



The Firebird Screams

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

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August Dates to Remember:



Aug 1-8 - Teacher Workdays
Aug 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Aug 3 - Senior Parking Permit Pick-Up
Aug 3-4 - Senior Portraits
Aug 4 - Junior Parking Permit Pick-Up
Aug 4 - 6-12 Open House
Aug 7 - K-5 Open House
Aug 8 - Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm
Aug 9 - First Day of school for students
Aug 9 - Senior Breakfast
Aug 11 - Back to School Bash, 5:00pm
Aug 14 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Aug 15 - Board Meeting (if called), 6:30pm
Aug 26-27 Senior Paint Your Spot
Aug 31 - Senior Parent - Senior Project Parent Info Session, 6:00pm
Aug 31 - Junior Parent - Senior Project Parking Info Session, 7:00pm

Message from Mr. Johnson

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I cannot wait to see our Firebird families again! Welcome our new Firebirds! We have been working hard all summer to get ready for everyone and put our best foot forward.

Our entire staff is back! They have brought much excitement and joy with them this year. They are also excited to see everyone! Our entire staff have spent the last few days meeting and going through training to align our efforts to provide the very best learning for our students. Our desire is to meet every student's needs and provide everyone with a great experience.

This year we have created a theme to live by. Our theme is "IGNITE YOUR PASSION." Have you ever experienced someone who is doing something just going through the motions? It seems that they could care less about anything. Have you had a worker serve you without any excitement or joy? I think we all can agree that is not the best experience and not their best work. I want us to be a school where we pour out our best each and every single day. This year, I have challenged our staff to show their excitement, live out their dream of teaching to the fullest, and share their gifts and talents in the best possible way. They can do this by IGNITING THEIR PASSION.

One of the greatest things about our theme this year is that it applies to our staff, but it also applies to our students and families. Whether our students are playing sports, presenting during a concert or play, or even performing on a test, we want every one of them to do their absolute best. Showing their passion will help them build confidence and put forth incredible effort. Showing passion, shows the heart behind an action. Showing passion, shows the care and compassion for others. Showing passion, shows the desire to excel. Sometimes showing our passion in a positive way is a learned trait for some. It can come natural to others. This year we are encouraging all our staff, students and families to learn to show their passion in positive and confident ways.

As we begin this school year, let's all make an effort to IGNITE OUR PASSION. We all have a part. Let's make this school year incredible!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, August 1st @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 17th (if called) @ 6:30pm

TIME FOR SCHOOL

Welcome back Firebird family!

First Day of School for students is **Wednesday, August 9th!**

School Hours:

Elementary Hours: 7:45am – 2:45pm

Middle School Hours: 8:00am – 3:15pm

High School Hours: 8:15am – 3:35pm

Reminder! Elementary students are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 7:45.

Students in Middle School are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 8:00. High School students are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 8:15.

Students may not be dropped off before 7:15am. **High school students may not be dropped off before 7:45. HS students will not be allowed into the ES/MS building, they must report to the HS building.** Please arrive with plenty of time for your student to get to class before school starts.

First Day:

Attendance on the first day of school is mandatory!



HOT Lunch

Ordering window opens August 17th and closes on August 25th at 12noon. Serving dates are September 5th - 29th.

All lunch orders must be placed online using the website order form. To place a lunch order, go to www.orgsoline.com and enter code 313FLANC.

All students must bring a packed lunch from August 9th through August 31st!!!



Supply lists have been updated and can be found on the website at www.fallslakeacademy.com

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Portraits

August 3rd & 4th

Location: HS Gym



Seniors: Thursday, August 3rd

Juniors: Friday, August 4th

Fee: \$50

Payment options for parking passes is check, cash or online payment via EduTrak. Please note that if you decide to pay online, the fee will not be assigned to your child's account until the parking permit application is turned in. If you pay with cash or check, students will receive their parking pass the day they turn in their form. However, if you decide to pay by card using EduTrak, your student will not be able to pick up their parking pass until payment has been made.

Senior Paint Your Spot
August 26-27 & September 2-4



Thursday, August 31st

Location: HS Gym

Senior Parents - Senior Project Parent Info Session, 6:00pm

Junior Parents - Senior Project Parent Info Session, 7:00pm

Intake/Open House Forms

All intake forms will be emailed to parents the week of August 7th and must be completed no later than Friday, August 18th.

The following forms must be completed for each student:

Student Data Sheet
Medical History Form
Family Income Data Collection Sheet
Occupational Survey
Military Connection Form
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Emergency Pick-Up & Check-Out Authorization Form

Please make sure to fill out every form regardless if no changes are being made.

2023 - 2024 PAC Members

PAC Ballots will be passed out during open house and must be turned in by Friday, August 11th in order for your vote to count. All ballots must be turned in to your students PAA/Teacher. Thank you!

Immunizations Reminder

North Carolina law requires that all children entering in grades Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade in the state to receive certain immunizations. Records are checked when children begin/return to school. A copy of your student's immunization records must be turned into their PAA during open house or before the 30th day of school.

Kindergarten:

State law requires that every child entering kindergarten in an N.C. public school receive a health assessment. The assessment must occur within 12 months prior to entering school. The medical provider, parent or guardian must provide a completed health assessment form to the school on or before the child's 30th day of attendance. Kindergarten students are also required to have completed immunization. If you have not turned in these forms at the time of registration, please provide a copy of their completed immunizations and health assessment to Mrs. Seccia at the front office.

7th Graders:

Adolescents should be up to date on all the vaccines required for kindergarten entry. In addition, adolescents rising to the 7th grade need one dose of Tdap vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

12th Graders:

All Rising 12th graders should be up to date on all of their vaccines and receive their second dose of the Meningococcal Vaccine in order to graduate from high school.

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

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