

Freeman Middle Scoop – 12-12-25

FMS Office Hours are 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Doors are open to students at 8 am.

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We're excited to announce the launch of our new Freeman School District website!

The new freemansd.org website went live today, and while we're thrilled for you to explore it, we also want to let you know that we are still fine-tuning a few areas and adding final touches to ensure everything works smoothly. Thank you for your patience as we continue making improvements and improving functionality. Our goal is to strengthen communication and make it easier for you to find the information that matters most to your family.

2nd Semester Schedules - Students can log into Family Access and see their schedules for the 2nd semester at 4pm today. Students can request a schedule change until 2:00 pm on Monday, January 12, 2026, by going into the FMS Counselor classroom and clicking on the "Schedule Change Request Form."

Freeman Robotics Teams ROBO REX & LOST AND FOUND had strong performances at the First LEGO League Challenge, First WA District competition this past Sunday!!

Congratulations ROBO REX Team!! They placed 2nd in Robot Competition and scored high in their Innovation Project & Core Values Competition earning a spot at the FLL EASTERN WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP January 24, 2026!

Great work to Team LOST AND FOUND! They tied for 11th in the Robot Competition and delivered a solid showing in Innovation Project & Core Values Competition!

Impressive Performances all around! GO Scotties!!

Lost and Found Team

Robo Rex Team



Thank you to our FSD Robotics Coaches- Barb Berg, Chris Thosath, and Annie Thompson!

Scottie MS Weekly Announcements

Final Days: Finish Strong & Get Ready for the Fun!

The first semester is winding down, and we have a jam-packed final week!

- **Focus Today (Friday):** We are prioritizing academics with our **Scottie Time** focus: **No F's!**
- **Musical Meeting:** Interested in a MS drama production? Meet with **Mrs. Thompson** during Scottie Time today!
- **Second Semester Schedules:** Available on **Family Access at 4:00 PM today!**

TONIGHT: Winter Dance & Craft Night!

Don't miss the fun tonight, hosted by the PTSG:

- **Craft Night:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- **FMS Winter Dance:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the gym! (All school rules apply!)

🎄 Next Week: Holiday Spirit & Finals

- **Spirit Week!** Celebrate the last week with dress-up days (themes below).
- **Finals:** The schedule starts on **Thursday, Dec. 18th.**
- **Next Monday:** Band & Choir Concert at 7:00 PM.

🏐 Volleyball: An Undefeated Season!

The FMS Volleyball teams closed out their seasons with incredible success:

- 7th Grade JV: Finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record after a victory against Cheney! Every player contributed to this unforgettable, undefeated season.
- 8th Grade Teams: Both the Red Team and Combo Team played great, with the Combo team ending their season on a 3-set sweep!

Boys' basketball first day of practice – Tuesday, January 6th.

- Parent Meeting Thursday, January 8th at 5:15 pm in the K-8MPR
- Picture Day Wednesday January 21st starting at 3 pm
- Must have 8 practices to play in games

Girls' basketball first day of practice – Thursday – February 20th

- Each player must have 8 practices to appear in games



Setting Boundaries

In middle school, friendships and social circles can feel intense. Learning to say "no" is an important form of self-care. It shows that you value your own time and feelings, and it teaches others how to treat you. Try This: Talk about healthy boundaries. Ask your child what they would do if a friend asked them to do something they weren't comfortable with.

Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald – karchibald@freemansd.org

Band Alumni Night! 1/24/26

If you played an instrument while at Freeman, please consider joining the Freeman Pep Band on Saturday January 24th. FAB (Freeman Arts Boosters) will pay your entry to the game and if you email Mr. Jydstrup (jjydstrup@freemansd.org) with your name, instrument and favorite pep song you will have your sheet music and practice recordings sent to you to prepare. If you need an instrument, no worries, just let Mr. Jydstrup know in the email, and he will find you one. You will need to be in the high school band room at 3pm and we will be playing for both games and it will be done around 7:30-8pm. We hope to see you there and thank you again for your continued support!

2026 WSUMED Family Night for 6th and 7th grade Families

We are excited to invite you to an evening of dinner and learning on Wednesday, January 7th, from 5:30–7:00 pm. This annual event has continued to grow, and we're looking forward to welcoming a large group again this year. Thanks to a generous partnership with WSU, Chipotle dinner will be provided, and families will have the chance to learn more about the outstanding collaboration between FMS and the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. This partnership continues to create meaningful opportunities for our students, and we're eager to share the impact it's having. This year, we're especially fortunate to have Dr. Poppy Gardiner joining us to speak about the effects of social media on the adolescent brain—a topic that continues to be relevant and important for families. We expect it to be an engaging and informative evening.

