



# FREEMAN FOCUS

FALL | WINTER 2025



FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL



## ANNUAL VETERANS DAY *Assembly*

The Freeman Community and special guests are invited to join the Freeman School District for a program to honor those who have served our great country!



MONDAY

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

8:45AM - 9:15AM

PROGRAM BEGINS:

9:30 AM



### PACE Character Traits

November - **CITIZENSHIP** 🐾 December - **CARING** 🐾 January - **FAIRNESS** 🐾 February - **HONESTY**

# ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Lisa Phelan



FES Principal/  
Assistant Superintendent

The 2025–2026 school year at Freeman Elementary is off to a great start, filled with engaging learning experiences, field trips and fall activities. We assess students three times a year to track growth and guide instruction. Recent WA State report card results show outstanding performance: 70.7–75.4% of students met standards in English, 73.1–78.5% in math, and 86.5% of fifth graders in science. These achievements highlight the hard work of students and staff, and the unwavering support of our community. Continued levy support ensures the resources needed to sustain quality education and build a strong future for Freeman.

Freeman Middle School fosters belonging and connection among its 192 students through a variety of activities. This fall, 105 students joined co-curriculars including softball, cross country, football, and robotics, while 189 participate in Band, Choir, Drumline, and Art. Academically, 58 students pursue advanced math in grades 6–8. Weekly sessions such as “Taco Bout It” and “Let’s Lego” amplify student voice, ensuring every student is heard. With an emphasis on inquiry, critical thinking, and communication through reading and writing, Freeman Middle School is committed to developing well-rounded learners who feel connected, supported, and inspired.

Jim Straw



FMS Principal

Jeff Smith



FHS Principal

Freeman High School celebrated exceptional achievements across academics, arts, and athletics last year. With a 96% graduation rate and test scores far above state averages, students excelled academically. Advanced learners earned 53 AP passes and 117 college credits. Over 164 students engaged in clubs such as FFA, FBLA, SkillsUSA, Robotics, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl and Art Club, while our Band and Drumline won their third Gold Standard Award at the Lilac Parade. Athletics saw 377 participants and multiple state titles in soccer, girls’ golf, girls’ tennis doubles, boys’ track, and Trap. Freeman earned the 2B Scholastic Cup for overall academic and athletic excellence—reflecting the dedication of our students, staff, and community. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence throughout 2025-26!

Freeman School District is committed to helping all learners thrive, even when reading, writing, or math is challenging. Early identification and intervention are key to long-term success. Each January, Freeman Elementary screens all K–2 students for dyslexia, following Washington State guidelines. Students identified as “at risk” receive school-based, evidence-based support such as structured literacy, phonological awareness training, and small-group interventions. These early services help students catch up faster, gain confidence, and reduce frustration. In our rural community, strong in-school supports also lessen travel and cost burdens for families while ensuring every child has the chance to succeed. If your child is screened as “at risk” for dyslexia, you will be contacted about supports by the classroom teacher.

Stacey Rawson



Director of Student Services

Heidi Youseph



7-12 CTE Counselor

We are excited to introduce Freeman ConnectEd, our new 100% online program designed to support the academic journey and graduation success of our students, as well as a few from our neighboring rural districts. This dedicated online environment is currently serving a total of 16 students—5 part-time and 11 full-time—and still has 3 open spots for new enrollment. Guiding our students are committed team members Matt Smith (Lead Teacher), Deena Jackson (Paraeducator), and Heidi Youseph (Program Director/Counselor), who work together to provide comprehensive academic support and essential graduation guidance. For additional information, please contact Heidi Youseph at [hyouseph@freemansd.org](mailto:hyouseph@freemansd.org) or Matt Smith at [msmith@freemansd.org](mailto:msmith@freemansd.org).





On September 26th, students in grades TK-8 ran their hearts out for our annual **Scottie Dash** fundraiser! It was an overwhelming success for our ASB and PTSG groups, with all proceeds going directly back to Freeman students and activities.

**Thank you to our generous Scottie Dash Business Sponsors**

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| Albrecht Law            | Dragon Fly Works   | iSmile Orthodontics | Next Level Cladding       |
| Broadway Heights Dental | Hawley Family      | Lakeland Immediate  | The Law Office of         |
| Bulldog Baseball Camps  | Hops N Drops       | Care                | Witherspoon               |
| Dave's Hot Chicken      | Inland Empire Golf | L&M Truck Sales     | Brajcich & McPhee         |
| Russell Family          | Academy            | Maids of Movher     | Scott Family Orthodontics |



5th Grade - Doris Morrison Learning Center



Mrs. Hawk's TK Class - Hidden Acres Farm

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips play a vital role in education, extending learning beyond the classroom. They provide hands-on, real-world experiences that deepen understanding and spark curiosity.



TK Fun at Hidden Acres Farm



3rd Grade - SE Spokane County Fair



Mrs. Jensen's 3rd Grade Class - Rockford Auto

Freeman High School Principal, Jeff Smith, and CTE Counselor, Heidi Youseph took 16 students to the Spokane National College Fair where 100 colleges and 8 workshops were available to students to help them plan their post secondary journey.



**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**



We are pleased to be included in the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine 7th Grade Engagement Program

"Unlock Your Future" Career Fair hosted by the HUB 8th Grade



**FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLAR PROJECT**

Freeman School District is excited to be working with Partners for Rural Washington and Zero Emissions Northwest who helped us secure a grant through the Washington State University Energy Program for the installation of a 100 kW solar ground mount system with projected installation in January 2026. Freeman has been exploring alternative ways to reduce energy costs, and this solar project is 100% grant-funded and comes at **no cost** to our School District or taxpayers. The solar energy production will allow us to reinvest money back into programs for our students.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The ground mount solar panels will produce 100 kW of power and will be located east of the Transportation Building
- This project is 100% grant funded and comes at **no cost** to the Freeman School District or our taxpayers
- This alternative energy source will allow us to reinvest utility costs back into student programs



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## COMING UP AT FREEMAN

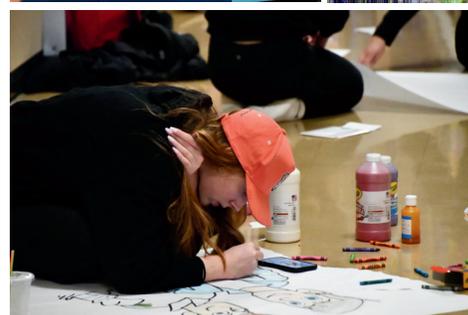
- 10/29 2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
- 11/10 Veterans Day Community Program - 9:30am - HS Blue Gym
- 11/11 Veterans Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/19 School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building
- 11/24-11/28 Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- 12/3 2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
- 12/10 School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building
- 12/15 Winter Concert - HS Blue Gym
  - Grades K-2 = 5:30pm
  - Grades 6-12 = 7:00pm
- 12/22-1/2 Winter Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/5 Teacher Prof. Development Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed - **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/24 Pep Band Alumni Night - 3-7:00pm - HS Blue Gym
- 1/26 School Board Meeting - 11:00am - PRTC Building
- 2/4 2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
- 2/16 Presidents' Day Observed - **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/26 School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building



Check out Freeman's website at [www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org) for information regarding additional activity dates/times.

## HOMEcomings 2025

High School creativity was in full swing with hallway decorations and entertaining assemblies to celebrate Homecoming. **GO DAWGS!**



**FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 PRIDE | COMMITMENT | CARING