



The Firebird Screams

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

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January Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1-2 - Winter Break
Jan. 5 - Teacher Workday
Jan. 6 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Jan. 6 - Lottery Closes
Jan. 9 - Report cards go home
Jan. 12 - K-5 Mclass Opens - MOY
Jan. 12 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm, HS Lobby
Jan. 14 - 3-8 Reading Check-In
Jan. 15 - 3-8 Math Check-In
Jan. 16 - Lottery via Zoom, 10:00am
Jan. 19 - Holiday - MLK Day
Jan. 20 - New Family Tours, 5:00pm & 6:00pm
Jan. 20 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm - (if called)
Jan. 30 - Capstone Night, 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Jan. 30 - Deadline to complete enrollment forms for new Students

Message from Mr. Johnson

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope your Winter Break was filled with rest, joy, and meaningful time with loved ones. As we return to school and begin the second semester, we are excited to reconnect with our students and families and to continue the important work ahead.

As a school community, our theme of "Hearts for Success" remains at the center of everything we do. While we are deeply committed to providing strong, engaging instruction and helping every student grow academically, we also believe that true success goes beyond academics. We are equally dedicated to teaching character—kindness, responsibility, perseverance, and respect. These traits are essential for lifelong success, in school and beyond.

We invite you to continue partnering with us as we reinforce these values together. When school and home work as one, and when we all speak with one voice, our students benefit in powerful ways. Your support, encouragement, and communication make a meaningful difference.

The start of a new semester brings fresh energy, new goals, and exciting opportunities. We are eager to kick off the second half of the year and are committed to working hard, staying focused, and supporting every student as we move forward. Together, let's finish this school year strong!

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We look forward to a great semester ahead.

Scheduled Board Meetings



Tuesday, January 6th @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 20th @ 6:30pm

2026 - 2027

New Student Enrollment

Our lottery applications for the 2026-2027 school year closes 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 via Zoom. Link to lottery below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89500782359>

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.

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

January 1st - 2nd- School Closed, Winter Break

Monday, January 5th - Teacher Workday - No school for students

Monday, January 19th - Holiday - MLK Day



Inclement Weather Reminder



The winter season is upon us once again. Just a brief reminder of how you'll now what's going on when Falls Lake Academy opens late, dismisses early or closes for inclement weather - information will go out to parents via the following:

- * FLA Website
- * ParentSquare Message to Parents
- * Phone Message to Parents
- * Facebook
- * Local News Stations
 - WRAL Channel 5
 - ABC Channel 11

When there is snow or ice on the ground or in the air, we try to put out information about our opening or closing status no later than 6:00am. If possible, we will put it out earlier than that, even the night before if we can make a decision in time.

But remember: Our winter weather plans are NOT aligned with other district public schools. Falls Lake Academy operates independently of local school districts and may have school when other schools do not. We do not operate buses and have more flexibility to open school when it is safe to do so. We serve families in 9 different counties, so there will be times that the roads may be clear around our school but are not clear near your home. Always use your best judgement when deciding to transport your child to school and never travel if you feel it is unsafe to do so. Weather related absences are excused with a note to your child's PAA.

