



The Firebird Screams

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

-Fred the Firebird

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December Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 1-5 - HS Homecoming Week
- Dec. 2 - High School Fall Art Expo, 9:30am-3:00pm
- Dec. 5 - Mrs. Myer's Class POL - Presents for Paws, 11:15am-12:00pm, POL Room
- Dec. 6 - HS Homecoming Dance, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Dec. 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Dec. 11 - 1st Grade POL
- Dec. 12 - Early Release for Students Only
- Dec. 15 - HS 1st Period Exams
- Dec. 16 - K-5 PTA Santa/Cookies
- Dec. 16 - HS 2nd Period Exams
- Dec. 17 - HS 3rd Period Exams
- Dec. 18 - HS 4th Period Exams
- Dec. 18 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Marbles
- Dec. 19 - End of 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 19 - Early Release for students and staff
- Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - Christmas / Winter Break
- Jan. 5 - Teacher Workday

Message from Mr. Johnson

As we enter this special season, my heart is filled with gratitude for the incredible community we share. This is a time of celebration, love, and generosity—a moment to pause, look around, and appreciate the many ways we care for one another. Every day, I see the kindness and compassion within our schools, and it reminds me just how fortunate we are to be part of something so meaningful.

During this time of year, we also recognize that some members of our community could use a little extra support. I'm proud to share that we have several opportunities for families to help make a difference right here at home. Whether it's donating toys, contributing gift cards, or giving a monetary gift, every act of generosity directly impacts students and families who need it most.

Please know that you do not have to do everything—nor do we expect you to. Instead, I encourage you to choose one way to give that resonates with your family's values and capacity. Even a single gesture can ripple outward in powerful ways.

I also invite you to bring your children into this experience. When students take part in these service activities, they see firsthand how their actions can brighten someone else's day. They are also blessed to learn some of life's most important lessons that we drive here at FLA: empathy, responsibility, and the joy of giving. Giving with a kind heart is truly a joy that lasts forever to all involved. Joyful moments like this shape, not only our understanding of community, but also character as well.

Thank you for the love you show, the care you extend, and the spirit of generosity you model. It is an honor to lead a community that lifts each other up with such intention and heart.

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 16th (if called) @ 6:30pm

Reminders

Friday, December 12th - Early Release for Students ONLY!

Friday, December 19th - Early Release for Students and Staff!

Monday, January 5th - Teacher Workday



WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 22ND
THROUGH
JANUARY 4TH

Enjoy your break ... Students we will see you back at school on January 6th!

2026 - 2027 New Student Enrollment

Our lottery applications for the 2026-2027 school year will close on January 6th. Applications must be completed electronically through the link found on our website at www.fallslakeacademy.com on the Enrollment page. The application deadline is January 6, 2026. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery, they will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026.

This is also a reminder that siblings of students who have attended FLA this current school year have preference in the lottery.

However, you must apply online through SchoolMint by January 6th to receive that preference.

PTA News

Firetime Funday

In order to make our Firetime Fundays a success, we depend on gift card and monetary donations from parents. Please consider donating if you're able. You can donate on givebacks:

<https://fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com/shop/items/5e78a9cb59> or drop a gift card of any denomination off at the HS office.

A blue graphic with orange accents. At the top, two orange gift cards with blue bows are shown, each labeled 'GIFT CARD'. In the center, the words 'FIRETIME FUNDAY' are written in a light orange, sans-serif font, arched over a white icon of two hands holding a heart. Below this, the words 'GIFT CARD' are written in large, bold, white letters inside an orange rounded rectangle. Underneath that, the word 'DONATIONS' is written in very large, bold, white letters. The bottom section of the graphic contains white text on a blue background, including a call to action and several bullet points.

FIRETIME FUNDAY

GIFT CARD

DONATIONS

We need to donations for our HS funday!

We really want to show our students some love with this Firetime Funday! We need your help with to make that happen!

*We desperately **NEED** donations of gift cards (any amount) to any store of your choosing!

*You can also donate money in person or online at <https://fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com/shop/items/1165358> and gift cards will be purchased for you!

*You can turn in gift cards or money to either office

Please help us make the this Firetime Funday a huge SUCCESS!

ONLINE DONATION LINK

Holiday Raffle

Our Holiday Raffle kicks off December 1st! This year we have a prize EVERYONE will love! A \$500 VISA Gift Card!!! Tickets are \$5 each.

ALL teachers, staff, students, parents, school board members, PTA members, PTA board members, and community members are eligible to enter and win! Santa will draw the winning ticket at 12pm on December 16th!

Purchase tickets here: <https://fallslakeacademy.givebacks.com/shop/items/f2a195f050e8d8>

A festive holiday-themed poster for a raffle. At the top, Santa Claus and a reindeer peek over a white banner. In the top left corner, a yellow gift tag with a black ribbon and the number '500' is shown. The banner contains the text: 'Falls Lake Academy PTA', 'HOLIDAY RAFFLE', 'This season is the perfect time to win and celebrate. Join our raffle and enjoy the chance to take home a \$500 Visa gift card!', 'DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 16TH', 'TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH', and 'Santa will draw the winning ticket!'. Below the banner, there are two green Christmas trees with yellow stars and white lights. At the bottom, there are stacks of gold coins and several wrapped gifts in various colors (purple, green, blue, orange, pink) with colorful bows. The background is a solid red color.

★ Falls Lake Academy PTA

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PTA General Meeting

Our general meeting was rescheduled from November 20th (due to the fundraiser delivery) and is now scheduled for December 11th! We hope to see you there!

REMINDER

GENERAL MEETING

**DEC 11TH
7PM**

LOCATION: Pol Room

Toy Drive

Help us spread holiday cheer by donating new or gently used toys. These toys will be distributed to children in need in our community. Toy drive will run December 1st-18th. Please drop items off at the lobby of the lower or HS building.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

SPREADING JOY, ONE TOY AT A TIME!



DECEMBER 1ST - 18TH

Falls Lake Academy PTA

How You Can Help

Donate new or gently used toys to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas!

We Accept:

- Board games
- Dolls and action figures
- Building blocks
- Art supplies
- Sports equipment
- Blankets and much more!

Please Avoid:

- Damaged or incomplete items

Drop Off & Make a Difference!

All donations will be distributed to underprivileged children in our community. Please drop off items at the lower building lobby or the high school lobby.



Falls Lake Academy's Annual

GIFT CARD DRIVE

On now until Dec 16, 2025

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You can help spread joy and love this holiday season by donating gift cards or cash. All Proceeds go to sponsored families to assist in buying gifts for Christmas!

Please contact School Social Worker, Alex Mosley, for any questions or concerns.

alexmosley@fallslakeacademy.com

How to Donate:

Give all gift cards and cash:

- During car pool
- To your child's teacher
- Lower Building Front Office
- Upper Building Front Office

Gift Card Ideas:

- Food Lion
- Walmart
- Gas Cards
- Amazon



Well firebirds, that is all for this year. This is Fred the Firebird wishing you all Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

