



# 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 1 - Family Tours, 9:00am  
Feb 2 - Student Letters of Intent  
Electronically Sent to Parents  
Feb 2 - Progress reports go home  
Feb 2 - Elementary Dance, 6:00pm-  
8:00pm  
Feb 5 - 9 - National School Counseling  
Week  
Feb 6 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Feb 7 - Athletics Booster Club Meeting,  
6:00pm, HS Lobby  
Feb 9 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Life  
and Science  
Feb 12 - Honor Society Inductions,  
5:00pm  
Feb 12 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
Feb 12 - PTA Spring Fling Committee  
Meetings, 7:00pm  
Feb 15 - English II Check-Ins  
Feb 16 - Teacher Workday  
Feb 16 - Student Letters of Intent Due  
Feb 16 - HS Dance, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Feb 19 - Holiday - President's Day  
Feb 20 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if  
called)  
Feb 22 - Family Tours, 9:00am  
Feb 22 - Kindergarten Tours, 6:00pm  
Feb 23 - Improve Show, 7:00pm-  
9:00pm, HS Gym  
Feb 26 - 8th Grade HS Info  
Night/Elective Showcase, 5:00pm-  
6:00pm  
Feb 26 - Rising Senior Night, 6:00pm-  
7:00pm  
Feb 27 - ACT - 11th Grade  
Feb 27 - CCRAA 11th Grade  
Feb 27 - PAC Meeting, 6:00pm

## Message from Mr. Johnson

### Choices!

In this day and time, we are faced with so many choices. Choices for parents are very different from choices that our students face. How do we make the right choice? As an example, right now parents are making a choice whether to apply to send their students to FLA and enter them in the lottery or not. What is the right choice for them?

I feel like we, as parents, often get choice fatigue. I call it this because there are so many choices and decisions that we have to make in a day, we end up making choices just to mark it done. We sometimes find ourselves without the energy to fight for the right choice. Do you know that feeling? Have you ever been there? For example, maybe your student wants a phone, then this app and another app. Then they want social media. I have been there, and maybe you as well, and I have found myself saying, "Well, Ok," when I know they are not very well prepared for the responsibility that comes with it. Sometimes that goes well and sometimes that will cause additional issues. The truth is we do not always set them up for success in situations like this. I think we are all guilty at some point. I write this to let you know I feel we have all been there and we have to set our plans and choices to support our students for success in all aspects of their lives. I encourage you to say that short two letter word that no one likes to hear sometimes. "No." Just don't say no though. Teach them the reason you do not think it is a good idea for them at this time. Have the energy and courage to tell your child that you are looking out for their best interests and your desire to help them make good choices both now, and in the future. Take time to spend with your children, and let them see how you really care for their wellbeing. Your student, our school, and our community will become more successful with proper love, care, and good choices. Keep soaring FIREBIRDS!

### *Scheduled Board Meetings*



Tuesday, February 6th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:30pm (if called)

# REMINDER NO SCHOOL

**Friday, February 16th** - Teacher Workday - No school for students

**Monday, February 19th** - Holiday - President's Day

## 2024 - 2025 ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at [www.fallslakeacademy.com](http://www.fallslakeacademy.com) on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is 5:00pm on March 1, 2024. 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 15th.

This is also a reminder that siblings of students who have attended FLA this current school year have preference in the lottery. However, you must apply online through SchoolMint by 5pm on March 1st to receive that preference.



## LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent for all current students will be sent out through a Jupiter Message to parents/guardians on Friday, February 2nd. The google doc form must be completed by Friday, February 16th in order to guarantee your current student a place at FLA next year.

Link to Form: <https://forms.gle/EsHpScJH7aoGGPiy7>

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



# Elementary Music

Mark your calendars for our First and Second Grade Arts Night on March 7th. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade will also have an Arts Night on March 20th. A music concert with Mrs. McWatters will start at 6:30 PM in the school gym. There will also be a visual arts display with Mrs. Swartz in the front of the school building. Our young artists and performers have been working hard to prepare for this event, and we can't wait to see them shine.

## Concert details:

Students should wear their favorite concert/presentation attire. The concert will last less than an hour, but the memories will last a lifetime. The gym's performance doors will open at 6:00 PM. Don't wait until 6:30 to ensure that you have enough time to find a seat and get settled before the show starts.

We want to create a fun and supportive environment for our young performers. Please note that we ask you to refrain from talking during the concert and turning off your cell phone sounds. Let's make this a night to remember for our young performers!

1st and 2nd grade parents please fill out this form if you haven't already: [bit.ly/concert3724](https://bit.ly/concert3724)

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, please fill out this form: [bit.ly/concert32024](https://bit.ly/concert32024)

We can't wait to see you there!

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## 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 for your understanding!







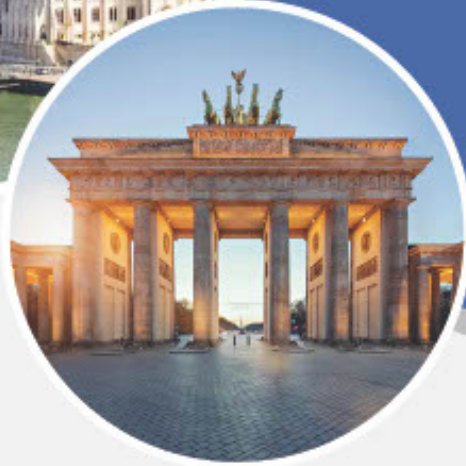
# WWII and Cold War EUROPE

VISIT 4 COUNTRIES ON THIS  
UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO BERLIN,  
PRAGUE, KRAKOW AND BUDAPEST.

**THE TRIP WILL TAKE PLACE  
SPRING BREAK OF 2025.**



WWII and Cold War History will  
come to life as you visit these  
ancient cities that are now more  
vibrant than ever.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TRIP INCLUDE:

- visit remains of the Berlin Wall.
- Topography of Terror Museum
- visit Auschwitz and Birkenau.
- the Tatras Mountains of Slovakia.
- visit Wawel Cathedral
- the Hungarian Parliament building.

## INTEREST MEETING

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY,  
13TH AT 6:00PM IN THE  
LOWER BUILDING**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**  
Amber Adcock or Lindsey Graham

# Athletic Booster Club News

The Falls Lake Booster Club will be having a Captains Choice (Superball) golf tournament on April 27, 2024, at South Granville Country Club, with a 1:30 start. The booster club supports all athletic teams to pay for equipment, uniforms, field rentals, and upkeep of facilities. How can you help; by entering a team to play in the tournament or buy a hole sponsorship. For more information or brochures, please contact a Booster Club member or either one of the Athletic Directors. We need your support! Our next Booster Club meeting will be Feb. 7th at 6:00 in the High School Lobby.

## Counselor Corner

— Falls Lake Academy —

### PRESS RELEASE

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Career Café for Students



### CAREER CAFE COMES TO FALLS LAKE ACADEMY

For one day and one day only! 5th grade has been learning about the CFNC Paws in Jobland program and careers. We would like to share this information with all interested students! The cafe will take place **Wednesday, March 6th from 8-2 in the POL room.** We hope to see you there!

Special thanks to the College Foundation of NC

Hosted by Ms. McGarry

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

-Fred the Firebird

