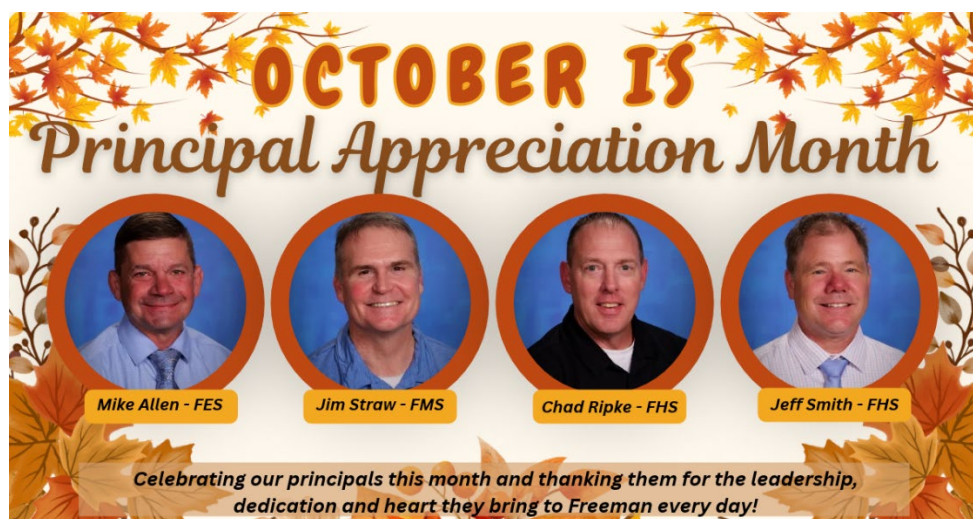


Freeman Middle Scoop –10-16-26

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



FMS Fall Group Conferences

Dear Middle School Parents and Families,

We hope your school year is off to a great start! As we approach the middle of the first semester, we want to share details about our upcoming **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences** at Freeman Middle School and how you can sign up.

Conference Schedule & Details

- **Thursday, October 22nd:** 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM (*Last available time slot: 6:40 PM*)
- **Friday, October 23rd:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) (*Last available time slot: 11:20 AM*)

Please check Skyward Family Access to see all available dates & times.

How Fall Conferences Work at FMS

Fall Group (parents meet with all of their child's teachers) Conferences are structured specifically for:

- **Parent Requests:** If you have questions or would like to discuss your student's academic progress, habits, or well-being.
- **Teacher Requests:** For teacher-requested conferences, the FMS Office will connect directly with families to coordinate scheduling.

- **New Families:** Families who are new to the Freeman School District this year, to help ensure a smooth transition.

Please note that **not all students will have a conference scheduled during the fall session.** However, **every student will participate in and lead their own Student-Led Conference in the spring.**

Scheduling & Next Steps

- **Skyward Family Access:** You can now log into **Skyward Family Access** and use the **Conference Scheduler** to select and reserve your time slot.
- **Teacher Requests:** The FMS Office will reach out directly to families if a teacher has requested a conference.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your students' education and growth. If you have any questions or need assistance with Skyward, please feel free to reach out to the middle school office.

- **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**. (The 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 began Thursday, October 15th
- **Parent Meeting on Monday, Oct. 19th @ 5:15 pm TK-8 MPR**
- Visit [FMS Athletic Page](#) to view draft schedules
- 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

Photo Opt Out:

- 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 or select “No” when filling out the returning student’s info on family access. 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.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERWOK

- 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”.

FSD SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE SURVERY

- As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment for every student, our school district will soon be administering the FSD Culture and Climate Survey to students in grades 4 through 12. Please read the attached letter for more information about the short, voluntary survey- including an opt-out option.



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358

Culture and Climate Student Survey Information

October 16, 2026

Dear Freeman Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment for every student, our school district will soon be administering the FSD Culture and Climate Survey to students in grades 4 through 12.

Purpose of the Survey

The FSD Culture and Climate Survey gathers valuable insights directly from our students regarding their experiences, sense of belonging, and feelings of safety and support at school. Results from this survey will be analyzed alongside data from corresponding parent and staff surveys to provide a complete picture of our school environment.

Together, this information helps us ensure our practices directly align with our district's three strategic goals:

1. Strengthen a cohesive TK-12 system by aligning our practices, expectations, and student experiences across all schools.
2. Build a culture of belonging through strong relationships, collaboration, and respectful communication.
3. Strengthen our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to ensure every student receives the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional support they need to thrive.

Survey Details

- **Time Commitment:** The survey is brief. It will be given in class the week of October 26-30, 2026. It will take students no more than 15 minutes to complete.
- **Privacy & Anonymity:** All responses are completely anonymous. No individual student responses or identifying information will ever be connected to the results.
- **Preview the Survey:** A copy of the survey questions are available digitally for your review.

Questions or Opt-Out Information

Student participation is highly valued as we continuously work to make our schools a better place for all learners. However, taking the survey is voluntary. If you have any questions, would like to preview the survey or if you prefer that your student not participate in the FSD Culture and Climate Survey, please contact your Stacey Rawson, FSD Student Services Director at 509-291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org prior to October 26, 2026.

Thank you for your partnership, support, and dedication to our Freeman community!

Lisa Phelan
Superintendent
Freeman School District

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>



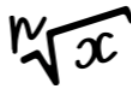
Save the Date!
FSD
**CURRICULUM AND
INFORMATION**
FAIR



4:30- 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 22

Join us in the K-8 MPR and the FHS Library for
an open house to preview curricula that are
of interest to our community including:

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- Freeman Connect Ed (6-12)
 - Social-Emotional Learning (K-12)
 - Sexual Health and Education (4-12)
 - Suicide Prevention (6-12)
 - Bullying Prevention (TK-12)
 - Title/ LAP Reading Intervention (K-3)



FREEMAN SCOTTIES PTSG

CONFERENCE MEALS

OCTOBER 22 & 23

Help us treat our amazing teachers & staff!

