

# Freeman Middle Scoop – 2-13-26

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

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## No School – Friday, March 6, 2026

*Due to severe weather conditions, the Governor declared a state of emergency, which resulted in school closures on December 17, 2025. The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has approved the Freeman School District's Emergency Waiver Request for that day.*

*As a result, there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 6, 2026.*

*Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding. Please contact your school office if you have questions.*

## How Our Staff Used February 4 Late Start to Strengthen Student Learning

On February 4, 2026, our Freeman staff used the late start for focused Professional Learning Community collaboration centered on strengthening alignment, clarity, and student growth. Across departments, teachers worked to ensure clear expectations and a strong progression of skills from middle school through high school. ELA teams refined how students move from structured models of research and argument to deeper analysis and thoughtful response, while math teachers unpacked new standards and examined course sequencing to best support long-term success. Science and social studies teams collaborated on shared assessments, essential skills, and consistent scoring practices to ensure clarity across classrooms. A common theme throughout the morning was intentional alignment—making sure students build skills year after year with increasing independence and rigor.

Another key focus was relevance, ownership, and belonging. CTE teachers explored ways for students to showcase their work through revenue-generating projects that highlight real-world skills and entrepreneurship. Teachers also discussed refining projects, integrating new tools such as AI to enhance instruction, and ensuring learning experiences remain engaging and meaningful. Paraeducators participated in training centered on student diversity and identity to strengthen a school-wide culture of respect and inclusion. Across all groups, the shared goal was clear: create supportive environments where every student feels valued, challenged, and prepared to succeed.

## Daily Announcements Recap

**Heart Grams:** Thank you for supporting Shriners Children's Hospital! Final deliveries will be made through Tuesday.

**Girls Basketball:** Practice officially begins Tuesday, February 17.

- **Reminder:** Student Manager applications are due to the office by 2:45 PM on Tuesday (no late entries).

**Ski Trip Update:** Due to a lack of snow, the 6th-grade trip is canceled. We plan to invite this year's 6th and 7th graders to go next winter!

**VFW Art Contest:** Students can pick up registration forms for the National Patriotic Art contest in the office. The deadline is March 31.

## The Upcoming Week at a Glance:

**Monday-** Presidents' Day- no school

**Tuesday-** Donuts w/ Young Life 8:00-8:12 am, Outstanding You Store during Scottie Break, Let's Lego Club during lunch, Girls' Basketball practice begins

**Wednesday-** WSU 8th Grade Mentorship Program 9:06-11:00 am, FES/FMS Musical Rehearsal 4:15-5:30 pm

**Thursday-** Dawg for Day, Robotics Celebration 2:45-5:15 pm, FSD School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

**Friday-** AM Activity Schedule for Scottie Time, Taco Bout It during lunch, PTSG Glo Dance 5:30-7:30 pm

## SPORTS

### REMINDERS:

- Click [HERE](#) for the **TENTATIVE** 2026 Girls Basketball schedule
- Girls Basketball first day of practice **DATE CHANGE** to February 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Girls Basketball Picture Day will be February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.*



### 21. How to Handle Social Pressure

Social pressure is a big part of middle school. Learning to say "no" to things you're not comfortable with and standing up for your own values is what makes you strong. True friends will respect your choices. Try This: Read an article or watch a video about a celebrity who has talked about dealing with social pressure. Discuss what you admire about their choice. Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald [karchibald@freemansd.org](mailto:karchibald@freemansd.org)

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## It's okay to ask for help.



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This service is available through your school district at no cost to you.

To get started, scan the code or visit this link:  
[caresolace.com/freemansd](https://caresolace.com/freemansd)

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



### CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

**February 16 – No School – Presidents Day**

**February 18 – WSU 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentorship (Specific Students)**

**February 19 – FSD Board Meeting – PRTC Conference Room @ 6 pm**

**February 20 – PTSG Family Glo Dance**

**March 6 – Snow Make Up Day- No School**

**March 9 – No school – Teacher PD Day**

**March 18 – Late Start for Students**

**March 23 - FSD Board Meeting – PRTC Conference Room @ 6 pm**

*April 2 – 3 – No School – Conferences*  
*April 6 – 10 – No School – Spring Break*

### 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

#### **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.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest Illustrating America 2025-2026

VFW Auxiliary National is pleased to present this national art contest to introduce, encourage and recognize young artists with patriotism through art. Entries will be judged on patriotic themes and technique.

### VFW Auxiliary National Level Awards

#### Grades K-2

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

#### Grades 3-5

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

#### Grades 6-8

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

[Click here for Rules and Registration Form](#)

[Make a Payment](#) – click to pay fines/fees and lunch balances

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[FMS 25-26 Bell Schedules](#)

[SMS Text Opt-in for FMS Communications](#)

[Qustodio App - Monitor your Students Chromebook](#) by using this free app you will be able to Manage your student's screen time; Supervise your student's online activity; Access expert advice vis FSD Online Safety Hub

[Freeman Scottie Gear](#) to order your items.

[25-26 FSD School Calendar](#)

[26-27 FSD School Calendar](#)

[All Freeman SD Fliers](#)

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