal Gift Card!

Enough for a 1 year subscription to
Regal Unlimited.

**Donations will be accepted from
November 10 – December 10, 2023.**

One entry per toy donation.

Please provide your name and phone number to be contacted if you win.
Winner will be contacted via phone on December 12th.

You can bring the toys into either the Elementary School Office or directly to
the Spokane Valley Regal Cinema (no movie ticket purchase necessary).





JOIN FREEMAN PTSG FOR

Kids Holiday Craft Night

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

4:30- 6:30 PM

FREEMAN K-8 MPR



WANT TO HELP KIDS CREATE A CRAFT?

Volunteers Needed to Host a Table!

\$150 reimbursement available per table

Email kristinlclerget@gmail.com

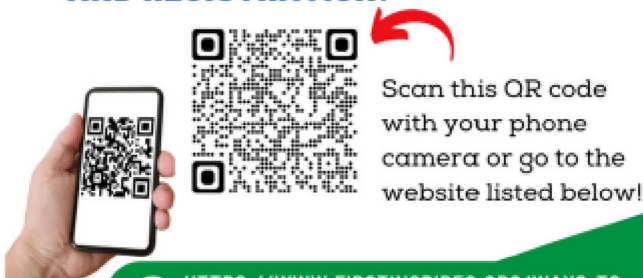
Volunteers Needed



We need help with:

We need engineers, teachers, students and people who understand the importance of teamwork. Previous experience is not required and training is available both online and in person the day of the event. This is a fun, energy-filled, exciting day with students aged 9-14 yrs who are engaging with the FIRST program to build science, engineering and technology skills.

SIGNUP, VOLUNTEER SCREENING, AND REGISTRATION:



Scan this QR code with your phone camera or go to the website listed below!



[HTTPS://WWW.FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/WAYS-TO-HELP/VOLUNTEER/HOW-TO-REGISTER](https://www.firstinspires.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/how-to-register)

BENEFIT:

- Food is provided
- Free Volunteer Tshirt
- Inspire and build excitement with local youth about STEM!



Saturday, December 9th &
Sunday, December 10th, 2022
7:30am-4:00pm



Freeman Middle School,
15001 S Jackson Rd, Rockford,
WA 99030

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

December 7th

PEOPLE NEEDING ACCOMMODATION SHOULD CONTACT

- ✉ Molly.z@comcast.net or
- ✉ lorna.kropp@gmail.com



ATHLETICS AUCTION & Dinner Fundraiser

February 3rd | 5:30pm
Coeur d'Alene Casino & Resort

Join us for a fun evening featuring a social hour, silent & live auction and dinner to raise funds for officials fees, sports travel, equipment and more.

BUY TICKETS HERE

\$50/PERSON
\$375/TABLE OF 8

Purchase a table & sit with friends for
RESERVED SEATING. Individual tickets and
couples will be **OPEN SEATING.**

How to get involved...

- ✓ Purchase tickets and attend (we sold out last year)
- ✓ Donate & help procure items by January 8th
- ✓ Volunteer to work on the committee or help set up/tear down
- ✓ Extend the fun and stay the night with our discounted room block - use booking id# 11671 CALL 1-800-523-2464 (sold out last year)

If you have questions, would like to donate or volunteer please email khayek@freemansd.org

SMS Text Opt-In



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#) so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.**

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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Balanced Calendar Q&A

This Q&A was compiled from the Freeman Balanced Calendar Committee work and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Balanced Calendar Information page.

Background

In Washington State, a school year lasts 180 days. Students have a few short breaks along the way and a long break in the summer. Many students experience a loss of learning and continuity during the extended break. Students with consistent access to enriching activities throughout the year are more successful in school (Pedersen, 2016). How can we increase access to these enriching activities for more students? How can we prioritize student and staff mental health? One potential solution is a “balanced calendar.”

Questions & Answers

What is a balanced calendar?

Instead of concentrating 180 school days into nine months, a balanced calendar spreads them throughout the year, including traditional Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, and Summer Breaks. Schools may use the breaks to host “intersessions,” where they can provide additional learning enrichment experiences.

Does it work?

Schools that follow a balanced calendar tend to have higher achievement scores (Pedersen, 2016). A traditional summer break lasts 10 to 12 weeks, compared to 7-9 weeks in a balanced calendar. Shorter breaks mean more consistent student-teacher partnerships and less learning disruption. Students need less review time at the beginning of the new school year, so there is an embedded opportunity to expand the curriculum and learning experiences.

Does it mean more school?

Balanced calendars keep the same number of school days as traditional calendars, but they add flexibility. With input from surveys and site visits, the Freeman Balanced Calendar Committee and school leaders drafted a calendar to fit what was best for the Freeman community.

