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THE FRIDAY FLYER

Weekly Newsletter of Freeman High School



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Scottie Parents/Guardians/Families!

One of our goals at Freeman High School this year is to improve academic instruction, with a particular focus on rigor, relevance, and meaningful feedback. As part of that work, our FHS staff recently spent time talking about a simple but important question: What does rigor look and sound like in our classrooms?

When we talk about rigor, we are not talking about simply giving students more work or making assignments unnecessarily difficult. Instead, we want our students to think deeply, apply what they are learning, explain their reasoning, analyze information, solve challenging problems, and persist when the answer isn't immediately obvious. In a rigorous classroom, students are actively doing the thinking and engaging with meaningful learning.

The FHS staff knows that as I visit classrooms throughout the year, I want to see students asking thoughtful questions, discussing and defending their ideas, making connections, using evidence, revising their thinking, and applying their learning in new ways. Rigor will look different in every classroom—from English and mathematics to science, agriculture, CTE, the arts, and beyond—but our goal is the same: to challenge our students to grow as thinkers and learners.

As we continue this work together, we will keep asking ourselves one important question: "Who is doing the thinking?" We believe that when students are doing the thinking, talking, questioning, and problem-solving, meaningful learning is taking place.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we work to provide our Scotties with challenging, relevant, and engaging learning experiences!

Go Dawgs!

Jeff Smith, Principal

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Every year we must have all back to school forms completed for every student. Please log in to Family Access and complete form sets for each student. To date, only 1/2 of our FHS students have completed forms. You can find this on the left side of your home page on the Skyward Family Access screen titled "FHS Registration for All Returning Students". Also important in these forms is opting in or out of Chromebook Assurance Plan by September 15th. **Please note: you must also pay for the Chromebook Assurance by 9/15.**



TAILGATE NIGHT

FOOD • FRIENDS • FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER 11TH

STARTS AT 4:30PM
@ THE BUS DROP OFF
PARKING LOT
GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kick off Friday night with food, fun, and school spirit! Enjoy delicious eats from three local food trucks:

- Swell Coffee
- Tacos El Guero
- Snow Cones

FIRST 200 PEOPLE TO EAT AT TACOS EL GUERO GET 50% OFF!

QUESTIONS?

EMMA DREYER - HIGH SCHOOL ASB PRESIDENT
Emma.dreyer@goscotties.com

SEPTEMBER 23RD
LATE START FOR STUDENTS - 10:15am

Class of 2027 Info Night 6pm

SEPT. 28TH - OCT. 3RD
Homecoming Week

OCTOBER 2ND
Picture Retakes 8am

OCTOBER 22ND - 23RD
Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 4TH
LATE START FOR STUDENTS - 10:15am

NOVEMBER 10TH
Veteran's Day Program

NOVEMBER 11TH
NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 23RD-27TH
NO SCHOOL



WHAT'S
UP?

Would you like to read about what's happening at the elementary or middle school? Get caught up with their Friday newsletters here:

FES

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ELEMENTARY

FMS

FREEMAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL



2026-27 YEARBOOK NEWS

• Yearbooks on Sale Now

It's time to purchase your yearbooks! If you purchase before October 15th, you can take advantage of our early bird special! \$45 for your yearbook, or \$50 if you want your name on the cover. You can purchase your book through your school account by sending a check to the HS office made out to Freeman HS, memo line: yearbook. Or, you can select yearbook online through the "[Make a Payment](#)" link on the district website.

• Senior Pictures Due Soon

It's time to start getting in your senior pictures and kid pictures, your senior quotes and your remember when memories and photos! All of these are due to the yearbook by October 15. The attached flyer on page 8 gives you the steps for how to rename and upload your pictures correctly. If your family cannot afford senior pictures, please reach out to Ms. Longinotti to arrange a photo shoot so that your senior is included in the section.

