

# Freeman Middle Scoop – 1-30-26

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

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## Hit the Slopes! 6th Grade Mt. Spokane Ski Trip

Get ready, 6th-grade families! Our **2nd Annual** winter tradition is just around the corner. On **Wednesday, February 11th**, our students will head up to Mt. Spokane for a day of fresh air, skill-building, and memories. This trip has quickly become a highlight of the middle school experience. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to bond as a class while enjoying the great outdoors.

### Trip Schedule & Logistics

- **Departure:** The bus will leave Freeman promptly at **8:45 AM**.
- **Return:** Students will return to campus before the end of the school day, so afternoon transportation remains unchanged.
- **What's Included:** To make things easy for families, the trip includes professional lessons, equipment rentals, and lunch.

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### Community Support & Scholarships

We are thrilled to announce that this trip is proudly **sponsored by the PTSG!** To help keep this experience accessible for everyone, the PTSG is generously pitching in **\$7 per student** to offset the costs. We want every student to have the chance to participate. If your family needs additional financial assistance, please reach out to the school office—**scholarships are available**, and we are happy to help.

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### Safety & Supervision

We are committed to a safe and fun environment. We will have plenty of supervision on the mountain, thanks to a great team of school staff and parent chaperones.

**Not a skier? No problem!** If your student isn't quite ready to hit the runs, there will be dedicated supervision in the lodge throughout the day, so everyone stays warm and included.

### Important Reminders

- **Waivers:** A huge thank you to everyone who has already submitted their paperwork! If you haven't filled out your students' waivers yet, **please do so as soon as possible**.
- **Alternative Plans:** If you prefer your student not to attend, please let the office know so we can arrange for them to stay at school. Similarly, if you plan to keep your student home that day, please notify us of the absence.
- **Staying Late:** If your family would like to stay on the mountain to ski after the school buses depart, you are welcome too! However, you **must** sign your student out in person with our Administrator in Charge, **Mrs. Rawson**, before the group leaves.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for more snow and looking forward to an unforgettable day on the mountain. Let's make this a great trip!

# Freeman Middle School Musicians Take the Stage!

We are incredibly proud to announce that **12 Freeman Middle School band students** have auditioned and qualified to represent our school in the **Northeast-B Honor Groups**. The students are **Harrison Brown, Raegan Collins, Andrew Dickson, Audrey Gilrein, Mason Higgins, Jackson Horlacher, Ahava Kann, Carter Kidd, Graham Offereins, Kaleb Thompson, Brenton Ullrich and Harry Wilkinson.**

Selection for this group is a significant achievement. Our students will be joining the top young musicians from across the region to collaborate, refine their craft, and perform in a premier professional venue.

## About the Northeast-B Honor Groups

This prestigious ensemble brings together talented students from across the Northeast 1B and 2B leagues. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet peers from neighboring schools and work under the direction of expert guest conductors.

## Participating Schools Include:

- **Northeast 2B:** Freeman, Davenport, Jenkins (Chewelah), Liberty (Spangle), Lind-Ritzville, Newport, and Reardan.
- **Northeast 1B:** ACH, Harrington, Odessa, Wilbur-Creston-Keller, Rosalia, and Sprague-Lamont.

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## The Grand Finale: Performance Details

The culmination of all their hard work will be a live concert at one of the region's most beautiful venues. We encourage families and community members to come out and support these hard-working musicians!

- **When:** Friday, March 13th, 2026
- **Where:** Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center (Gonzaga University)

Congratulations to our talented performers for their dedication to the Freeman music program!

## Daily Announcements Recap

It's been a busy and meaningful stretch at FMS! We kicked things off by reflecting on Dr. King's legacy, focusing on choosing "strength under control" in our hallways. We also had a blast seeing Mr. Mahre be such a good sport last Friday! Between WSU engagement trips, Math Is Cool practices, and the State Robotics competition, our Scotties have been shining outside the classroom just as much as inside. A few quick housekeeping notes: 8th graders, please check your email for the Yearbook survey! Also, let's keep those Chromebooks charged and ready for lead-off every morning. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent "Taco Bout It" lunches and "Let's Lego" sessions, the content of our character that makes Freeman great.

## Daily Announcements Upcoming

Next week is **National School Counselor Appreciation Week** ! Be sure to give a big "thank you" to **Mrs. Archibald** and **Ms. Waddell** for everything they do to support us.

## The Week at a Glance:

- **Monday (Feb 2):** Musical Rehearsal (2:45–4:15 PM).
- **Tuesday (Feb 3):** Donuts with Young Life (8:00 AM) and Outstanding You Store during Scottie Break.
- **Wednesday (Feb 4):** Late Start for students; K-8 ASB Meeting at 1:30 PM.
- **Thursday (Feb 5):** Dawg for a Day for select 8th graders.
- **Friday (Feb 6):** Advisory Schedule and "Taco Bout It" during lunch.