To help us plan, please RSVP by Monday, January 5th by emailing us, or by calling the FMS Office. Your early response ensures we can prepare dinner and seating for everyone. We hope you'll join us for this valuable and enjoyable night together.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

DEC 15TH — HOLIDAY CHAOS/RED & WHITE STRIPES (*Wear holiday colors/candy canes*)

DEC 16TH — DRESS LIKE A FAVE HOLIDAY CHARACTER (*Red*)

DEC 17TH — PJ'S/ONESIES (*Green*)

DEC 18TH — SANTA HATS vs. REINDEER vs ELVES – antlers, noses, ears... (*White*)

DEC 19TH — HOLIDAY SWEATERS (*Blue*)

CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

December 12 – PTSG Holiday Craft Night 4:30-6:30 pm & FMS Winter Dance 6:00-8:00 pm

December 15 – Band/Choir Concert – FHS Blue Gym @ 7pm

December 22 – January 2 – No School - Winter Break

January 5 – No School for Students – Professional Development Day for Teachers

January 6 – First Day of School for the 2nd Semester

Important Fliers

FREEMAN ARTS BOOSTER - SUPPORT FREEMAN BAND AND CHOIR

FAB RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

TICKETS SOLD DURING THE K-2 & BAND/CHOIR CONCERTS
DECEMBER 15, 5:30 & 7:00
OR IN PERSON AT THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 15

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN AND CONTACTED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

TICKET INFORMATION:
\$1 EACH OR
25 TICKETS FOR \$20
CASH OR VENMO ACCEPTED! WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

WIN ONE OF TWO THEMED BASKETS!

FAMILY NIGHT BASKET:

- 4 AMC MOVIE TICKETS!
- \$100 RED ROBIN GIFT CARD!
- \$40 COLD STORE ICE CREAM GIFT CARD!
- CANDY & POPCORN!

DATE NIGHT BASKET:

- \$125 DINNER GIFT CERTIFICATE TO WOODEN CITY! YUMMI!
- TWO TICKETS TO THE SPONARE SYMPHONY AT THE FOX THEATRE (\$135 VALUE)! CONCERT DATE: FEBRUARY 28

THIS IS NOT AN ASB FUNDRAISER

Laurel County Area Chamber of Commerce THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW Volunteers of America

CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Celebrating 79 years of providing holiday assistance to those in need!

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center | 404 N. Havana, Spokane Valley, WA 99032

December 11-18, 2025

December 11, 12 and 13 | 10am-2pm
December 15, 16 and 17 | 3pm-7pm
December 18 | 10am-2pm
(Closed on Sunday, December 14)

Required Documentation
The following documentation is required to receive assistance:

Children (17 yrs. and younger)	Adults (18 yrs. and older)
Bring Proof of:	Bring Proof of:
Name	Photo ID (copies acceptable)
Date of Birth or Age	Proof of Physical Residence
(Copies of acceptable documentation)	(Copies of acceptable documentation)
- Birth Certificate	- Birth
- Passport Book	- Rental Agreement
- Letter from school/USPS signature	
- WA Apple Health Statement	

No Pre-Registration Required!

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FREE K-8 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

THIS CAMP IS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS K-8. RAN BY THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS.

WHEN? DECEMBER 22, 2025 10:30AM-12:30PM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL US AT
PARKER.TEAGUE@GOSCOTTIES.COM
ADDSYN.AGEE@GOSCOTTIES.COM

Freeman School CHESS CLUB

Sign up for Winter 2026 Grades 2-8

SCHEDULE: After School, Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm
8 Weeks: Jan 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12



Professional Chess Coach Dennis Pirello provides lectures, videos, and exercises, then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club also competes against other clubs in regional tournaments held on Saturdays (this is an optional activity). Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship, April 25, 2026, Tacoma, WA.

TUITION ~ \$90 for 8 weeks. Registration form below.
Tuition pays for: A. coaching fees, B. coaching supplies, C. end of semester awards, D. insurance, coach development, and administration costs. Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email. Installation payments are accepted and limited scholarships are available. Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play (free of charge).

Click [HERE](#) for Basketball Camp Registration Form

Click [here](#) for Chess Club registration form

Stay Connected! Follow Freeman Middle School on Instagram!

Follow us today to make sure you don't miss out on any of the fun!



Freeman Elementary Scottie Scoop
Freeman High School Friday Flyer

Freeman School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator: Randy Russell, rrussell@freemansd.org, 509-291-3695, 15001 S Jackson Rd. Rockford, WA 99030