

Freeman Middle Scoop –10-23-26

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

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Dear Freeman Families,

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Conferences over the past two days and partnering with us to support your students' growth! A special thank you as well to everyone who came to the Curriculum Fair and to our wonderful PTSG for providing fantastic meals for our staff.

We recently hit a major milestone—marking Day 44 of our school year on Wednesday! As we wrap up a great start to the 2026–2027 year, here are a few important updates and upcoming events:

Fall & Winter Athletics & Activities

- **Fall Sports:** Congratulation to all our fall athletes in cross country, football, and softball for a fantastic season!
- **Winter Sports:** Good luck to everyone hitting the court for volleyball and the mats for wrestling as early winter sports gear up!
- **Clubs:** Shout out to our Robotics team and Math Is Cool squad as they work hard preparing for winter competitions.

FSD Culture & Climate Survey

Next week, students in grades 4–12 will take the brief, anonymous FSD Culture and Climate Survey during class (taking 15 minutes or less) to share their experiences and help us strengthen our school environment.

- **FMS Schedule:** Middle school students will participate on **Wednesday, October 28th** (6th grade during Academic Skills; 7th/8th grade during Science).
- **Questions & Opt-Out:** Participation is voluntary. To preview questions or opt your student out, contact Stacey Rawson (FSD Student Services Director) at 509-291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org before October 26th.

Halloween Festivities & Costume Rules (Friday, Oct 30)

- **In-School Halloween Dance:** Our ASB and PTSG are excited to partner together to host an in-school Halloween dance on **Friday, October 30th!**
- **Costumes:** Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school on Friday. Please make sure costumes follow our guidelines:
 - Must be school-appropriate and not interfere with learning.
 - No gore, weapons/toy weapons, or inappropriate themes (violence, alcohol, adult content).
 - Masks are not allowed during class or instruction (only permitted during transitions, lunch, or before school).
 - Accessories must not distract or block vision, and costumes must comply with the standard dress code.

Thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and partnership with our Freeman community. Have a wonderful weekend!

FMS Staff

Sports:

Wrestling & Volleyball Info

- **Wrestling and Volleyball practice started Oct. 15th**
- 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, Parent/Student forms are required to participate in practice before the first day.** We can take a hard copy in the office, or you can be uploaded directly into Final Forms.
- 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:

- [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.

FSD SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE SURVEY:

- 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.



The poster features a blue and white color scheme with a stylized blue '\$' logo at the top. Below the logo, the text 'SCAN HERE' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, blue font. Underneath this, a blue horizontal bar contains the text 'FSD CULTURE AND CLIMATE SURVEY' in white. The central focus is a large QR code enclosed in a blue rounded rectangle, flanked by two vertical columns of small blue dots. Below the QR code, the text 'WE VALUE YOUR VOICE!' is written in bold. A paragraph follows, asking for a moment to help improve schools and serve the community. At the bottom, a blue bar contains the text 'MORE INFO' in a white button, followed by the website 'www.freemansd.org' and the phrase 'Takes only a few minutes!'.

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FSD CULTURE AND CLIMATE SURVEY



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Please take a moment to help us improve our schools
and better serve our students and community

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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

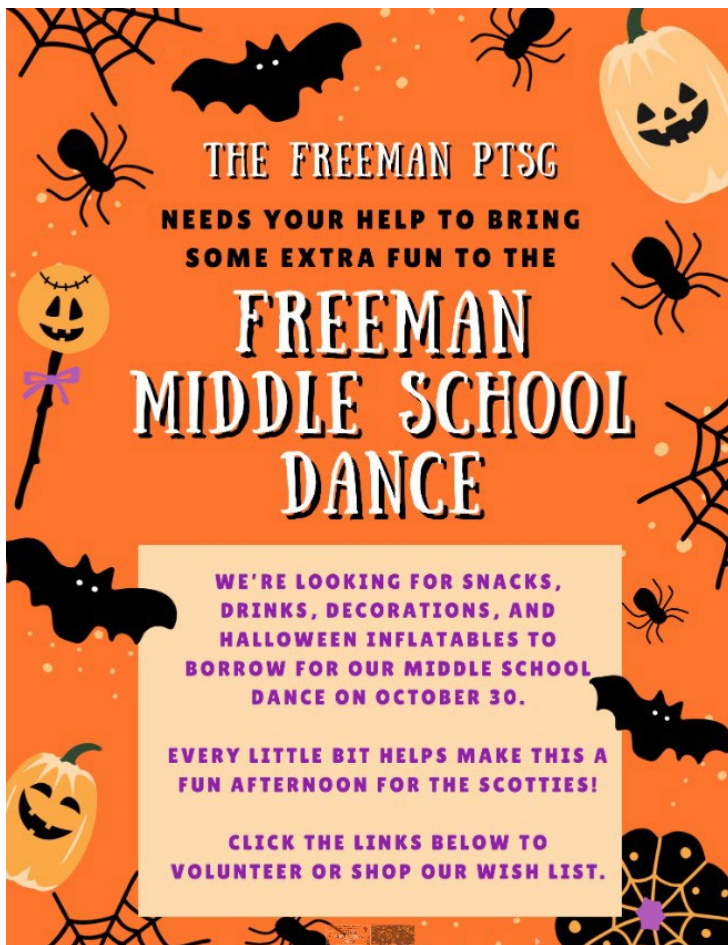
Student participation is highly valued as we continuously work to make our schools a better place for all learners. However, taking the survey is voluntary. **If you have any questions, would like to preview the survey or if you prefer that your student not participate in the FSD Culture and Climate 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

