

Freeman Middle Scoop 8-21-26

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

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Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

Great Start to the School Year!

Thank you for the amazing energy and positive attitudes your children brought to school—we are off to such a strong start and want to keep it going! Middle school students reviewed PBIS expectations today and will check out their Chromebooks and chargers on Monday. Please remember that they are responsible for any damage while the devices are in their care. The school's internet filtering system also works on the Chromebooks even when they are at home. At the end of this flyer is a link to the Qustodio app that can help you monitor your child's internet access and device use.

Looking ahead to next week: after-school activities begin (cross country, football, and softball). This year, Freeman Middle School will include 6th, 7th & 8th graders in all activities except football (6th graders are excluded from football by state rules). School Picture Day is on Friday, August 28. We are looking forward to another great week at Freeman Middle School!

FMS Picture Day:

- **Friday, August 28, 2026**

Schedule Changes:

- If your student would like to request a schedule change, the student will need to contact Mrs. Archibald for all schedule change requests will not be accepted after the end of school on Tuesday, August 26th.
- [Click Here for link](#)

BUS 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

FMS Back to School Night:

Wednesday, September 9th @ 6:00 PM

- Assembly in the FMS gym
- Follow your student's schedule
- 10-minute rotations in classrooms

School Safety: Standard Response Protocol:

- 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://iloveugays.org/#Hugs>



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026 - 2027

IMPORTANT DATES



Monday, August 17, 2026
Open House / Orientation / Ice Cream Social
4:30 pm—6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — Grades 1—12

Monday, August 24, 2026—FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

Monday, August 31, 2026—FIRST DAY OF TK

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	December 2	March 17
November 4	February 3	May 5

No School Days for Professional Development

January 4	March 8	OOPS! May 5 April 26
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CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR OUR 2026 - 2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR

www.freemansd.org

PRIDE, COMMITMENT, CARING

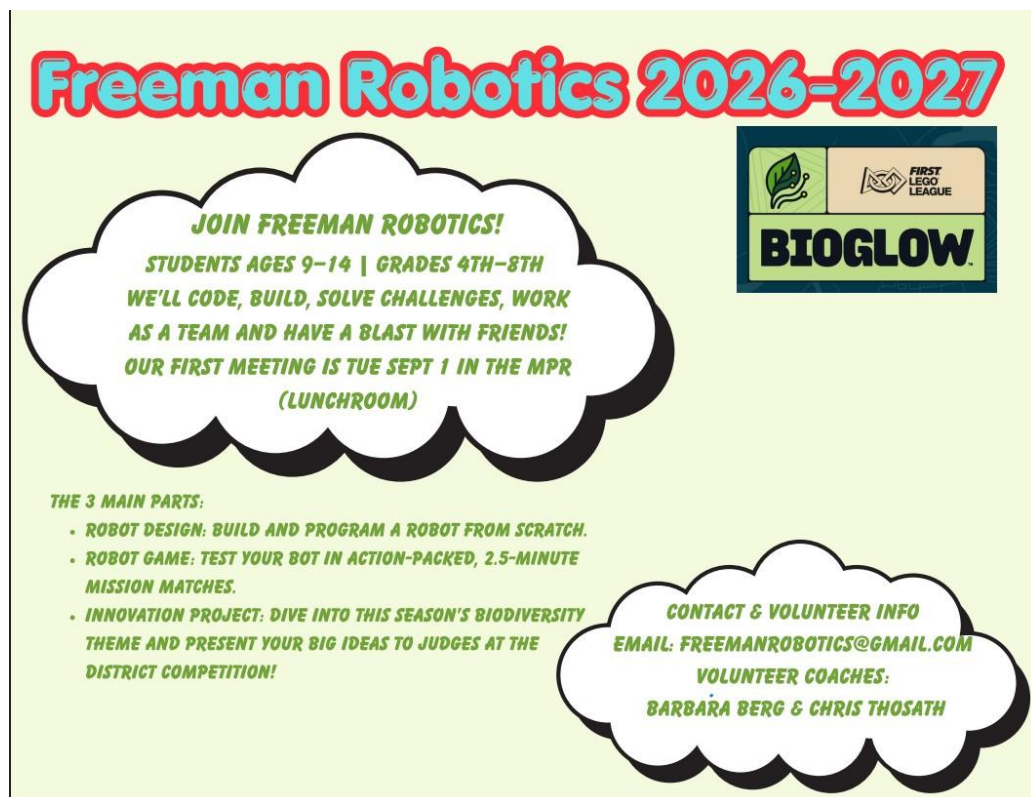
SPORTS:

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

- If you have not yet created an account for yourself and your student in Final Forms, please do so ASAP and select which sports they plan to participate in for 26-27 school year. **Parents must create a parent account and then an individual account for each student.** There are forms for both parents and students to complete each year.
- Sports physicals are required to participate in practice on the first day. They are valid for two years from the date of completion. (If you have a new physical, please bring it to the office and we will get it uploaded into Final Forms, or you may scan it and upload it yourself. If you manually upload yours, we must go in and approve each one individually and will be working on that ASAP. If you have any questions regarding Final Forms or physicals, please reach out to FMS@freemansd.org

SPORTS FEES/ASB CARDS:

- We ask that student-athletes pay for their ASB card and extracurricular participation fees before the first athletic competition.
- Middle School Sport Participation Fees - ASB Card (once annually) - \$30. Transportation Fee (once annually) -\$10 Yearly Total- \$40
- [DRAFT SPORTS SCHEDULE](#) - Review 26-27 SY DRAFT sports schedules.



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](mailto: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

SCOTTIE DASH:

DATE CHANGE: Scottie Dash is now on **Friday, October 2nd**

Each year we organize an annual fundraising event called "Scottie Dash." This event is not only a fun-filled day for our school community, but also the primary source of financial support for the ASB (Associated Student Body) and PTSG (Parent, Teacher, Student Group). The funds raised through the Scottie Dash, sale of ASB cards and donations directly contribute to the success of various TK- 8 student activities and programs: Assemblies, Craft Fairs, Dances, Math is Cool, Class Retreats, Robotics and Sports- equipment, officials and uniforms.

By sponsoring our event, you will not only be investing in the development of our students but will also demonstrate a commitment to supporting the growth and well-being of the local community.

- Enjoy promotional opportunities through event materials, banners, and social media shoutouts.
- Event t-shirt w/ business sponsors logo for Corporate, Platinum, and Gold Sponsors

- Gain visibility among the Freeman community.

We offer three levels of sponsorship to accommodate a range of contributions:

- Corporate Sponsor: \$2500
- Platinum Sponsor: \$1000
- Gold Sponsor: \$500
- Silver Sponsor \$250
- Custom Sponsorship: We welcome contributions of any size and will gladly recognize your support.

To confirm your sponsorship commitment or to discuss any further details, please feel free to contact me, Jim Straw, directly at jstraw@freemansd.org or Mike Allen at mallen@freemansd.org.

- You can go to our Scottie Dash website <https://wa-freeman-lite.intouchrecepting.com/ScottieDash> - This link is available to send to friends and family so they can donate directly. 
 - Please make sure to add your students' names when you make a donation.

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

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

[FMS Office Reminders](#)

[FMS 26-27 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

[26-27 FSD School Calendar](#)

[All Freeman SD Fliers](#)

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