

Freeman Middle Scoop –10-2-26

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

Email: FMSoffice@freemansd.org

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Thank You for an Amazing Scottie Dash!

What a fantastic day! A huge thank you to all our students, families, community members, and sponsors for your incredible support during the 2026 Scottie Dash.

This fundraiser is a joint effort between the TK-8 Associated Student Body (ASB) and the Parent, Teacher, Student Group (PTSG). Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, all proceeds raised will directly benefit our students by funding upcoming field trips, community events, sports programs, clubs, playground updates, assemblies, and much more.

We extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors who helped make this event a success:

- **Amplify Real Estate Services**
- **Broadway Heights Dental**
- **CHS Primeland**
- **Dave's Hot Chicken**
- **Design IT Solutions**
- **Fulcrum Financial Group**
- **Gray Service Plumbing**
- **Hawley Family**
- **Inland Empire Golf**
- **iSmile Orthodontics**
- **L&M Truck Sales**
- **Palouse Doodles, LLC**
- **Scott Family Orthodontics**
- **Swell Coffee**
- **Zimmy's Flooring**

Thank you again for making this year's Scottie Dash such a memorable success!

Everyday Counts! Partnering for Student Success!

At our school, every day your child attends is an opportunity to learn, grow, and build strong connections with friends and teachers! We value working together with our families to support consistent attendance and ensure a safe, smooth school day for everyone.

Here is a quick guide to managing attendance, late arrivals, and school visits:

What to Do If Your Child Misses School or Arrives Late

- **Notify Us Early:** If your student needs to miss school or arrives late for any reason, please let the office know to excuse the absence or tardy within **10 school days**. (policy does not allow absences to be excused after 10 days)
- **Understanding Late Arrivals:** Students arriving within 15 minutes of the start of class are marked tardy, while arrivals past 15 minutes are counted as an absence. Either way, simply give us quick contact so we can update their records correctly!
- **Automated Courtesy Alerts:** To help you stay up to date on your child's daily presence in class, our system sends an automated evening phone call whenever a student is marked late or absent.

Open Communication & Attendance Support We know that medical appointments, family needs, and life happen! To keep you informed, our team periodically sends home attendance letters and updates. These routine check-ins are simply designed to maintain open communication and help us work together to keep students on track. If you ever have questions or need support with attendance, please reach out—we are always here to help!

Quick & Secure Student Pick-Ups & Visitor Check-In To keep our students safe and make process routines as smooth as possible, please keep the following in mind when visiting campus:

- **Bring Your Photo ID:** Please bring your Driver's License or state ID card every time you enter the office to check out a student or visit campus.
- **Checking Out Students:** When picking up your student early for an appointment, please head into the main office to scan your ID at our check-out tablet. To ensure student safety, students are called out of class once an adult has signed them out in person—we are unable to send students out to the parking lot via phone calls.
- **Volunteers & Guests:** All visitors and volunteers must scan their photo ID at the front desk to receive a visitor badge before entering school hallways while class is in session.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in keeping our school community safe, connected, and present!

Wrestling & Volleyball Info

- Wrestling and Volleyball practice begins **October 15th. Parent Meeting on Oct. 19th**
- Visit [FMS Athletic Page](#) to view draft schedule
- If your student would like to participate, please make sure they are signed up in Final Forms. Information about Final Forms can be found on the FMS Athletics Site.
- Sports physicals are required to participate in practice on the first day. We can take a hard copy in the office, or you can be uploaded directly into Final Forms.
- **Parent and Student forms that need to be completed prior to the season starting.**

- Before the first competition, ASB and Transportation fees must be paid. This can be done in person at the office or through Skyward
- Please reach out to Sierra McGarity, FMS Athletic Coordinator, with any questions. smcgarity@freemansd.org

ASB Cards/Sports Fees-

- 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
- 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. The bus departs at 5:25pm. Questions or more details, call the Transportation Department – (509) 291-5555.
- Robotics also needs to pay for ASB & Transportation

Once your ASB Card is purchased you may pick it up in the office during passing periods, before & after school. **They will not be handed out during class.**

Upcoming Sport Games:

- **10/12 Softball** vs Cheney @ **Freeman** – 3:45pm
- **10/7 Cross Country** vs East Valley @ East Valley – 3:45pm
- **10/13 Cross Country**, All-league @ **Freeman** – 3:45pm
- **10/8 8th Grade Football** vs Reardan @ Reardan – 3:30 pm
- **10/14 8th Grade Football** vs Cheney @ **Freeman HS** – 3:45 pm
- **10/5 7th Grade Football** vs Reardan @ Reardan – 4pm
- **10/13 7th Grade** vs Cheney @ Cheney – 3:45pm

Freeman School -CHESS CLUB:

- Sign up for Autumn 2026 Grades 2-8
- SCHEDULE: After School, Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- 8 Weeks: Oct 8, 15, 29 Nov 5, 12, 19 Dec 3, 10
- Professional Chess Coach Dennis Pirello provides lectures, videos, and exercises, then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club also competes against other clubs in

regional tournaments held on Saturdays (this is an optional activity).
Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship, April 24, 2027, Spokane, WA.

See tournament and camp schedule: www.inlandchess.org

- TUITION ~ \$90 for 8 weeks. Each session is one hour. Registration form below. Tuition pays for: A. coaching fees, B. coaching supplies, C. end of semester awards, D. insurance, coach development, and administration costs. Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email.

Installment payments are accepted and limited scholarships are available.
Parents are encouraged to attend chess clubs to learn and play (free of charge).

- If you want to register for Freeman School Chess Club, stop by the office to pick up a flyer!

Library Reports:

- **Library Reports are posted in the hallway. Please check to see if you have an overdue or missing book AND check whether you have fines due for late, damaged, or lost books.** Don't forget books need to be returned or renewed EVERY two weeks.
- Mrs. Chadduck can answer questions about your account before and after school. Fines must be paid at the office. Let's get our books back on the shelf so everyone can enjoy them!

Nutrition Services:

*The FSD Nutrition Services web page is now live. You can find documents and links relating to FSD Nutrition Services on the Freeman School District website under **Departments**. Click the following link to be taken directly to the Nutrition Services web page:*

<https://www.freemansd.org/district-departments/nutrition-services/nutrition-services-home>

Vision/Hearing test:

The week of October 12th through the 16th, our nurses will be conducting hearing and vision screenings for 7th graders. Please contact the nurses with any questions.

Nurse Dena: dolson@freemansd.org

Nurse Bitz: bwillard@freemansd.org

Call (509) 291-4791

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERWORK

- Every year we must have all back-to-school forms completed for every student.
- Contact the FMS office at FMSoffice@freemansd.org if you need help logging into your Family Access Account.
- Please log in to Family Access and complete form sets for each student.
- You can find this on the left side of your home page on the Skyward Family Access screen titled “FMS Registration for All Returning Students”.

Freeman High School Girls Soccer

We're offering **Freeman Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts & sweatshirts** for Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

IMPORTANT: This is a **parent/booster-led fundraiser** and is **not affiliated with, sponsored by, or conducted through Freeman High School, ASB, or the school district.**

All proceeds go toward supporting the **Freeman Girls Soccer team**. 🏀
We'd love for your players, families, and supporters to join us in **thinking pink** this October! Please feel free to share the link with your team and anyone who would like to support.

🌸 **ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

Order here:

<https://freemanhssocfund2026.itemorder.com/>

Thank you for supporting Freeman Girls Soccer! 💖

[Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)

[FMS 26-27 Student Handbook](#)

[26-27 School Calendar](#)

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