



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 7-13 - Teacher Workdays
Aug 8 - Senior Parking Permit Pick-Up
Aug 8-9 - Senior Portraits
Aug 9 - Junior Parking Permit Pick-Up
Aug 10-11 Senior Paint Your Spot
Aug 12 - Kindergarten Open House, 3:00-5:00pm
Aug 12 - 1st-5th Open House, 5:00-7:00pm
Aug 12 - 6th-12th Open House, 3:00-5:00pm
Aug 13 - Student Technology Check Out, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Aug 14 - First Day of school for students
Aug 14 - Senior Breakfast
Aug 17-18 Senior Paint Your Spot
Aug 20 - Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
Aug 20 - Board Meeting (if cal, 6:30pm)
Aug 29- Junior Parent - Senior Project Parking Info Session, 6:00pm
Aug 29- Senior Parent - Senior Project Parent Info Session, 6:45pm

Message from Mr. Johnson

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

School is not the same without all our staff and students in the building. We are ready to have everyone back and we are ready to reach new heights of excellence!

We are preparing our school and classrooms so you will feel like family here. Over the next two weeks, you will be sending your students back to school, providing their learning supplies to help in the classrooms, and meeting the staff here. We are excited and thank you for that!

Each year, we ask our parents to review our expectations that are listed in our handbook. This year I am taking time to highlight various areas of the handbook with you through a video format. I am taking the time to do this so I can also provide some explanation for certain expectations. The video should be sent out later this week and families can view it all at once or in small increments. I will try to make it as short as I can, but I want to provide all the important information needed. Our staff will be going over relevant information with their students during the first few days of school and I will be holding an assembly to also address important areas that help them know the behavior expectations, prohibited items, and expectations for respecting each other.

One important area that we need your help with this year is social media and technology. Most, if not all, discipline issues we see at school have some link to use with phones, texts, or social media influences. Many times this is having a negative impact on your child's mental health. Please have constant conversations about the use of these devices or platforms at home with your students now. Please speak to them before they make errors on the digital platforms or take out something on another person. We never want anyone to get in trouble for anything and this is a great way to prevent this. It must start at home with good conversations about what is right and wrong on digital platforms. Teaching your children responsible use will also help their reputation at school and preserve learning time for all.

Be sure to attend Open House on Monday, August 12 for your grade level. This will be a great time to meet many of our staff. This year we will be offering FLA shirts for purchase and possibly some snacks as well. If you intend to purchase any of those items, please be sure to bring cash. We will not be able to take cards for these sales. All of the proceeds from these sales will go directly back to the school to extend the funding for learning in all students. Each year we purchase interactive programs to help identify and provide resources to fill learning gaps and these proceeds help to support this.

We have worked hard already and are looking forward to the best Firebird year yet! We are glad you are here! Go FIREBIRDS!

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, August 21st @ 6:30pm

TIME FOR SCHOOL

Welcome back Firebird family!

First Day of School for students is **Wednesday, August 14th!**

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 19th and closes on August 26th at 12noon. Serving dates are September 3rd - 30th.

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 14th through August 30th!!!



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

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

SENIOR
portraits

August 8th & 9th

Location: HS Gym

Link to sign up for an appointment:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BAEAE2FA3FE3-50339385-creedmoor#/>



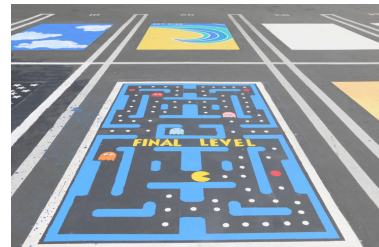
Seniors: Thursday, August 8th

Juniors: Friday, August 9th

Fee: \$50

Payment options for parking passes is check or cash.

Senior Paint Your Spot
August 10-11 & August 17-18



Thursday, August 29th

Location: HS Gym

Junior Parents - Capstone Project Parent Info Session, 6:00pm

Senior Parents -Capstone Project Parent Info Session, 6:45pm

Intake/Open House Forms

All intake forms will be emailed to parents the week of August 12th and must be completed no later than Friday, August 23rd

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.

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 now, until next time...

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