

Freeman Middle Scoop – 8-28-25

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

Email: FMSoffice@freemansd.org

Office phone (509)291-7301 Attendance line (509)291-7425

STUDENT SAFETY- END OF DAY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Freeman, the safety and well-being of your children are our highest priorities. To ensure a smooth, secure, and stress-free dismissal process for everyone, we need to have clear, consistent communication regarding how your student gets home each day.

Please take a moment to review our daily procedures and the safety requirements for making any changes to your child's routine.

The 2:00 PM Communication Deadline

We deliver physical dismissal notes and updates to classrooms daily at 2:15 PM. To guarantee that your child's teacher receives the update before dismissal, all transportation changes must be submitted before 2:00 PM. Changes requested after this time cannot be guaranteed, as our staff is heavily focused on wrapping up instruction and preparing students for departure.

How to Report a Change

To ensure accuracy and safety, we cannot accept verbal instructions from students. If your child's normal afternoon routine changes (e.g., riding a different bus, going to after-school care, or being picked up by a different adult other than registered guardians, even emergency contacts will need a note), you must notify us using one of the three approved methods:

- Send a note to the FMS office with your child: Write a clear signed note and have them turn it into the office.
- Send an email to the office: Email our main office administrative staff directly. fmsoffice@freemansd.org.
- Call the office: Phone the front desk directly to speak with an FMS office representative, (509) 291-7301.
- Rotating Schedule of Dismissal: If your child's schedule changes daily, such as T/TH Parent Pickup and M/W/F Bus. You need to send a note of the communication each day. With the number of students in our school staff is unable to track multiple students' varying schedules.

- All changes must be made by listed parents and/or guardians. Students may not use cellular devices (phones or watches) to make alternate arrangements during the school day.

Required Information for Changes

When sending any communication, please always include:

- The student's full name and grade.
- The specific change being made (e.g., "Parent Pick Up instead of Bus 4")
- The name of the authorized adult picking them up (if applicable)

Thank you so much for your partnership, understanding, and cooperation in keeping our students safe!

Mr. Straw & Ms. Bedolla

FMS Back to School Night – Wednesday, September 9th

- We are excited to welcome families to Freeman Middle School's Back to School Night on Wednesday, **September 9th from 6:00–8:00 pm**. The evening will begin with a welcome from Mr. Straw in the FMS Gym before parents follow their students' daily schedule to experience each class.
- Teachers will share classroom procedures and learning goals during ten-minute sessions, with three-minute passing periods in between.
- Come early and enjoy snacks in the **FMS foyer from 5:40–5:55 pm**. After walking through your student's schedule, the night will conclude with an opportunity for questions with the administration in the Commons.

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

The Scottie Dash is coming! On Friday, Oct. 2nd, students and staff from Freeman Elementary and Middle Schools will participate in the run on the Freeman School District Track. All participants will receive a popsicle and have the chance to earn prizes.

This fundraiser is a joint effort between the TK-8 Associated Student Body (ASB) and the Parent, Teacher, Student Group (PTSG). The proceeds will benefit our students through field trips, community events, sports, clubs, playground updates, assemblies and more!

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.

- 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 donate.

SPORTS FEES/ASB CARDS-

- We ask that student-athletes pay for their ASB card and extracurricular participation. As is needed before they participate in the first competition.

- **All Final Forms items completed (Parent forms signed, student forms signed, fees, physical). Fees paid through Intouch or the office, no option to pay in Final Forms.**

- [InTouch – Pay Fees](#)

- 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.

- ❖ [Cross-Country](#)
- ❖ [Softball](#)
- ❖ [Football](#)

- Fall sports photos moved to Sept. 3rd. Please make sure they bring their picture form.

Photo Opt In/Out option-

- 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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

Robotics-

- [Click here for Registration Form](#)

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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2026 DECEMBER						
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CALENDAR

- Gradebooks Open to Family Access- Friday, Aug. 28 3:45 pm
- Friday, Sept. 4- No School
- FES/FMS ASB Meeting- Tuesday, Sept. 8 1:30 pm

- FMS Back to School Night- Wednesday, Sept. 9 6:00-8:00 pm
- Three Week Grade Check Sent Home- Thursday, Sept. 10
- FSD School Board Meeting- Monday, Sept. 21 6:00 pm
- FMS Picture Retakes- Friday, Sept. 25
- Six Week Grade Checks Sent Home- Thursday, Oct. 1
- Scottie Dash- Friday, Oct. 2 11:00-2:45 pm