



# The FireBird Screams

"Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!" - Fred the Firebird

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## December Dates to Remember:

Dec 1 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair  
 Dec 1 - 2nd Grade Field Trip  
 Dec 1 - 4th Grade Art Field Trip (Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Teague classes)  
 Dec 4 - Band Booster Meeting, 6p  
 Dec 5 - Board Meeting, 6:30p  
 Dec 5-7 - MAP testing Middle School  
 Dec 7 - MS Band Field Trip  
 Dec 8 - Reindeer Games, 6p  
 Dec 8 - Improve Show, 7p  
 Dec 9 - Twelve State Finals  
 Dec 11 - 3rd Grade Field Trip  
 Dec 11-15 - Scholastic Book Fair  
 Dec 12 - HS Chemistry Field Trip  
 Dec 12 - Student Led-Conferences (all campuses)  
 Dec 12 - Volunteer Reception, 5p  
 Dec 14 - Winter Concert, 6:30p  
 Dec 15 - 11th Grade Durham Tech Field Trip  
 Dec 15 - 4th Grade Art Field Trip (Creech & Averette Classes)  
 Dec 19 - Board Meeting, 6:30p (if called)  
 Dec 20 - HS Honors Math 3 Final Exam  
 Dec 20 - Early Release  
 Dec 21-30 - No School - Christmas Break



## North Parking Lot / Morning Drop Off

Our North Parking Lot is now a Parking Permit ONLY lot. All vehicles parked in the North Lot during school days from 7:15am-4:15pm must have a FLA parking decal. Parents who need to park must park either in the parking spaces in front of the school or in the South lot (lot closest to the baseball field). Parents during morning carpool **ALL** Elementary Students **MUST** be dropped off in front off the school using the carline, if you wish to walk your child in you **MUST** park in the South Lot or in Front of the school. Elementary Students are **NOT** to be dropped off in the North Lot in the mornings. Only Middle School and High School students can be dropped off in the North Lot in the mornings. This is a rolling drop off **ONLY**, you may **NOT** park in the north lot to drop your child off. Thank you!

## Student Led-Conference



At least one parent must attend,  
 Student Led-Conferences (All Campuses)  
 Tuesday, December 12th, 2017

**FAST WILL NOT OPERATE ON DECEMBER 12th.**



## Reminders

Parents don't forget to pick up child early on Wednesday,  
 December 20th.  
 Dismissal Times:

Elementary 11:30am  
 Middle School 12:00pm  
 High School 12:30pm

# Thank You Volunteers

Dear Volunteers, your assistance around the school is cherished and we would like to show our gratitude. You are invited to our Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served by our Administration team at the concession stand. We sincerely hope you stop by for some refreshments. Hope to see you there!!

Thank you for all that you do!



## 3rd Quarter Lunch Orders

Tuesday, December 19th is the last day of hot lunch delivery for the 2nd quarter. The window for ordering 3rd - quarter lunches opens on Friday, December 15th and closes Monday, January 1st at 12:00noon. 3rd -quarter hot lunch delivery begins on Wednesday, January 3rd. Don't miss the window: when it closes on January 1st it's closed and absolutely no further lunch orders will be accepted past that date! Order lunches online at [www.orgsonline.com](http://www.orgsonline.com). Use school code 313FLANC.

The lunch crew is in need of volunteers at lunch to help distribute food! Please consider donating some of your volunteer time to help us out at lunch time. We've got two times that you could help, or you could sign up for both shifts for a day to knock out even more volunteer hours if you like! The dates and times are listed here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044baba82ba13-3rdquarter>



## Lost and Found

We have LOTS of items in our lost and found. Please make sure you check our lost and found cabinet outside of the Gym for your belongings prior to leaving for Christmas break. Any items left after December 20th will be donated to the Good Will Foundation.

## ***Improv Coffe House: REDEMPTION***

Come out and support the FLA Theatre program on December 8th for another Improv Coffee House. Watch as the Freshman All Star team faces off against current champions, Team PeptoDismal. The actors depend on your applause to crown a champion!

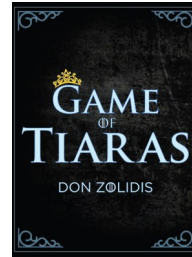
When: December 8th at 7pm

Where: FLA Gym

Cost: \$5



FLA Thespians announcing auditions for their spring production, "Game of Tiaras"



Auditions take place on January 4th starting at 4:15, with callbacks on January 5th.

Open to all students in grades 9-11  
Students can sign up for an audition slot in Mr. Cerullo's room.

Students should come prepared with a monologue or monologues will be provided at the auditions.

