

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCOTTIE SCOOP

AUGUST 21,
2026

UPCOMING DATES

AUG 24 8:15am-2:45pm = 1st day of Kindergarten
AUG 31 8:15am-2:45pm = 1st day of TK
SEP 1 2:45-5:10pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
(see attached flyer for more info.)
SEP 4 No School
SEP 7 Labor Day - No School

TRANSPORTATION INFO.



Afternoon Bus Zone Student Release Plan Transportation Changes in Advance

Whenever possible, parents or guardians should send a written note with their student at the beginning of the school day or call the school office as early as possible to request a transportation change. The school office must review and authorize the request before notifying Transportation.

A student's verbal message that a parent or guardian told them to get off the bus, go somewhere else, or follow a different transportation plan is not sufficient authorization. If Transportation has not received an authorized note from the parent or guardian or confirmation from the school office, the driver cannot follow the requested change. The student will remain on the bus unless and until authorized staff provide different instructions.

Planning changes in advance allows staff to confirm the student's release instructions before buses begin loading and helps prevent delays, confusion, or an unauthorized release in the afternoon bus zone.

How to Request the Release of a Student Already on the School Bus
Parents, guardians, older siblings, or staff members may not approach a bus in the afternoon bus zone to ask the driver to release a student from the bus.

If a student is already on the bus, all release requests must be made through the supervisor on duty in the bus zone or the school office. The supervisor on duty will verify the request with the appropriate school office and radio the driver to release the student from the bus. The student will then walk to the supervisor on duty, where the parent, guardian, sibling, or staff member will be waiting.

Why Requests Must Go Through Authorized Staff

This procedure applies to all families and staff members. It protects students by ensuring that custody restrictions, restraining orders, and other release instructions are reviewed before a student is released.

Thank You for Helping Us Protect Students

We appreciate your attention to and cooperation with this important student-safety procedure.

Together, we can provide every student with safe, respectful, and dependable transportation.

Your Freeman Transportation Team
— Where Every Ride Matters

"I LOVE U GUYS" FOUNDATION

Freeman School District is implementing The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's programs for crisis response and post-crisis reunification, which are used in more than 78,000 schools, districts, departments, agencies, organizations, and communities around the world. They are created through the research-based best practices of school administrators, psychologists, public space safety experts, families, and first responders.

SRP provides students and staff with clear, consistent language and actions to follow during a variety of safety situations. Using the same procedures throughout our district helps everyone know what to do and respond with confidence.

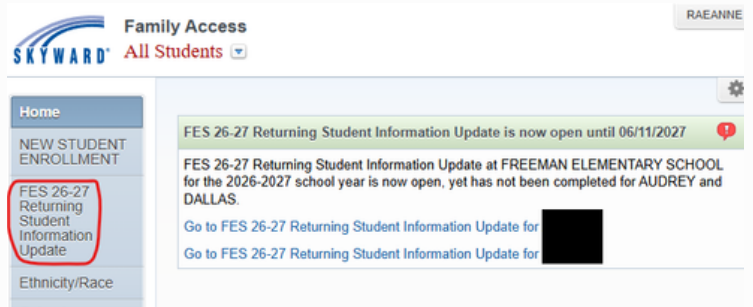
As part of our ongoing commitment to school safety, students and staff will participate in regular safety drills throughout the year. These drills allow us to practice our response, reinforce expectations, and ensure students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to learn more about I Love U Guys, you can visit <https://iloveuguy.org/#Hugs>

RETURNING STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

All returning students must have their information updated with their school each year. Please login to Family Access and complete the "FES 26-27 Returning Student Information Update" for each of your students.

FAMILY ACCESS LINK





OUR SAFE LEARNING SPACE

begins here



Help us create a safe and distraction free environment for our students.



AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY BEYOND THIS POINT.



You will need a valid badge or be granted temporary access by administration. Photo I.D. will be required.

