



FREEMAN FOCUS

FALL 2026

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

Dear Freeman Families and Community,

It is with tremendous gratitude and excitement that I welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year as your Superintendent. This year marks a special milestone in my own Freeman journey. Nearly 30 years ago, I began my career here as a teacher and coach. Since then, I have had the privilege of serving as an Elementary Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and now Superintendent.

Through every role and every season, one thing that has remained constant is my deep love for Freeman and my belief in the people who make this community so special.

There is truly only one Freeman. One community, one team, united by our commitment to every student. Together, we will continue building a culture of belonging, strong relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for every student to learn, grow and succeed.

It is an honor to continue to serve this community. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Go Scotties!

Lisa Phelan
Superintendent



BACK TO SCHOOL

August 19th was a big day as we welcomed students back for the first day of the 2026-2027 school year! KXLY joined in the excitement to interview our new Superintendent, Lisa Phelan, new Elementary Principal, Mike Allen, and returning 2nd grade teacher, Emily Nelson. It was a beautiful day filled with smiles, excitement and the joy of having our students back on campus. We're looking forward to a wonderful school year ahead!



FMS Students



2026-2027 Transportation Team



Barb Gady, Kim Davey & Angie Smith

PACE Character Traits

September - **RESPECT** 🐾 October - **RESPONSIBILITY** 🐾 November - **CITIZENSHIP** 🐾 December - **CARING**

YOUR SAFETY, SECURITY & TECH LEVY DOLLARS AT WORK

Thanks to the generous support of our community through the Safety, Security & Technology Levy, which provides funding for calendar years 2026 and 2027, we were able to make a number of important campus improvements this summer. Levy dollars are helping us maintain safe, welcoming, and technology-ready learning environments across our schools. This summer's projects included:

- Crosswalk lighting and flashers to improve visibility and pedestrian safety - **\$42,000**
- Crack repair and resealing of parking lots and the FES/FMS playground - **\$34,743**
- Updated lighting in the TK-8 Multi-Purpose Room - proposal is **\$22,645**
- Gym floor refinishing at all three schools - **\$14,832** (paid by EP&O levy funds)
- FES playground bark replacement - **\$4,218**
- Technology repairs and updates across our campus - **\$525,000** (includes the items below)
 - Chromebooks - **\$283,000**
 - District DataCenter (including replacement of 28 servers that were end of life) - **\$126,000**
 - Network Switching (backbone of all connectivity for the district) - **\$116,000**



Thanks to student feedback from FHS and FMS, the district has added four new rapid flashing beacons at district crosswalks, along with lighting bars at our transportation entrances. These improvements enhance visibility in all conditions, support safe and independent crossing for students, staff, and community members and help strengthen a culture of safety throughout our community.



BEFORE



AFTER



Elementary and Middle School Playground



NEW CHROMEBOOKS!

One of the most exciting highlights of the start of the school year is the arrival of new Chromebooks for our students! After several years of challenges with aging devices, these new Chromebooks will provide students with more reliable and consistent access to the learning tools they use every day. We're excited to see our students put them to work!

THANK YOU
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2026-2027 FSD Staff

"It takes an entire school community to support a child; every role is a vital thread in the fabric of a student's success." — Anonymous

WELCOME TO THE FREEMAN FAMILY

We are excited to welcome several new members to the Freeman team! These talented professionals bring valuable experience, knowledge and expertise to our schools. We are thrilled to add them to our amazing staff, whose dedication and energy help make the Freeman community such a strong and special place.

- **Reece Bauer** - High School Counselor
- **Sydney Beach** - Paraeducator
- **Katelyn Bedolla** - Middle School Secretary
- **Lauren Burrows** - Speech Language Pathologist
- **Alexa Cach & Kelsie Carter** - Occupational Therapists
- **Melisa Collins** - Elementary Special Education Teacher
- **Bo Nielsen** - High School Construction & Metals Teacher
- **Kristie Parham** - Bus Driver
- **Rachel Shrauger** - High School Agriculture Science Teacher
- **Joanna Yearta** - School Psychologist

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

LIBRARY



Help invest in the next generation by volunteering in the Freeman library! Library volunteers work directly with students by reading, helping students choose books and supporting literacy activities. Volunteers also help behind the scenes by shelving books, preparing new materials and making book repairs.