Any questions should be forwarded to Mr. Cerullo

## ***Come Join FCA!***



Our next meeting is Friday, December 1!

What: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club

Who: All Middle School Students (You do not have to be an athlete at Falls Lake!)

When: 7:15am – 8:00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month

Where: Room 401

Mark your calendars!!

Upcoming Meetings: 12/1/17 and 12/15/17; 1/6/18 and 1/20/18

# Attention High School Parents



## AP Classes

If your child is currently enrolled in an AP course, please plan to attend a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm-6pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting, email [daniellecunningham@fallslakeacademy.com](mailto:daniellecunningham@fallslakeacademy.com).



## College Tours

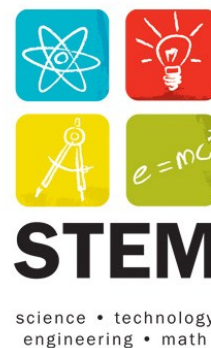
If your freshman or sophomore student is interested in going on a college tour the final payment for it is due on **December 8**. After this date no payments will be accepted for the college tour field trips. If you are a junior your final payment for the field trip is **December 15th**.

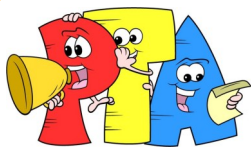
**Nominations for NYLF:** Explore STEM Summer Program are being submitted. 7th Grade Science Students should be on the lookout for information arriving in their mail at home.

During this program, students explore the frontiers of 21st century science and technology as they build a robot, role-play as part of a medical response team, and learn to code their own video game.

Through simulations, group challenges, interaction with renowned guest advisors and exciting field trips, students discover their passion, potential, and the nearly limitless opportunity of a future in the STEM fields. (Grade 6-8).

Alexander "Taft" Peterson attended the Summer 2017 NYLF (National Youth Leadership Forum) Explore STEM Program and reported having an amazing time in a project based learning environment similar to our own.





# PTA Corner

- Our upcoming event for December is **Reindeer Games!** We will have some reindeer games, sweet treats and maybe Santa will make a visit! Please be on the lookout for details from us! The event will require help from volunteers so be on the lookout for the sign-up genius as well.
- We would like to give a **great BIG Thank You** to Sonya G "The Jewelry Lady" for the Team Spirit Jewelry Fundraiser! **THANK YOU** so much for doing this with the PTA.
- All throughout the school year and even over the break, continue collecting your Box Top for Education labels. Each box top is worth 10¢. Be sure to check the expiration date when you clip them. **In 2016-2017 our school earned over \$1500, let's beat that this year!** We will have contests twice a year! Our first winner is Mrs. Jackson's Class! They get an ice cream party and Mrs. Jackson got a gift card for school supplies and a duty free lunch. **GREAT JOB!** Our Box Top Coordinators are Susan Zink and Amanda Penn. You can contact them at [szink1@hotmail.com](mailto:szink1@hotmail.com) with any questions.
- With the holidays right around the corner and shopping to be done...you can support Falls Lake Academy when shopping at Amazon, by visiting **smile.amazon.com** and set your charity to **PTA North Carolina Congress Falls Lake Academy PTA or Falls Lake Academy Inc.** Then each time you shop, use the smile.amazon.com link to complete your shopping and each eligible purchase will generate a donation to our school

## As a reminder...

- Want to join the PTA? Visit our website at <http://www.ptafallslakeacademy.com/join.html> to complete the form and pay your dues! By joining the PTA you are not only staying in the know about your child's school, from events to volunteer opportunities, but you are a voice and by just simply joining you are making the voice of the PTA even louder!
- Like us on Facebook at **Falls Lake Academy PTA**

## Dates to Remember

Next PTA Meeting	Jan 4
Bingo Night	Feb 23
Quarter Auction\Marketplace	Apr 6
Color Run	May 19



## ***Thank You!***

Thank you Firebirds for all of your donations for our annual food drive! We were able to meet our goal of collecting enough items to supply the food pantry for one month of their monthly distribution! It is an amazing thing to see our families take part in supporting our community!



## ***Elementary Every Cent Counts Fundraiser***

Congratulations elementary students on a successful Every Cent Counts Fundraiser. This year we had a two way tie between Mrs. Beauchaine and Ms. Sheargold's classes who together raised \$321! Enough money was raised to buy 3 xylophones, 4 cowbells, an agogo bell and an ocean drum. Thank you to all the parents and students who helped make this fundraiser a success.



## ***Christmas Break***



Enjoy the Holidays and time with your family.  
We will be closed for Christmas Break December 21st – January 1st .

Students we will see you back at school on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Well firebirds, that is all for this year and this edition of "The Firebird Screams".  
This is Fred the Firebird wishing you all A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