Please remember that pictures need to be school appropriate (no weapons, or alcohol or drug references and they must follow dress code). Senior quotes and remember when memories must also be school appropriate and follow our guidelines including those around bullying and harassment. If they do not follow our guidelines, they will not be used. More info on that can be found on the Google form links. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Longinotti at plonginotti@freemansd.org

• Senior Tributes

Parents, the flyer on page 9 also includes information on how to buy a senior tribute for your graduate. Please email Ms. Longinotti to reserve your spot in the yearbook! Once we sell out of space, we will close tributes.

Photo upload link: <https://yearbookshare.com/eShare/home>

Senior quotes link: <https://forms.gle/pMJm1vT2BeFQzEZH9>

Remember when link: <https://forms.gle/N1ni6cQP1sGXmUtG8>

Yearbook News



STUDENT PHOTOS FOR PUBLICATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA & YEARBOOK

Every student now defaults to “YES” for participating in photos and photos being published in Freeman media like the Friday Flyer, 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 the high school 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. *Please note: social media is limited to just special events/accomplishments by students in clubs, sports or other academic achievements.

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT IS COMING UP

We are excited to invite you to **Senior Information Night** on Wednesday, September 23rd, from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the MPR. This evening is designed to help you and your senior feel informed and prepared for an important year ahead. We’ll cover:

- Important senior-year deadlines and dates
- What to expect throughout the school year
- College and career planning information
- Graduation-related details
- Important next steps and resources for seniors and families

We know senior year comes with a lot of moving pieces, and our goal is to make sure you have the information and resources you need to support your student along the way. Please mark your calendar for **September 23rd from 6:00 - 7:30pm.**

We hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DATES:

- September 21: Perry Technical Institute here at lunch in the Library
- September 23: University of Idaho here at lunch
- October 28: Arizona State University here at lunch





Upcoming Sports



9/11 - Varsity vs. Colfax 7pm
9/14 - JV @ Colfax 5pm
9/18 - Varsity vs. Reardan 7pm



9/12 - vs. Toledo 11am
9/15 - vs. Newport 4pm
9/17 - vs. East Valley 4pm



9/12 - Varsity Kenny Davis Rip-a-Shot Tournament @ Home - all day
9/17 - vs. Colfax JV/C- 5:15pm, Var-6:45pm



CROSS COUNTRY **9/12** - @ Highlander Invite 10am
9/19 - @ Kettle Falls 11am

Sports Links:



Pay Fines/Fees



goscotties.org
 athletics website

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FALL ATHLETE'S FEES?

Fall Sport Athlete fees were due August 31st. If you have not yet paid their ASB Card, transportation fee and fall sport fee, please login to our [online payment system](#) and get that taken care of this weekend. If you have questions or need to work out a payment plan, please email khayek@freemansd.org.

HOME GAME ADMISSION/SEASON PASSES

As we begin hosting high school varsity events, please note that admission will be charged at all Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Wrestling events. Our prices are \$7/adults and \$5/students with ASB cards & seniors. Freeman MS & HS students will get in free with their current year ASB card shown at the gate.

We are pleased to offer season passes for all home, regular-season games. ALL season passes must be purchased through [GoFan](#). Below is a listing of the different passes as well as a link to purchase them directly. Please note that the family passes include two adults and your children in Kindergarten - 8th grade. Senior passes are individual passes for seniors 60+.

<u>Fall Season Family Pass</u>	\$101.75 (fees incl.)
<u>Fall Season Individual Adult Pass</u>	\$ 51.88 (fees incl.)
<u>Fall Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 33.50 (fees incl.)

<u>All Season Family Pass</u>	\$233.00 (fees incl.)
<u>All Season Individual Adult Pass</u>	\$117.50 (fees incl.)
<u>All Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 75.50 (fees incl.)

<u>Winter Season Family Pass</u>	\$141.46 (fees incl.)
<u>Winter Season Individual Adult Pass</u>	\$ 67.63 (fees incl.)
<u>Winter Season Individual Senior Pass</u>	\$ 44.00 (fees incl.)