Weekly volunteer opportunities are available mornings and afternoons, Monday-Friday, with flexible hours. Interested? Contact Susan Chadduck, TK-8 Library Coordinator, at schadduck@freemansd.org. Complete the online volunteer application on the Freeman School District website at www.freemansd.org.





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2026-2027 FHS Athletics

Please join us for an athletic event this fall! Visit www.goscotties.org for complete schedules, and check below for the first matches and competitions of our fall sports season.

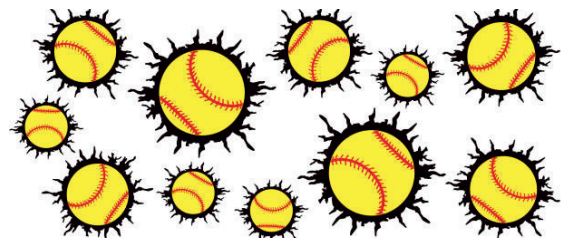
 SEP 07 / TBA AT VALLEY CHRISTIAN JAMBOREE (SOUTH #1)	 SEP 08 / 06:45 PM VS MEAD HIGH SCHOOL
 SEP 11 / 07:00 PM VS COLFAX HIGH SCHOOL	 SEP 12 / 11:00 AM VS TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL



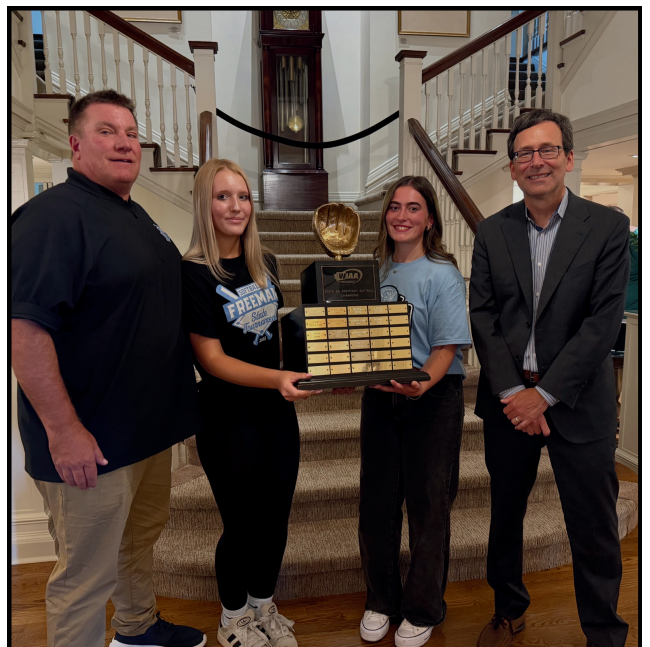
COMING UP AT FREEMAN

9/4	NO SCHOOL
9/7	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
9/21	School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building
9/23	2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
10/22-10/23	Conference Days - NO SCHOOL
10/26	School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building
11/4	2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
11/10	Veterans Day Community Program - 9:30am - HS Blue Gym
11/11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
11/23-11/27	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
11/30	School Board Meeting - 6:00pm - PRTC Building
12/2	2-Hour Late Start - Bell at 10:15am
12/14	Winter Concert - HS Blue Gym - Grades K-2 = 5:30pm - Grades 6-12 = 7:00pm

Check out Freeman's website at www.freemansd.org for information regarding additional activity dates/times.



Freeman High School 2026 State B Softball Champions were invited to Olympia to meet with Washington State Governor Bob Ferguson in recognition of their outstanding accomplishment. The team was honored for their hard work, dedication and championship season. Pictured from left to right are Coach Tom Sefton, Laurel Sefton, Paige Lochmiller and Governor Ferguson.



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