## SPORTS

### Scottie Basketball:

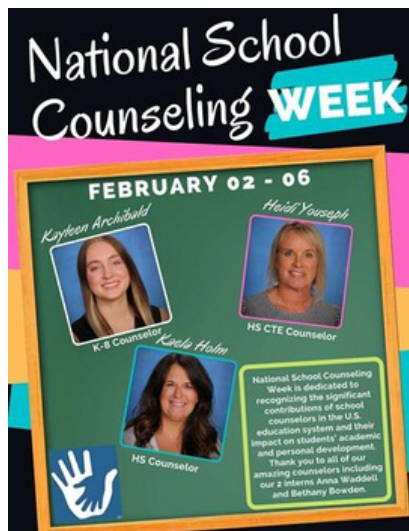
It was a week of major highlights on the hardwood for our Scotties! The **Blue Varsity** team improved to 4-2 on the season, winning in grand fashion at Peperzak before taking down Cheney **54-34**, led by **Channing's** season-high 24 points and strong scoring support from **Clayson, Cole, and Parker**. The **Blue JV** squad showed unmatched determination, following up a 31-18 road win at Peperzak with a heart-pounding **35-33 overtime victory** against Cheney, decided by **Parker's** clutch ten-foot jump shot in the final seconds. Not to be outdone in hustle, the **Red JV** team fought through a defensive battle against Cheney; while they fell **12-38**, they held the Hawks to only 4 points in the third quarter and cheered as **Cade** scored his first points of the season alongside contributions from **Jaxon, Tyler, and Graham**.

### REMINDERS:

- PictureDay Wednesday January 28th. Online order at Leo's Photography – SPO4014
- Click [HERE](#) for the current 2026 Boys Basketball schedule
- Click [HERE](#) for the **TENTATIVE** 2026 Girls Basketball schedule
- GirlsBasketball first day of practice **DATE CHANGE** to February 17th.
  - Girls Basketball Picture Day will be February 26th.
- Ready to lead from the sidelines? The Girls Basketball team is officially looking for student managers, and the application will be available next week! If you're interested in supporting the team, head over to the middle school office to pick up a form (listen to the announcements when the forms are ready to be picked up). Make sure to stay on top of the clock, because all forms must be returned by **February 17**—no late applications will be accepted, and there are only **8 spots** available. Once all forms are in, the coaches will make the final decision on who will be designated as managers for the season. Don't miss your chance to be a vital part of the team!

**FINAL FORMS ATHLETE REGISTRATION:** <https://freeman-wa.finalforms.com/>

**REMINDER:** If your student is planning to stay and watch any of the MS home games/meets, they will be meeting in the MS Commons at 2:55 for a study hall. They will be released at 3:35 pm to go directly to the game. ***If they stay for after school activities, the closed campus policy is still in effect. They will have school discipline if they go to the Freeman Store.***





## The Importance of Sleep

Sleep is not just for babies. It's when your brain cleans itself out, processes new information, and recharges for the next day. Getting enough sleep is one of the single most important things you can do for your mental and physical health. Try This: Work with your child to create a consistent bedtime routine. Talk about the importance of putting away electronics at least 30 minutes before bed. Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald [karchibald@freemansd.org](mailto:karchibald@freemansd.org)

### CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

*February 4 Late Start for Students*

*February 11 – 6th grade ski trip*

*February 11 – PTSG Meeting – FES Community Classroom @ 5:30 pm*

### Important Fliers/Upcoming Events

**Join us for School Night and Zipper Pull Giveaway presented by Shriners Children's Spokane on Friday, February 20, vs. Vancouver Giants. Tickets are \$12 a person.** Presented by Hot 96.9 and KXLY 920 News Now. First 2,000 kids 12 & under receive a Spokane Chiefs zipper pull courtesy of Shriners Children's Spokane. Doors open early at 4:30 p.m. for a charity exhibition game from 5-6 p.m., benefiting Shriners Children's Spokane.

Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets and for more information

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### 4th Annual Freeman Athletics Auction and Dinner Fundraiser

We invite you to join us for a fun community evening raising funds to support student athletics at Freeman High School. The benefits of school athletics are profound, and we are proud to provide high quality and equitable athletic experience for over 275 student athletes on over 40 teams in the Freeman School District. In addition to the obvious physical benefits athletics provide, we feel strongly that being a student athlete helps to build and

improve lifelong skills such as perseverance, patience, dedication, leadership, teamwork, time management, accountability and responsibility.

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