FALL 2025

FREEMAN FOCUS

A Letter to Our Community…

On behalf of our Freeman students, staff and school board members we would like to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited for the school year and for us to serve your children and family. Our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and wonderful community create a winning team to help each and every student in Freeman be successful - in school, in the workplace, and in life. In the Freeman School District, it is an honor and privilege to serve our community and we take great pride in helping our students succeed. For the 2025-2026 school year, Freeman will continue focusing on serving our students, staff, families, and community; as well as, our *Freeman Guiding Question*: How will each staff member of the Freeman S.D. work collaboratively, as a TK-12 system, to improve teaching and learning for every student? We encourage you to connect with us (see back) for current information and updates. Thank you for your continued support of public education and the students of the Freeman School District! We are very excited and look forward to a great 2025-2026 school year!

Sincerely,
Randy L. Russell, PH.D,
Superintendent

Welcome to our New Staff

Mike Allen- Principal Assistant K-8
Amy Beazer– K-5 Music
Susan Chadduck– Library Coord/Paraedcuator
RaeAnne Clark– High School Secretary
Joanna DePeralta– Administrative Assistant
Marge Jessee– Nutritionist lll
Teagan Mahre-MS ELA (non-continuing)
Sierra McGarity– Paraeducator
Caleb Morton– HS Math/CTE
Emily Nelson– 2nd grade Teacher
Doug Pace– Paraeducator
Stacey Rawson—Interim Director of Student Services
Deeanna Rothrock– Paraeducator
Jolita Truett– Nutritionist ll
Joanna Yearta– School Psychologist Intern

We will have a few additional staff members joining us at the beginning of the school year that are still to be determined, along with several new coaches.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Mike Allen

We are pleased to announce that **Mike Allen**, who has served as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for the past four years, will be stepping into the role of Principal Assistant/MS Athletic Director at Freeman Elementary/MS. **Mr. Allen** has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership, instructional expertise, and a steadfast commitment to supporting students, staff, and Freeman Middle School's clubs and athletics. **Mr. Allen** brings to the Principal Assistant position a deep understanding of our district's goals, a collaborative approach to problem-solving and a passion for educational equity and excellence.
Please join us in congratulating **Mr. Allen** on his new role!

Stacey Rawson

We are excited to announce that **Stacey Rawson** will be stepping into the interim role of Student Services Director for the Freeman School District. **Mrs. Rawson** has served our community with compassion and dedication as our TTK-8 school counselor, bringing a wealth of experience in supporting students' academic, social, and emotional well- being. In her new role, **Mrs. Rawson** will oversee programs and services that promote student success, including special education, counseling, mental health supports and intervention systems. Her deep understanding of student needs and her collaborative leadership style make her an excellent fit for this critical position.
Please join us in congratulating **Mrs. Rawson** on her new role!

PACE Character Traits

*August—**Gratitude** September—**RESPECT** October—**RESPONSIBILITY** November—**CITIZENSHIP***

What's Happening at Freeman

8/18	District-wide Meet & Greet/Orientation/Ice Cream Social 4:30 pm—6:30 pm
8/18	Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class Lists Available (K-8 MPR)
8/18	6th-12th Grade Schedules Available 4:30-6:30
8/20	First Day of School, Grades 1 - 12
8/20-22	WA Kids K/TTK- By appointment
8/25	First Day Kindergarten
8/28	FMS picture day
8/29	No School
9/1	No School - Labor Day
9/2	First Day of TTK
9/4	FHS picture day
9/24	2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
9/26	Elementary pictures & Scottie Dash
10/23-24	No School-Conferences
10/29	2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15 am
11/11	No School-Veteran's Day Observed

Upcoming School Board Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 6pm and are held in the PRTC Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 9/22

Wednesday, 10/22

Wednesday, 11/19

Wednesday, 12/10 - Board Work Session

Wednesday, 1/26 - Board Work Session (11am)

All board meetings will now be recorded and the link will be attached to the board minutes posted on our website.

2025-2026: FAMILIES TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Freeman School District Nutrition Services will again be charging full price for each meal for the 2025-2026 school year. A Free/Reduced price meal application for the 2025-2026 school year is available on the district website:.

Meal prices for 2025-2026 are:

FES: breakfast = $2.20 / lunch = $3.60
FMS: breakfast = $2.50 / lunch = $3.90
FHS: breakfast = $2.50/ lunch = $3.90

For the safety of our students, please do not park on Jackson Road.
Be mindful of the 20 mph Speed Zone, crosswalks, and when dropping students off at the elementary school parking lot.

A special thank you to the Freeman community for the successful passing of our recent Safety, Security and Technology Levy that will fund future projects, beginning in 2026. Our existing (expired) Levy remaining dollars have funded several much-needed campus improvements over this summer listed below.

Parking Lot Maintenance
$46,200

Replacement of 30 year-old lawn mower
$31, 175

Replacement of 7 - 15 year old security cameras
$12,800

Repair sink-hole in Elementary Pickup/ dropoff area
$5,055

Repair leak in FHS Boys Locker Room
$4,600

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