Please note: Winter Passes will go on sale in November.



Daily Happenings & General Information

We understand that communication is key. Our primary form of communicating with you as parents/guardians is through this Friday Flyer each week. Here is some basic FHS details...

BELL SCHEDULES

 Every Friday

Regular Schedule		
1	8:15 -- 9:02	47 min
2	9:06 -- 9:53	47 min
SCOTTIE BREAK	9:53 -- 10:01	8 min
3	10:04 -- 10:51	47 min
4	10:55 -- 11:42	47 min
5	11:46 -- 12:33	47 min
LUNCH	12:33 -- 1:03	30 min
6	1:07 -- 1:54	47 min
7	1:58 -- 2:45	47 min

AM Activity Schedule		
1	8:15 -- 8:57	42 min
2	9:01 -- 9:43	42 min
SCOTTIE BREAK	9:43 -- 9:51	8 min
3	9:55 -- 10:37	42 min
4	10:41 -- 11:23	42 min
5	11:27 -- 12:09	42 min
ACTIVITY	12:13-12:43	30 min
LUNCH	12:43-1:13	30 min
6	1:17 -- 1:59	42 min
7	2:03 -- 2:45	42 min

Late Start Schedule		
1	10:15 -- 10:46	31 min
2	10:50 -- 11:21	31 min
3	11:25 -- 11:56	31 min
4	12:00 -- 12:31	31 min
LUNCH	12:31 -- 1:01	31 min
5	1:05 -1:36	30 min
6	1:40 -- 2:11	31 min
7	2:15 -- 2:45	30 min

ATTENDANCE LINE

Please email fhsoffice@freemansd.org or call our main phone line at 291-3721 if your student will be absent/tardy or leaving early on any given day. If we do not receive an email, note, or a call your student's absence will remain unexcused.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

We are operating under the standard National School Lunch guidelines, which means students pay for meals unless qualifying for Free/Reduced prices. The application is included in your online registration for returning students so please complete all forms ASAP. Instructions on how to apply here.

SCOTTIE BREAK We offer Scottie Break at the High School. A light snack will be available for students to purchase from 9:53am - 10:01am. Cost: \$2.50

LUNCH - served at the High School in the MPR. Cost: \$4.20. Click image for menus.

Menu



ACTIVITY BUS

We have an Activity Bus that runs after sports M-F for the first two weeks of Middle School Sports Seasons and then M-Th the rest of the year. Bus departs at 5:25pm. Questions on more details, call the Transportation Department at 291-5555.

Student HIGHLIGHTS



Freeman students Lily Lagreid, Briley Snyder, Trapper Collins, and Logan Nelson shined, representing Freeman School District at the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce's Our Schools Business Connections: Our Schools. Our Workforce. Our Future. breakfast on September 3rd.

Class of 2027: Yearbook Senior Pictures & Tributes

**Deadline -
October 15**

***Senior portraits and kid pictures are due
Friday, October 15 for the 2027 Yearbook!***

Submitting Senior Photos (senior and kid)

In order to receive the highest quality image, **we are requesting that you submit your photos on-line** this year (see directions below). Many studios will be able to do this for you. The senior portrait must be 2"x3" (vertical orientation) and at least 300 dpi. Scanned kid pictures should also be a minimum of 300 dpi and approximately 2"x3". They can be any photo of your student starting from birth to whatever age you prefer/have access to a photo.

* Your photo should follow school expectations for clothing, and may not include props such as weapons, alcohol or drug related images.

Directions to upload your photos:

- Before uploading your photo, please save the image as a full size save and **RENAME** your senior portrait as follows to avoid misnaming: **student's first-name_lastname_Senior** (ex. Jenny_Smith_Senior) and your kid portrait to **first-name_lastname_Kid** (Jenny_Smith_Kid) so that it is easy to identify photos.
- Next, go to <https://yearbookshare.com/eShare/?code=dawgcountry>.
- You will be asked to put in your name, email and phone number.
- You will then be asked to "Agree to Terms", which is typical.
- You will then be asked to browse to your photo. Simply navigate to where you have the photo saved, select the photo, and click on upload.
- You are almost done - it will then ask for some information about the picture, such as who is in it - please type in your child's name (we default to your student's given name in the yearbook. They may see me if they'd like to use a preferred name instead per state law). That's all there is to it!