Teachers who work in a balanced calendar have reported that it is easier to plan instruction in shorter chunks between breaks rather than for an entire semester (Pedersen, 2016). In addition, ending the first semester, trimester, or second quarter before winter break creates more energy and readiness for students and teachers when they return (Hasser & Nasser, 2005).

How does a balanced calendar affect students...

...in foster care or experiencing homelessness?

Students in foster care or experiencing homelessness are eligible to receive support through several state and federal programs. These students often have disruptions in their education, making it difficult for them to be on target for graduation. A balanced calendar can provide additional opportunities for credit accrual and recovery and interrupt the effects of cumulative learning loss in developing individual school graduation plans.

...with disabilities?

Students with disabilities may not have access to highly specialized resources (occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech and language specialists, and adaptive equipment) during long summer breaks. Transition services, such as job shadows, can occur during intersessions without taking the student out of classroom instruction. When interventions occur at the end of each summative period, there is evidence of reduced students needing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or qualifying for special education services over time (Smith, 2011; Evans, 2007).

...in off-campus school programs?

For students in Running Start or learning a trade, students, and parents are responsible for their local University, Community College, and Skill Center calendars for potential impacts on students participating in those programs part-time.

...in advanced programs, like AP?

A balanced calendar can provide an opportunity for involvement in special projects and targeted learning opportunities. The balanced calendars will consider the testing schedules for Advanced Placement.

Does it affect high school credits and graduation requirements?

State graduation requirements remain the same. Each school district is responsible for supporting every student to earn the necessary credits for graduation, meet their graduation pathway, and complete a High School and Beyond Plan.

What about Middle and High School sports?

High school athletics are often viewed as a barrier due to scheduling challenges, but conflicts can be mitigated. For decades, school districts nationwide have successfully supported interscholastic sports among schools with different school year calendars. The modern balanced calendar has ties back to the 1890s. Washington's Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) has successfully navigated a variety of school year calendars. Despite leadership changes, WIAA has stated its support of allowing districts to determine the right school year calendar for their students and communities.

During the Freeman Balanced Calendar committee site visits to Churchill County SD, Washoe County SD, La Mesa-Spring Valley SD, Oceanside Unified SD, and Winlock SD, Athletes, Athletic Directors, Coaches, and Administration in both Middle and High Schools did not have conflicts because of their calendars, even when the opposing district was not on the same calendar.



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358

2024 - 2025 School Calendar



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Significant Dates

August 19	Staff Orientation/Open House
August 20	Professional Development
August 21	First Day of School
August 26	First Day of Kindergarten
August 30	No School
September 2	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 25	Late Start PD
October 7	Professional Development - No School
October 24 - 25	Conferences - No School
October 30	Late Start PD
November 11	Veterans' Day Observed - No School
November 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 4	Late Start PD
December 20	End of Semester
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break - No School
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
February 5	Late Start PD
February 14	Professional Development - No School
February 17	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School
March 12	Late Start PD
March 14	Snow Make-up Day - No School
April 3 - 4	Conferences - No School
April 7 - 11	Spring Vacation - No School
April 28	Professional Development - No School
May 7	Late Start PD
May 23	Snow Make-up Day - No School
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
June 7	High School Graduation
June 10	8th Grade Promotion
June 11	Last Day of School - Early Release

Shaded Dates - No School

Indicates Late Start/Professional Development Days

* Indicates Parent Conference Days - No School

** Indicates Early Release - 12:30 pm

School Begins & Ends

February				
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Please help support the **CLASS of 2024 All Nighter** **SHEETS FUNDRAISER!**

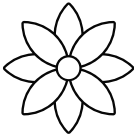
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Sets include (1) Flat Sheet, 1 (22") Deep Pocket Fitted Sheet and
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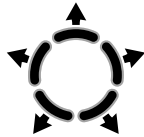
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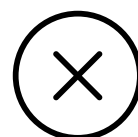
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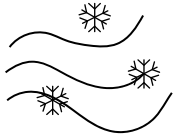
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**Wicks
Moisture**



**Pill
Resistant**



**Stay
Cool**

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Use discount promo code **ALLNIGHTER1** to redeem your special price of
\$69.95 on all \$104.95 regular sheet sets and **\$89.95** on all \$124.95 Split King
and Spit Head Sheet Sets through December 22, 2023

Your order ships straight to you within two business days - no waiting for the
fundraiser to close!

Class of 2024 Fundraiser gets \$20 for each Sheet Set sold!



****Please note that fundraiser pricing cannot be combined with other promo codes, discounts, or special including Color of the Month pricing**

A parent organized fundraiser