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>

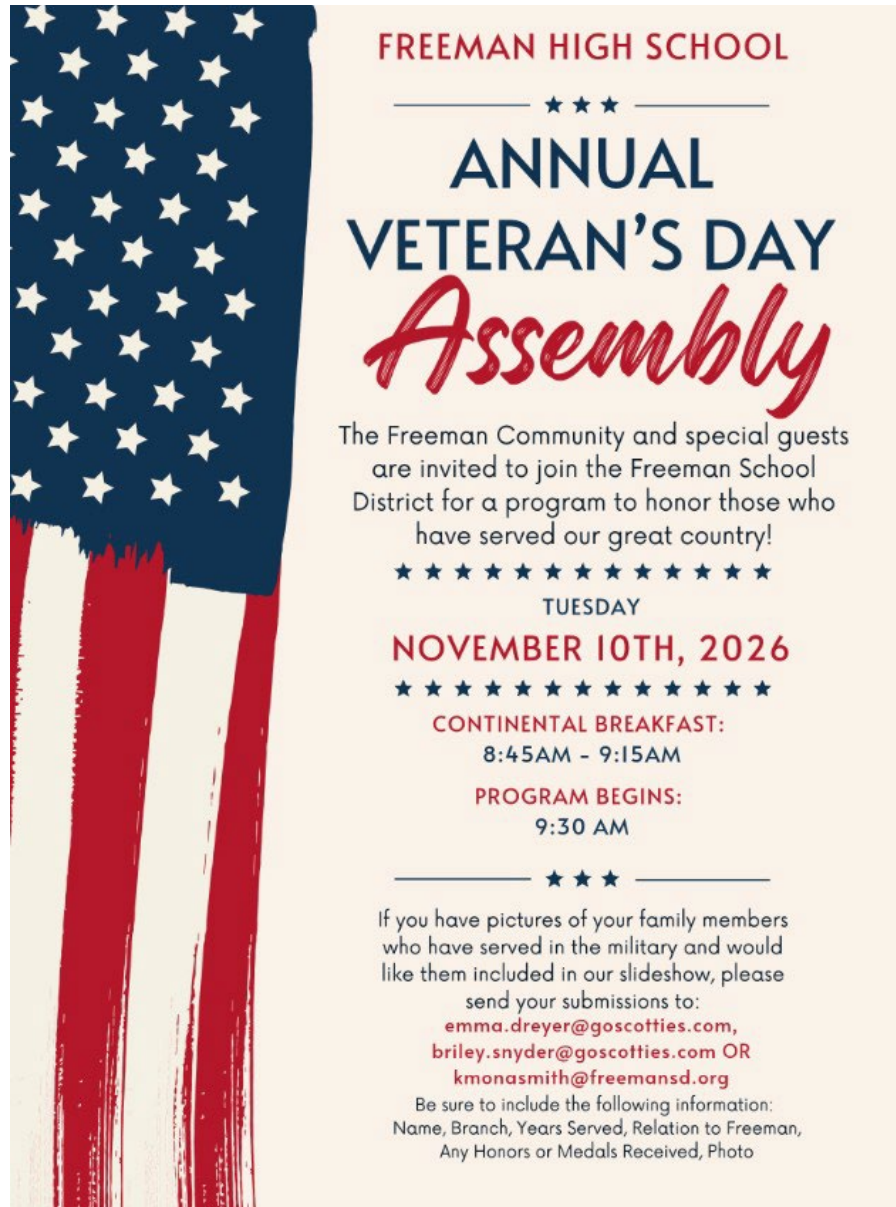


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