



The Firebird Screams

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

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September Dates to Remember:



- Sep. 1 - Holiday - Labor Day
- Sep. 2 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Sep. 6-7 - Senior Paint Your Parking Spot
- Sep. 8 - PTA Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
- Sep. 10 - Fall Picture Day (Grades K - 11)
- Sep. 12 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - Wheels, Durham
- Sep. 12 - 1st Grade POL - Community Day
- Sep. 15 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
- Sep. 16 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
- Sep. 18 - Curriculum Night (K - 5th), 5:00pm-5:30pm & 5:45pm-6:15pm
- Sep. 19 - Teacher Workday (K-8 Staff Active Engagement Training, 9:00am-12:00pm)
- Sep. 23 - NHS Inductions, 6:00pm
- Sep. 26 - K-5 Family Night

Message from Mr. Johnson

Welcome to a new school year! We are so glad you are part of our school community, and we are excited to partner with you in supporting your child's growth and learning.

At our school, one of our greatest commitments is to ensure that every student has an equitable experience—that each child is treated fairly, with kindness, and given the same opportunities to thrive. To do this, we work hard to create processes and expectations that are applied consistently across the board. This helps us build a safe, structured, and caring environment where all students feel valued.

We know that for our youngest learners, moments like the morning car line can feel especially big. It's not easy to say goodbye to your Kindergartener as they take those first steps into independence. Please know that we are here to support both you and your child during this transition. Our team is ready to welcome your little one with warmth, encouragement, and care, helping them begin their day in a positive way.

This year, we were also required by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) to transition to a new Student Information System. We have worked hard to set up Infinite Campus to manage grading, scheduling, and attendance. While Infinite Campus provides the necessary academic tools, its communication features did not meet our standards. To ensure families receive clear, organized, and timely updates, we have invested in a new tool called ParentSquare.

ParentSquare is now live, and we encourage you to log in and set up your notifications. You should begin receiving messages right away (or as soon as you sign up). This platform will help streamline communication by combining emails into a single daily message and providing a real-time calendar of school events. We are excited about this new resource and confident it will improve how we stay connected with you throughout the year.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Together, we will make this a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and joy!

Building Hearts for Success!
Joey Johnson

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, September 2nd @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 16th (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 10th

Picture Make-Up Day

Wednesday, October 29th



Monday, September 1st -
Holiday - Labor Day

Friday, September 19th -
Teacher Workday - No school for students



ParentSquare and Infinite Campus



ParentSquare

We're excited to announce that we are now using ParentSquare for two-way communication between staff and parents.

Infinite Campus will continue to be used for grades and attendance.

If you haven't set up your ParentSquare account yet, please check your email for the activation link.

Falls Lake Academy Testing Calendar 2025-2026		
Test	Grade	Date
BOG	3 rd	8/26/2025
Reading Check-in 1	3 rd – 8 th	10/9/25
Math Check-in 1	3 rd – 7 th	10/10/25
preACT	10 th (required)	10/14/25
PSAT	11 th (optional, opt-in was required)	10/14/25
EOC (Math 1, Math 3, English 2, Biology)	9 th – 12 th	12/15/25 – 12/18/25
Reading Check-in 2	3 rd – 8 th	1/14/26
Math Check-in 2	3 rd – 8 th	1/15/26
ACT	11 th (required)	3/17/26
Reading Check-in 3	3 rd – 8 th	3/31/26
Math Check-in 3	3 rd – 8 th	4/1/26
Science EOG	5 th and 8 th	5/13/26
Reading EOG	3 rd – 8 th	5/14/26
Math EOG/Math 1 EOC	3 rd – 8 th	5/15/26
EOC (Math 1, Math 3, English 2, Biology)	9 th – 12 th	5/18/26 – 5/21/26

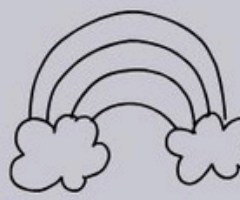
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Senior Paint Your Spot

September 6th & 7th



FALLS LAKE ACADEMY



SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH



HELP US RAISE AWARENESS OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE!

