



# The Firebird Screams

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

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## February Dates to Remember:

*Feb. 2 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm*

*Feb. 10 - Open House*

*Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day*

*Feb. 15 - President's Day*

*Feb. 16 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm*

*Feb. 23 - PAC Meeting, 6pm*

*Feb. 24 - Open House*

## Message from Mrs. Hobgood

Dear Parents,  
Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

### Training Opportunity for Youth Mental Health First Aid-FREE

**Hello Parents/Guardians of Falls Lake Academy: Do you want to learn how to better support our youth? Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to provide information and tools for adults to recognize and support youth mental health. I am excited to be able to offer this certification training.**

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This 6-hour training gives adults who work and or live with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to children and adolescents (ages 6-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. At the end of the course, participants will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider!

Generally there is a fee to participate in the training, however Falls Lake Academy is sponsoring all 20 participants. Due to Covid restrictions this training will be divided into two groups of 10. The instructors are Mrs. Amanda Moore, certified school counselor and Youth Mental Health First Aid certified instructor, and Melissa Stancil, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and Adult & Youth Mental Health First Aid certified instructor. These trainings will run concurrently at Falls Lake Academy on March 6th, 2021. You will receive a confirmation email with your registration status and all necessary details regarding the day of training. If you would like to attend, **please complete the registration google form below by February 19th.**

**[forms.gle/rXF6vVByjnhqTG6E8](https://forms.gle/rXF6vVByjnhqTG6E8)**



Tuesday, February 2nd @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 16th (if called) @ 6:30pm

# Letters of Intent



Letters of intent for all current students will be sent out through a Jupiter Message to parents/guardians on Wednesday, February 3rd. The google doc form must be completed by Friday, February 19th in order to guarantee your current student a place at FLA next year.

Link to Form: <https://forms.gle/tM2FAn57P7dVtyNs7>

Paper copies are available in our offices if you are unable to complete the form online.

**Reminder: Siblings with students who have attended FLA this current school year have preference in the lottery. However, you must select sibling on the online application in order to get preference.**

## Enrollment for 2021-2022

We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website under Admissions. The application deadline is 5:00pm on March 1, 2021. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery, they will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 19th. Visit our admissions section on our website for more information and link to the application.

We will be having a new student open house on February 10, 2021 and February 24, 2021.



## 2021 - 2022 School Calendar

Our 2021 – 2022 school calendar can now be found on our school website at [www.fallslakeacademy.com](http://www.fallslakeacademy.com)

## Teacher Assistant of the Month



Mrs. Pienkosz is our Teacher Assistant of the Month. She goes above and beyond her role of a TA here at FLA. Every day she runs the library, while teaching meaningful lessons to all of our elementary students. She has worked to make reading fun for our students and helps bring experiences like the Book Fair to our school. Mrs. Pienkosz has made sure that we have expanded our book collection and organized the library to make it more family friendly. Mrs. Pienkosz always has a positive attitude when you see her throughout the school, whether at carpool or when checking out a book. We really appreciate all the she does for our school and our students.

# Exciting Opportunity for Students!



**Step UP to STEM;** <https://www.ncssm.edu/stepup>

Step UP to STEM is a **FREE** one-week online course for underrepresented minorities. It is an innovative interdisciplinary academic program that uses exciting real-world subjects to challenge current 8<sup>th</sup> graders (rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders) across North Carolina and build their skills in science, math, and communications. The program is open by application to African American, Hispanic American, and Native American 8<sup>th</sup> graders who live in North Carolina. Application is open now!



## Summer Accelerator

**Summer Accelerator** (<https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/accelerator>) is an exciting summer program created by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for exceptional rising 5th-12th graders. We introduce students to exciting topics in hopes to encourage their interests in STEM concepts.

**Early Accelerator for rising 5th and 6th Graders;** <https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/day-early-accelerator>

Through interactive and hands-on activities, students will embark on a series of STEM adventures. These non-residential, day programs are held on NCSSM's Durham Campus.

**Accelerator for rising 7th - 9th Graders;** <https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/accelerator/accelerator-7th-9th>

Accelerator for 7th-9th graders is offered online and in-person at NCSSM in Durham, NC and Brevard College in Brevard, NC. We introduce students to exciting topics at a critical age for engaging and encouraging their interests in STEM. Residential courses are each one week-long session that begins on Sunday afternoon and culminates on Friday afternoon at our Durham campus or Brevard, NC. Online courses are two-week sessions that begin on Monday morning and culminate on Friday afternoon. The first week of each course takes place asynchronously and will consist of about 5 hours of work. During the second week of each course, students will interact with their instructor and other students via video conferencing meetings and will have about 15 hours of work for the week. Outside of class time, students have the opportunity to participate in virtual extracurricular enrichment programs every weekday from noon-1 pm and 4-5 pm.

**Accelerator for rising 10th - 12th Graders;** <https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/accelerator/accelerator-10th-12th>

Talented rising 10th to 12th grade students choose courses of interest that combine residential, hands-on learning on campus with online education. Residential courses are conducted over three weeks. The first two weeks of each course take place virtually, at the student's own pace. One week of each course takes place on campus, either in Durham or Brevard, NC. We also have fully online courses that are three-week sessions that begin on Monday morning and culminate on Friday afternoon. The first two weeks of each course take place asynchronously and consist of about 7 hours of work per week. During the third week of each course, students will interact with their instructor and other students via video conferencing meetings, and the course will be about 20 hours of work. Outside of class time, students have the opportunity to participate in virtual extracurricular enrichment programs every weekday from noon - 1pm and 4 - 5pm.

## Valentine's Day Deliveries Not Allowed!



This is a reminder that we are as **NOT** allowing flowers, balloons, gift baskets, etc. to be delivered to school for Valentine's Day. This becomes a huge distraction for our instructional time. If you wish to send your student flowers or a special gift for Valentine's Day we ask that you please have it delivered to your child's home. Thank you!

## Falls Lake Academy Theatre News

  
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THEATRE**

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Contact us with any questions at  
[flathespiantheatre@gmail.com](mailto:flathespiantheatre@gmail.com)

 

**STREAMING LIVE!**  
Falls Lake Academy Theatre  
presents

**Squirrel Court**  
by  
Teresa Maxson

**Stranded**  
by  
Nick Bender

**DOUBLE FEATURE**  
7pm February 26th 2021  
Link will be shared the week of show.

*Well that's all for this addition of the Screamer, until next time.....  
-Fred the Firebird*