* **If you cannot submit your photos online, please deliver them to Pia Longinotti at the high school in an envelope labeled with your name. Please do so as soon as possible, prior to October 15.**

Senior Tributes: If you are interested in purchasing a tribute, or "shout-out" for your child or grandchild, please see the reverse side of this flyer for information. You will be able to submit photo(s) and a message for your senior in the yearbook! What a great way to say something special that will last a lifetime! Hurry though - space is limited! **We sold out last year! To reserve your spot, simply contact Ms. Longinotti with the size you would like, or purchase your tribute through the Freeman Store by October 31 to reserve your spot and send in your info.** Content for your tribute is due on Dec. 1. Payment is due by December 15th. For more information regarding the senior pics, baby pics, or a senior tribute, please contact our Yearbook advisor, Pia Longinotti, at 291-3721, ext 205, or at plonginot-

October 15 - Deadline to submit kid and senior pics
October 31- Deadline to reserve a senior tribute (or until we sell out)
December 1- Deadline to submit pictures and words for tributes
(the sooner, the better).
December 15 - Deadline to pay for tributes

Class of 2027: Senior Tributes

Senior tributes: Please see the sizes below for cost, and the number of graphics/words recommended for your tribute size. Contact Ms. Longinotti to reserve your tribute size by October 31: 291-3721, ext 205. or plonginotti@freemansd.org

Please note that once the allotted spaces have sold out, we can't sell more.

- **1/8 page tribute- 1 graphic & 40 words** Approximately 3.5" x 2"
Cost - \$65
- **1/4 Page - 2 graphics & 80 words**
Approx. 3.5" x 4.5" or 7.125" x 2"
Cost - \$100
- **1/2 Page - Limited to 3 graphics & 160 words.** Approx. 7.125" x 4.5"
Cost - \$200
- **Full Page - Limited to 4 graphics & 300 words** Approx. 7.125" x 9.5"
Cost - \$400

Emma Nees



Emma, Emma Jo, Em, MJ, Emmy - Your high school years were not quite what any of us would have predicted. However, these difficult times have helped you develop and grow into an amazing, beautiful, hilarious, smart, and passionate young lady. Saying we are proud of you is an understatement. Life will give you storms along the way and you have shown that you can weather those challenging times with grace and dignity. You are graduating with your AA and will soon be off to bigger, better, and brighter things. God has an amazing plan for you and



we can't wait to see where that takes you. We love you sweet girl. Be you and be PROUD, because we are!

WE LOVE YOU,
Dad, Mom, Hannah & Jeremy, Hunter, Olivia & George

Abby Pylant



We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you accomplish in the next stage of your life!
Love, Mom and Dad

Gracie Jensen



"And one day she discovered that she was fierce and strong." Gracie-truer words could not be written about you. You are a beautiful balance of tough and kind; strong yet gentle. Somehow you managed to take a high school experience that was not what you planned, and strived to see the best in everything, and everyone. Tragedy could have defined you, but you did not let it write your story. You grabbed the pen from tragedy's grasp and chose your own adventure! It is time to turn the page and start a new chapter. It has been a great read to this point, and we are excited to see what the next chapter holds. God has big plans for you and we could not be more proud! Love Mom and Dad!

