



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 5 - New Family Night, 1st - 5th Grade, 3:00pm; 6th - 8th Grade, 3:45pm; 9th - 12th Grade, 4:30pm
- Aug 5 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Aug 6-12 - Teacher Workdays
- Aug 7-8 - Senior Portraits, HS Gym
- Aug 7 - Senior Parking Passes, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Aug 8 - Junior Parking Passes, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Aug 11 - 1st-5th Grade Open House, 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Aug 11 - 6th-12th Grade Open House, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Aug 11 - Kindergarten Open House, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Aug 12 - HS Student Technology Pickup, 8:00am-9:30am
- Aug 13 - First Day of School for Students
- Aug 13 - Senior Breakfast, 7:30am - 8:30am
- Aug 16-17 - Senior Paint Your Parking Spot
- Aug 18 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
- Aug 19 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
- Aug 19-21 - Dental Clinic, 8:00am-12:00pm
- Aug 23-24 - Senior Paint Your Parking Spot
- Aug 26 - 3rd Grade BOG
- Aug 28 - Senior Virtual Capstone Night, 6:00pm
- Aug 28 - Junior Virtual Capstone Night, 6:30pm

Message from Mr. Johnson

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are thrilled to begin another exciting journey together, and we can't wait to see the energy, joy, and potential your children bring through our doors. The 2025-2026 school year officially begins on **Wednesday, August 13**, and we are counting down the days until our hallways are once again filled with the bright smiles and eager hearts of our students.

As we prepare for a strong start, we kindly ask that all families plan to arrive early on the first day. Traffic is always a bit heavier as we get into the rhythm of drop-off and pick-up routines, and your patience and early arrival will help ensure a smooth experience for everyone. Please be sure to review the carline drop off maps located on our website: <https://www.fallslakeacademy.com/transportation-carpool>

This year, we're proud to embrace our school-wide theme: "Hearts for Success." We believe that everything we do — how we lead, how we teach, how we learn — flows from the heart. Our commitment is to serve with compassion, integrity, and a deep sense of purpose, and we hope to instill in every student the strength of character and kindness that leads to lifelong success.

We know that the foundation of a successful school year is strong partnerships between home and school. We are honored to walk alongside you in this journey, and together, we will set high expectations, foster a love of learning, and ensure each student feels seen, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Please take time to thoroughly review our updated school handbook. A link is here for easy access. The handbook has been enhanced this year and is full of important information, helpful updates, and resources to support your family throughout the year.

Here's to a year full of heart, growth, and success! We are so glad to have you as part of our school family, and we look forward to an amazing year ahead — together.

Handbook Link:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1754511224/fallslakeacademycom/js7cuq94yfdxsxgdvevwe/25-26Student-ParentHandbook.pdf>

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, August 5th @ 6:30pm

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

TIME FOR SCHOOL

Welcome back Firebird family!

First Day of School for students is **Wednesday, August 13th!**

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 2nd - 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 13th through August 29th!!!



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

INFINITE CAMPUS

PARENT PORTAL LOGIN:

Already set-up?

- Go to www.fallslakeacademy.com and click on Campus Parent at the top of the screen.
- Log in to see your student's grades, see messages from staff, pay fees, and more!

Need help getting in?

- You'll need an activation code. If you did not receive the email or can't find it, please email elizabethdoerfler@fallslakeacademy.com to get your unique code.
- You (or another guardian connected to your student) will need to complete the intake paperwork in order to gain access to the portal.

Problem with the app?

- It's almost always the wrong district is populating - make sure it says Falls Lake Academy at the top. If not, click Change District and set it to Falls Lake Academy.

INFINITE CAMPUS

STUDENT PORTAL LOGIN: GRADES 6-12 ONLY

Already set-up?

- Go to www.fallslakeacademy.com and click on Campus Student at the top of the screen.
- Log in to see your grades, messages, and more!

First time log-in?

- You'll need to claim your account.
- Go to www.tinyurl.com/flast-htic for detailed instructions.

Problem with the app?

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**Start memorizing your student ID -
you'll need it!!!!**

Back to School Open House

**Monday,
August 11th**

3:00pm - 5:00pm
1st - 5th Grade

4:00pm - 6:00pm
Kindergarten

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Middle and High School

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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