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# <u>September Dates</u> to Remember:



Sep 1 - Teacher Workday

Sep 2 - 4 - Senior Paint Your Spot

Sep 4 - Holiday - Labor Day

Sep 5 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Sep 6 - Athletics Booster Club

Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby

Sep 8 - Progress reports go home

Sep 9 - Senior Paint Your Spot

Sep 11 - 5th Grade Field Trip -

Chuck E Cheese

Sep 11 - K-5 Curriculum Night,

5:00pm-7:00pm

Sep 12 - PTA Board Meeting,

6:00pm

Sep 12 - PTA General Meeting,

7:00pm

Sep 13 - Fall Picture Day (Grades

K - 11

Sep 15 - 1st Grade Community

Career Day

Sep 19 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm -

(if called)

Sep 25 - National Honor Society

Inductions, 6:00pm, HS Gym

Sep 26 - PAC Meeting, 6:00pm

Sep 29 - Improv Show, 7:00pm-

9:00pm

#### Message from Mr. Johnson

It has been a delight to have you and your family as part of our Firebird family! Our school year has gotten off to a great start and we are all making progress in learning each day. Learning is an amazing gift that allows us to keep advancing our lives in small steps. No matter how old or young we are, we can all learn something new every single day. Some days we are the instructor, but other days we find ourselves as the learner. Here at Falls Lake Academy, we desire to be both and likewise for our families.

Each day our staff spend their day providing the best instruction for our children. It is their passion and a very high calling. They are making a huge impact on the lives of our children. You, as a parent or guardian, are making an even larger impact on their lives though. You play a huge role in how your child acts, interacts, and follows directions from others. From their home environment, you, as the parent or guardian, are constantly molding your child to who they will become.

Please help your FIREBIRD excel here by practicing these proven parenting strategies as denoted by the FIREBIRD acronym:

F = Foster: Foster a loving and nurturing environment at home.

I = Instill Values: Instill strong values and morals in your children.

R = Respect: Teach and model respect for others and oneself

E = Empower: Empower your children to make responsible decisions.

B = Boundaries: Set clear and appropriate boundaries for behavior.

I = Involvement: Be actively involved in your child's life and activities.

R = Role Model: Be a positive role model for your children to emulate.

D = Discipline: Apply consistent and fair discipline when needed.

These strategies are the same ones we use at our school. It would help us, as well as your child, if we could be consistent in our teachings. This is also the best way to provide the best opportunities for our children to succeed! If you ever need any help or advice in any areas listed in the acronym, please reach out to us. We love to help however we can. Thank you for being a FIREBIRD family! Let's make September another great month of school!

## Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, September 5th @ 6:30pm Tuesday, September 19th (if called) @ 6:30pm

#### **ATTENDANCE REMINDER**

ABSENCES: Absences are excused for the following reasons only:

- 1. Illness or injury requiring hospitalization, bed rest, or parent-approved recuperation time at home.
- 2. Medical quarantine imposed by the Health Department.
- 3. Religious observance (parents must request excused absences status for this in advance).
- 4. Death in the immediate family.
- 5. Medical or dental appointment (excused only when a doctor's or dentist's note is presented).
- 6. Special circumstances requested by the parents and approved by the school Director.

When a student returns to school after an absence, he/she must bring a written note from home, signed and dated by the parent, stating the reason(s) for the student's absence and indicating the date(s) of the absence.

Important Notice: Family Trips and Vacations are considered unexcused absences.



#### Picture Day (K - 11)

Wednesday, September 13th

Picture Make-Up Day

Wednesday, November 1st

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

Sponsored by the Student Council

Friday, September 15th from 6-8 \$5 to enter

Concessions will be sold

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Senior Portraits Make-Up Day

Wednesday, November 1st

Senior Paint Your Spot

September 2nd - 4th & 9th

#### THEATRE ARTS

This past summer Falls Lake Academy Theatre participated in the International Thespian Festival! It was an incredible, rewarding, whirlwind of a week. Everyone saw some amazing productions, took intriguing workshops, and competed on the national level! We are beyond elated to share that two of our students, Tanner and Isis, WON the categories of Sound Design and Makeup Design! We are beyond proud. We competed in 8 categories and all of the other students received either Superior, the highest rank, or Excellent, the second highest rank.

In addition, Isis received the Princess Grace Kelley Scholarship. She competed against 1,500 other students to receive this honor. She receives \$6000 and will be assigned a mentor who is a professional in her field to guide her through the business and provide incredible opportunities!

We are so beyond proud of our Theatre Students! Make sure to keep your calendars open for November 2nd, when our next production Oz is being performed!





#### 2023 - 2024 PAC Members

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