Notice to Families: You may notice new signage posted on windows/doors on our campus identifying the end of public access areas and the beginning of secured school property. In recent months, school districts across Spokane have experienced an increase in visits from individuals commonly referred to as "First Amendment auditors." They are unidentifiable and intentionally film and post on YouTube on public property to test how organizations respond.

These signs are not in response to a specific incident at Freeman but are a proactive step to help clearly define public and secured areas, support consistent safety practices, and assist visitors in understanding where access is permitted. Our priority is to provide a safe, welcoming, and uninterrupted learning environment for our students and staff while respecting the rights of all individuals. Thank you for your understanding.

SUPPLY LISTS

Please click on the image below for the School Supply Lists Link.



PHOTO OPT OUT

Every student now defaults to "YES" for participating in photos and photos being published in Freeman media like the Scottie Scoop, Freeman website, social media, Yearbook and classroom photo/activity updates. If you do not wish for your student's photo to be taken and published, please reach out to their building's office. If you do not contact us, then our understanding is that you are giving permission to take/publish their photos. If you have students in different buildings, please contact each building.

ALWAYS BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

We are always happy to have visitors. Please know you must have your Driver's License to check in and get a badge to be able to walk down our hallways when school is in session. If you have to check in your student late, we encourage you to let them walk to class on their own. It becomes a big distraction when they walk into class late, especially with a parent.

You also need your Driver's License to check your student out of school early...so always having your Driver's License at school is the best practice.

CHILD FIND

Freeman School District provides FREE Child Find screenings to locate and identify children with delays or disabilities who may be in need of early intervention or special education services.

CONCERNS MAY INCLUDE:

- SPEECH OR LANGUAGE
- LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING
- COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- SELF-HELP SKILLS (FEEDING, DRESSING, TOILETING)
- BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
- VISION OR HEARING

Any condition that may affect a child's ability to learn can be a basis for referral. To schedule your child's free screening-call or email Stacey Rawson, Student Services Director at (509) 291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org



FREEMAN PTSG Meeting





**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14TH**



RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL



**AT FREEMAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

See you there! ♥

NUTRITION SERVICES MENUS AND UPDATES

Community Announcement: To our Freeman Families and Community, FSD Nutrition Services has made some changes over the summer. We have moved to a new, modern web-based menu platform. The new link to view menus is: <https://menus.healthepro.com/organizations/2488>.

Additionally, we are in the process of moving the FSD Nutrition Services web page to the FSD Website. This is a work in progress, but we are diligently working to get this page up and running as quickly as we can. This page will house everything non-menu related for various forms, like Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications, and announcements, so please stay tuned. We are excited about the new year, we are excited about seeing our students, and we are excited about the changes we are making. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kent Bevers, FSD Nutrition Services Director Ph: 509.291.7510.

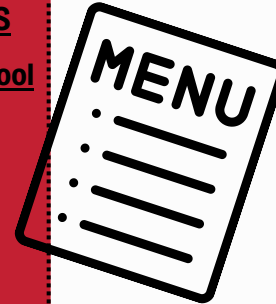
26-27 BREAKFAST and LUNCH PRICES

Elementary
Breakfast: \$2.35
Lunch: \$3.90

Middle School/High School
Breakfast: \$2.50
Lunch: \$4.20

Milk
\$0.60

Adults
Breakfast: \$3.20
Lunch: \$5.00



LATE START AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

On Late Start Days school starts at 10:15am and still ends at 2:45pm.

On Professional Development Days some staff is at school, but the students have no school.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATES FOR 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

High Quality Professional Development = Improved Student Achievement

2 Hour Late Start (10:15 am) Wednesdays for Professional Development

September 23
November 4

December 2
February 3

March 17
May 5

No School Days for Professional Development

January 4

March 8

OOPS! ~~May 5~~ April 26

CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR OUR 2026 - 2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR

www.freemansd.org

PRIDE, COMMITMENT, CARING

OPT INTO TEXT MESSAGES FROM FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stay connected and receive text messages from the school. This includes notification when the newsletters are ready, information messages and emergency alerts. Follow the QR code below and opt in

Opt-In from
your mobile
now!



Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

Freeman Robotics 2026-2027

JOIN FREEMAN ROBOTICS!

**STUDENTS AGES 9-14 | GRADES 4TH-8TH
WE'LL CODE, BUILD, SOLVE CHALLENGES, WORK
AS A TEAM AND HAVE A BLAST WITH FRIENDS!
OUR FIRST MEETING IS TUE SEPT 1 IN THE MPR
(LUNCHROOM)**



THE 3 MAIN PARTS:

- **ROBOT DESIGN: BUILD AND PROGRAM A ROBOT FROM SCRATCH.**
- **ROBOT GAME: TEST YOUR BOT IN ACTION-PACKED, 2.5-MINUTE MISSION MATCHES.**
- **INNOVATION PROJECT: DIVE INTO THIS SEASON'S BIODIVERSITY THEME AND PRESENT YOUR BIG IDEAS TO JUDGES AT THE DISTRICT COMPETITION!**

CONTACT & VOLUNTEER INFO

EMAIL: FREEMANROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM

VOLUNTEER COACHES:

BARBARA BERG & CHRIS THOSATH

SEASON SCHEDULE & KEY DATES:

SEPT-DEC: TUE & THUR PRACTICE IN MPR 2:45 – 5:10 PM
(ACTIVITY BUS DEPARTURE 5:25 PM)

SEPT 26: SE SPOKANE COUNTY FAIR PARADE

OCT 29: PRESENT TO PARENTS 4:00 – 5:10 PM

NOV-DEC: WED PRACTICE 2:45 – 5:10 PM

NOV 30: MONDAY PRACTICE & PRESENT TO FSD BOARD
2:45- 6:30 PM | PRACTICE 2:45-5:30 | PIZZA 5:30 – 6:00
| PRESENT TO SCHOOL BOARD 6:00 – 6:20 PM
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING DINNER)

DEC 13: ALL-DAY REGIONAL COMPETITION @ FREEMAN -
FREEMAN TEAMS COMPETE!

OUR CORE VALUES:

DISCOVERY • INNOVATION • IMPACT •
INCLUSION • TEAMWORK • FUN

2026		SEPTEMBER					
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Freeman Robotics 2026-2027



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358

2026 - 2027 School Calendar



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Significant Dates

August 17	Staff Orientation/Open House
August 18	Professional Development
August 19	First Day of School
August 24	First Day of Kindergarten
August 31	First Day of Transition to Kindergarten
September 4	No School
September 7	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 23	Late Start PD
October 22 - 23	Conferences - No School
November 4	Late Start PD
November 11	Veterans' Day Observed - No School
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 2	Late Start PD
December 18	End of Semester
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break - No School
January 4	Professional Development - No School
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
February 3	Late Start PD
February 15	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School
February 16	No School
March 4	Snow Make-up Day - No School
March 5	No School
March 8	Professional Development - No School
March 17	Late Start PD
April 1 - 2	Conferences - No School
April 5 - 9	Spring Break - No School
April 26	Professional Development - No School
May 5	Late Start PD
May 28	Snow Make-up Day - No School
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
June 5	High School Graduation
June 10	8th Grade Promotion
June 11	Last Day of School - Early Release

Shaded Dates - No School

Indicates Late Start/Professional Development Days

* Indicates Parent Conference Days - No School

** Indicates Early Release - 12:30 pm

School Begins & Ends

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Fill The Gap



Fill The Gap provides weekend food supplies for youth in need during the school year.

Fill The Gap meal kits provide a mix of nonperishable, single-serving food items to cover four meals (breakfast and lunch), and two snacks over the weekend when school meals are unavailable.

For more information, or to enroll your student in this program please contact:

Kayleen Archibald at (509) 291- 4791 or karchibald@freemansd.org

OR scan the QR code to enroll now