Every donation helps us provide a wonderful conference meal.

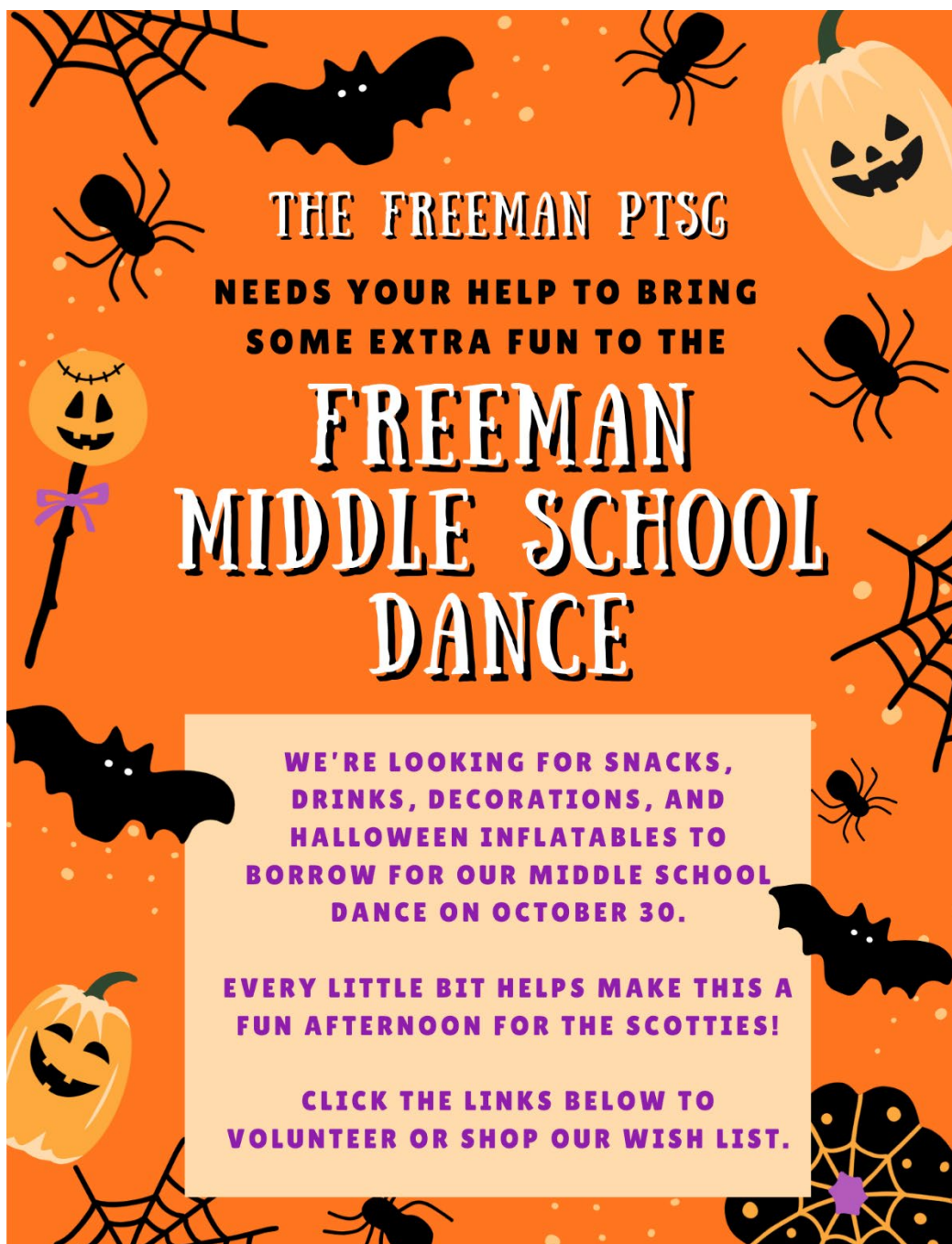


SCAN TO DONATE

COMMUNITY MEAL PARTNERS

Dave's Hot Chicken and Hops n Drops are generously providing discounted meals, helping every donation go further!





[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER OR SHOP OUR WISH LIST](#)



FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL



ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY *Assembly*

The Freeman Community and special guests
are invited to join the Freeman School
District for a program to honor those who
have served our great country!



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2026



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

8:45AM - 9:15AM

PROGRAM BEGINS:

9:30 AM



If you have pictures of your family members
who have served in the military and would
like them included in our slideshow, please
send your submissions to:

emma.dreyer@goscotties.com,
briley.snyder@goscotties.com OR
kmonasmith@freemansd.org

Be sure to include the following information:
Name, Branch, Years Served, Relation to Freeman,
Any Honors or Medals Received, Photo

FHS ATHLETICS UNIFORM SALE!



Come out to the Senior Night Football Game on Friday, October 16th, and grab a piece of Scottie history! FHS Athletics will be selling retired uniforms, including jerseys from baseball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track, along with basketball backpacks and cheer warm-up jackets and pants. All items are just \$5 or \$10 each! Cash, card, and checks will be accepted. The sale will run only through halftime, so be sure to stop by early!

All proceeds will help support future uniform replacements for our student-athletes. Come find some Scottie gear and support FHS Athletics!

[Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)

[FMS 26-27 Student Handbook](#)

[26-27 School Calendar](#)

Freeman School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator: Lisa Phelan, lphelan@freemansd.org, 509-291-3695, 15001 S Jackson Rd. Rockford, WA 99030.