

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCOTTIE SCOOP

December 15, 2023

Let's Get Involved!

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

- Clark's Coloring Page
- Alumni Band Night
- How to donate to the Athletics Auction
- Peach Skin Sheets (Class of 2024)
- Balanced Calendar Info
- PTSG Membership Form

Tree of Sharing

Thank you to all that donated to our Tree of Sharing. You helped make a lot of families feel special. Extra thanks to Stacey Rawson, Blair Lovatt and Dani League for all of the hard work you put into organizing this amazing community project!

Year Around Scottie Gear!

Ready for some gift giving? Deck them out in Freeman Gear! A portion of the proceeds go to PTSG!

[Click Here for GAME-ONE Gear](#)

Important Dates

January 2	Back to School!
January 3	Chess Club (Last Day)
January 8	Jiu Jitsu
January 9	Robotics
January 10	PTSG Meeting at 5:30pm
January 11	Robotics
January 12	Professional Development
	No School
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	No School

Ways to Support Freeman (see flyers for more information)

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

Coming Up:

-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.

-When you purchase GAME ONE Freeman Gear, some proceeds go to PTSG!

JOIN: Become a PTSG Member, come to the meetings and volunteer!

ATTEND: Monthly Board Meetings!

DONATE:

-Freeman Athletics Auction needs items to auction off. Also, buy a ticket or a whole table to attend!

Have a wonderful, festive, fun,
family-filled Winter Break! We will
see you January 2nd!!!!



Lots of Holiday Fun!

We had a lot of Grinchies in Kindergarten yesterday. They also shared different international cookies! 3rd graders had a fun pancake breakfast with lots of parent helpers! 5th graders and Mrs. Cochrane's 2nd grade class had the amazing opportunity to make wreaths! They turned out so great! Thank you Terry! Johnson for coming in and teaching the kids such a fun project!



Robotics!

All 3 Robotics Teams did a great job at the Regional Competition last weekend. Holicow had a great showing. Noah Trucking and Cookies both qualified for State at Eastern Washington University in January!

Good Luck and Great Job!



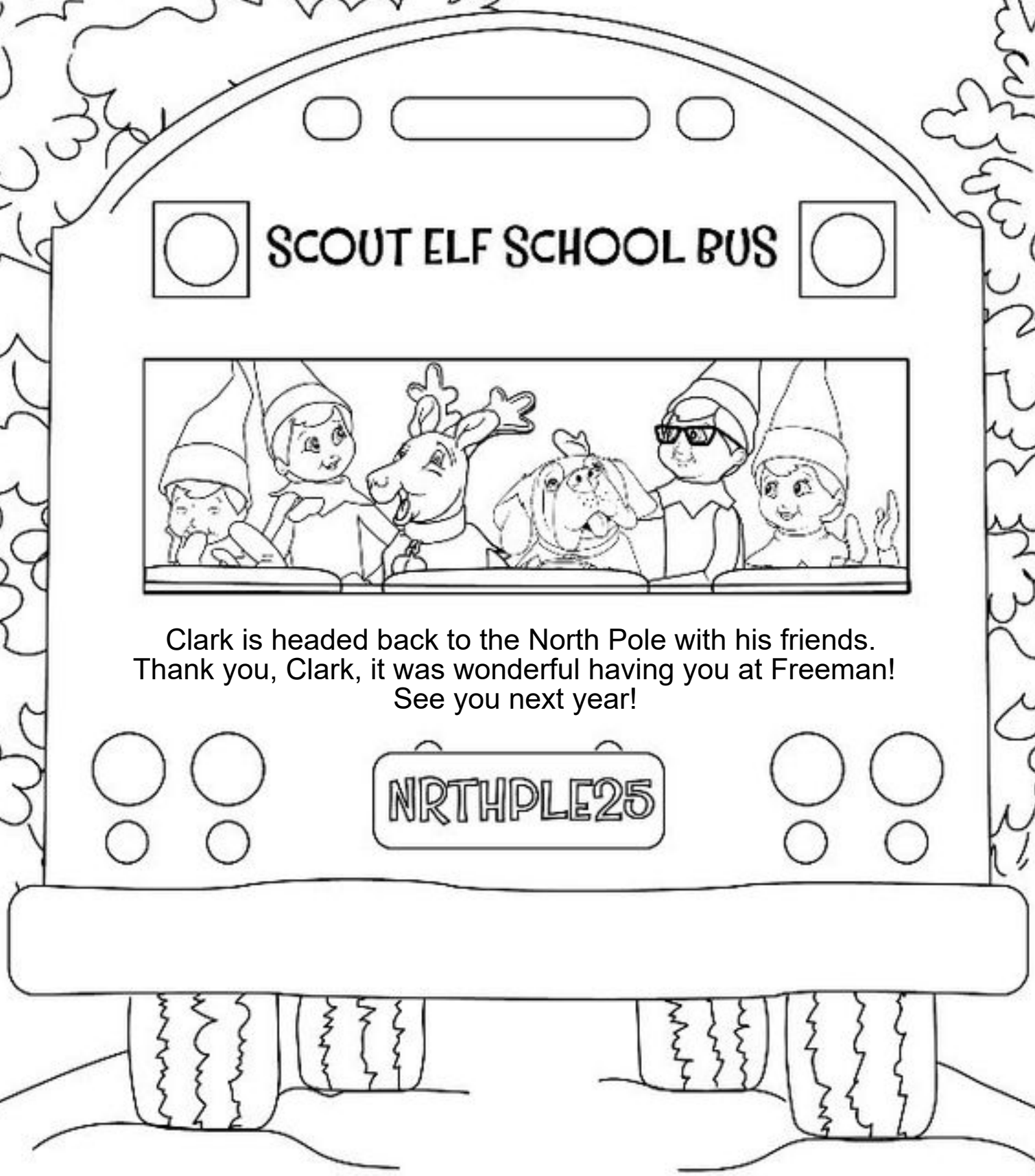
JANUARY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School! Enjoy your day off! 	2 Pop Tarts Cereal & Goldfish Gala Apple Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	3 Mini Filled Bagel Cereal & Goldfish Fresh Orange Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	4 Egg McFreeman Cereal & Goldfish Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	5 Cinnamon Roll w/Icing Cereal & Goldfish Pear Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk

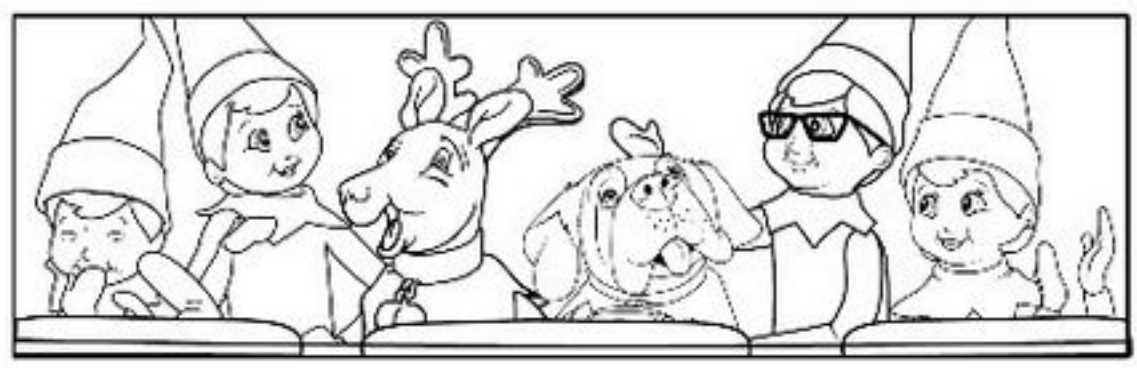
JANUARY LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School! Enjoy your day off! 	2 Bean & Cheese Burrito Chicken Caesar Wrap Alternate Lunch Chocolate Milk White Milk	3 Chicken Drumstick Dinner Roll WG Alternate Lunch Chocolate Milk White Milk	4 Assorted Pizza Turkey Cranberry Wrap Alternate Lunch Chocolate Milk White Milk	5 Hamburger Alternate Lunch Baked Beans Chocolate Milk White Milk

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 SCOUT ELF SCHOOL BUS 



Clark is headed back to the North Pole with his friends.
Thank you, Clark, it was wonderful having you at Freeman!
See you next year!

   
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Band Alumni Night! 1/6/24

If you ever played an instrument while at Freeman please consider joining the Freeman Pep Band on Saturday January 6th. FAB (Freeman Arts Boosters) will pay your entry to the game and if you email Mr. Jydstrup (jjydstrup@freemansd.org) you will have your sheet music and practice recordings sent to you to prepare. If you need an instrument, no worries, just let Mr. Jydstrup know in the email and he will find you one. You will need to be in the high school band room at 3pm and we will be playing for both games and will be done around 7:30-8pm. We hope to see you there and thank you again for your continued support!



AUCTION

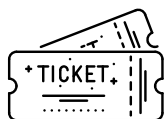
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LIST



benefitting Freeman High School Athletics

Our 2nd Annual Freeman Athletics Auction & Dinner is February 3, 2024. We are currently looking for donation items. Below are some ideas. If you can help with any of these items, please email one of the committee members listed at the bottom of this page.



TICKETS & PASSES

Sports & Concert Tickets, Box Seats, VIP Treatments, Theater Tickets



CRAFTED ITEMS

Handmade items, woodworking, metal works, custom gifts



VACATIONS & EXCURSIONS

Condos, Timeshare, VRBO, Golf weekends, wine tastings, active adventures, airline tickets, etc.



GIFT CARDS

Gift cards to just about anywhere - restaurants, stores, salons, spas, movie theaters, etc.



HOSTED PARTIES

Theme parties thrown by one or more families such as progressive dinners, holiday parties, children's parties, etc.



UNIQUE & RARE ITEMS

Collectibles, sports memorabilia, sports equipment, collectibles

If you would like to donate, please complete the donation form and return to one of us by Jan. 12th:

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jill.morphy@hotmail.com

LESLEY LOCHMILLER
lesleylochmiller11@gmail.com

KRISTAL HAYEK
khayek@freemansd.org



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



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

Sheet Sets feature a 1500 thread count level of luxurious softness

Queen & King sets include (1) Flat Sheet, 1 (22") Deep Pocket Fitted Sheet and (2) Pillowcase; (1) Pillowcase with Twin, Twin XL Sheet sizes

Only \$69.95 with Online Fundraiser Code **FREEMANI** before the fundraiser ends!



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Use discount promo code **FREEMANI** 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 Split 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



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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2023-2024 PTSG MembershipForm

Parent Name(s) _____

Email(s): _____

Best Phone #: _____

Family Membership \$30 Staff Membership \$30 Business Membership \$60

Student(s) Name(s)	Grade for 2023-2024

Please make checks payable to Freeman PTSG.

All membership dues directly support Freeman students.

PTSG Use Only: *Check/Cash*_____ *Received By:*_____