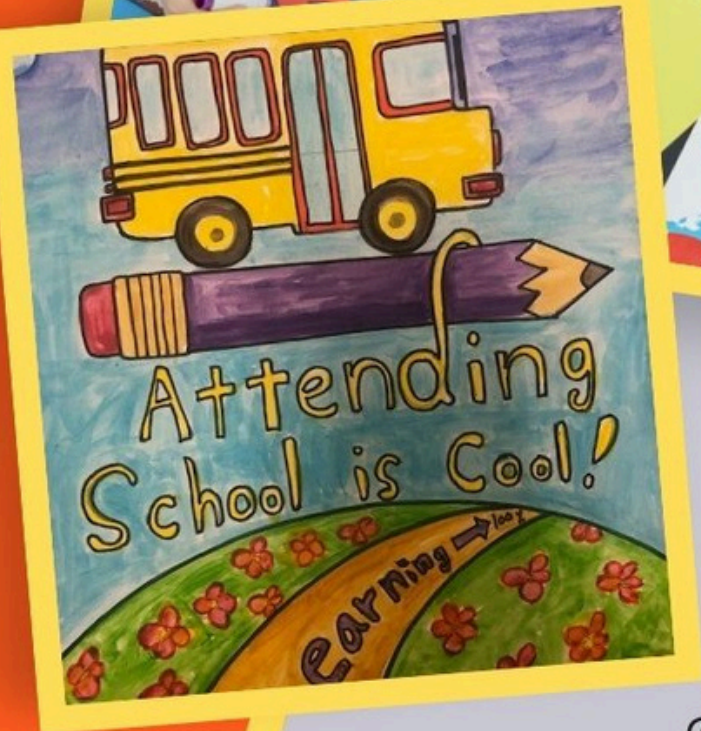
POSTER PALOOZA

K-5 Students

Posters should include:

- A message about the importance of good attendance
- Student's name and PAA written on the back

Every student that turns
in a poster will receive a
GOLDEN TICKET



PLEASE TURN IN ALL POSTERS TO MRS. MOSLEY

**DUE SEPTEMBER
15TH**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER MRS. MOSLEY
ALEXMOSLEY@FALLSLAKEACADEMY.COM

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PTA NEWS



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Fundraising Goals

This year our primary fundraising focus will be on improving our outdoor spaces. We'd like to purchase pergolas for the high school. We'd also like to make a sensory garden and outdoor classroom spaces that the whole school can enjoy. Finally, if we're able to, we will work on purchasing shade for the playgrounds. Additionally, fundraising monies will also go towards classroom grants, hospitality efforts, and school events such as dances and family nights.

Mark your calendar!

Volunteer fair

September 18th 4:30-6

Family Night at Galaxy Fun Park:

September 26th 6pm-8pm

Fall Festival October 25th

More details to come!

General Meetings:

September 4th at 6pm (Budget vote!)

November 20th at 6pm

March 26th at 6pm

May 14th at 7pm (Elections!)

Rent the Rock

One of our passive fundraisers, is our "Rent the Rock" opportunity. Celebrate your student's birthday, a big upcoming game, your club's event, or a special teacher by renting the celebration rock's space. Paint your message to show your school spirit! Scan the QR code to check to see if your special date is available. Pay for the rental at fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com



REMINDER

You earn
volunteer hours
just for attending
our general
meetings!

To give incentive for more attendance and participation at general meetings, we will be providing child care and offering small door prize raffles to attendees!

PTA board members are not eligible to win door prizes

Join a Committee

Joining a committee is a wonderful way to show your support for our school. Its also an awesome way to earn volunteer hours! We have committees for all interests. Check out our opportunities by scanning the QR code below:



FLA PTA Committees

- Elementary** address the unique needs and events pertinent to the elementary school's needs
- Hospitality** creates a welcoming environment by organizing events for teachers and staff.
- High** address the unique needs and talents pertinent to the high school's needs
- Beautification** focuses on improving the school's physical appearance through landscaping and maintenance projects
- Fundraising** strategies and implements various activities to generate financial support for the school's needs
- Quarter Auction** help plan the year's spring fund-raiser
- Fall Festival** Help plan the year's fall festival
- Audit** ensures the PTA's financial records are accurate and transparent
- Middle** address the unique needs and events pertinent to the middle school's needs
- Nominating** identifies and recruits future PTA leaders to ensure continued effective governance
- Advocacy** works to support legislative efforts and school policies that benefit students and education
- Community Outreach** builds relationships with local organizations to support school programs and activities

Follow US!

Website

Meet the President

Our fearless leader has four kids at Falls Lake Academy ranging from kindergarten to a senior! Crystal Long has a passion for helping staff and parents make Falls Lake Academy the best school it can be. She is frequently seen at the school and is willing to do everything she can to support the education of our students.

RAFFLE TICKETS

- HP 15.6 INCH LAPTOP
- HD TOUCHSCREEN DISPLAY
- AMD RYZEN 5 GRAPHICS
- 8GB RAM 512 GB SSD
- WINDOWS 11

OVER \$400 VALUE

DRAWING IS AT 5PM ON SEPTEMBER 20TH

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE, AT THE HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL AND THE CREEDMOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Visit [fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com](https://www.fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com) to become a member, donate, or make a purchase!



STUDENT COUNCIL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications due Sept. 12th
- Officer Intent Forms due Sept. 12th
- Officer campaign starts Sept. 12th
- Voting closes on Sept. 19th
- First meeting Sept. 25th @ 12:00



Any questions, please email Mrs. Kelly
janelkelly@fallslakeacademy.com

Well that's all for now, until next time...

-Fred the Firebird