Peyton Brewer

Peyton, Your Dad and I couldn't be more proud of the person you are becoming! Your hard work and commitment to everything you do is amazing. We know you have had to already go through more than most people do in their lifetime, but you have done it gracefully. We are so excited to see where your next journeys take you, but wherever they will be, we know you will have a blast! Love you more than anything, Mom and Dad



Katelyn Tippet



Katie Grace- You are the daughter any parent would be proud of! You are a natural leader who possesses the gifts of strength, intuition, resiliency, bravery and kindness. A brilliant light in this world with just enough sass to be a force to be reckoned with! Beautiful in every way, you make us proud and we love you so very much! Keep shining Sis! You will do great things.
Proverbs 4:25-26
Congratulations! Love, Momma, Dad & Gabe



Sarah Simmerman

We are so proud of you and blessed to have such a wonderful daughter! We will miss your sweet personality but we're excited to see where your intelligence, hard work and kindness will take you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Colton Cayce

Colton- We are so proud of all you have accomplished during your first 18 years! We can't wait to see what your future holds! Work hard and follow your dreams!
Love always, Dad, Mom, and Cody



Brooklynn Showalter



Brooke! We are so excited for your next exciting chapter in life! We are incredibly proud of the amazing young woman you are, full of beauty, wit, compassion, and kindness. And your ability to make us LAUGH and SMILE (even when we don't want to) is your true gift. We love you to the moon sweet girl! Mom, Travis, Josie & Courtney



*Optional Chromebook Assurance Program | Grades 6-12*

As part of our learning program, the Freeman School District provides a Chromebook to all secondary students (Grades 6-12). This device is the property of the Freeman School District. **Chromebooks are issued to 6th-12th grade students in September and collected in June.**

Families have the opportunity to enroll in the district's **optional** Chromebook Assurance Program (CAP). While not mandatory, this insurance program is highly recommended as it provides coverage in the event the device is lost or damaged. Annual cost is **\$20 per student** for the school year. Families who choose to enroll more than two Middle or High School students in CAP will only be required to pay for two CAP enrollments to cover all district-owned devices in the family each school year. Defective devices will be replaced or repaired at no cost to the family. **Fees must be paid by September 15th.**

- To **opt-in** to the annual insurance program, there is a **\$20 fee** for the school year. **Fees must be paid by September 15th.** To purchase insurance, access Online Payments at <https://wa-freeman.intouchrecepting.com>
- **Opting out of the program** means families will be held financially responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement associated with any damaged, lost or stolen equipment. A fine will be placed on student accounts for the cost of replacing or repairing the equipment.
- **Lack of action prior to September 15th will be considered an opt-out.**

OPT-IN – Chromebook Insurance Program	OPT-OUT – Chromebook Insurance Program
Annual Fee: \$20 nonrefundable Annual Coverage: • Accidental Damage: First incident covered in full. After first incident, family is responsible for full replacement of damaged part, or up to \$200 total per incident. (Loaner device available during repair.) • Lost or Stolen: First incident \$100. \$200 for subsequent incidents. (If stolen, Police Report must be filed within 24 hours and a copy provided to the school Business Office.) If the device is later found or recovered and is in working condition the fee will be refunded. Not Covered: • Intentional damage, neglect or loss without a copy of a Police Report. • Lost/Damaged Power Cord (\$30) Note: Replacement equipment will not be issued until fees set forth above have been paid or there is a payment plan in place. Student Name _____	Damage Fees: • \$200 Full Replacement • \$150 Motherboard • \$50 Display (LCD) • \$20 Keyboard • \$20 Trackpad Lost or Stolen: • \$200 Device (If the device is later found or recovered and is in working condition the fee will be refunded.) • \$30 Power Cord Note: Replacement equipment will not be issued until fees set forth above have been paid or there is a payment plan in place. I, would like to: OPT- IN ☐ OPT-OUT ☐ Parent Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____

*I understand that by inserting my name in the signature fields I am submitting an electronic signature.
This signature will be enforceable on the same basis as if it were signed in person.*

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#) so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**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.

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GEAR



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME NEW FREEMAN GEAR, OUR BSN SIDELINE STORE IS OPEN ALL YEAR LONG. CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO GO TO THE SITE AND SHOP NOW.