Freeman Middle Scoop –11/6/26

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

It is super busy at FMS, and it's hard to believe our Early Winter activities are already at the halfway point! Before diving into next week's schedule, I want to extend a huge thank you to the Freeman PTSG for sponsoring an awesome community event tonight—The Harvest Hoedown. We hope everyone comes out to celebrate!

Professional Development

During the Late Start on Wednesday, November 4th, FMS teachers participated in a specialized 90-minute training session titled **Discovering Newsela Content & Features**. Teachers worked on integrating Newsela with Google Classroom to deliver differentiated, accessible reading content across subject areas. This platform allows us to adjust reading levels for individual students while maintaining core concept focus across all content areas, offer embedded read-aloud and vocabulary tools, and track reading comprehension in real time to support literacy growth.

Here is what you need to know for the busy week ahead:

Events & Schedule for Next Week

- **Monday, November 9**
  - **Volleyball Match:** Vs. East Valley- 8th grade is at home while the 6th & 7th grades are at EVMS.
- **Tuesday, November 10**
  - **Annual Veterans' Day Assembly:** Held at Freeman High School at 9:30 AM.
- **Wednesday, November 11**
  - **No School:** Observance of Veterans' Day.
- **Thursday, November 12**
  - **Chess Club Meeting**
  - **Wrestling Match:** Away at Deer Park.
  - **12-Week Grade Checks:** Reports sent out today.
- **Friday, November 13**
  - **Superintendent's Student Advisory Meeting:** Featuring six FMS student representatives.
  - **FMS Musical Interest Meeting**
  - **Scottie Time:** Middle school students will check for missing assignments during Advisory.
- **Ongoing Academic Clubs**
  - **Math Is Cool & Robotics:** Practice continues to prepare for competitions.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and the school community. Have a wonderful weekend!

Jim Straw- Principal

Preparing for Winter Weather:
School Delays, Closures & Safety Procedures

Rather than waiting until the moment arrives when early morning adjustments must be made, this information is being shared in advance. Please familiarize yourselves with the inclement weather information below.

Communication

If weather impacts the school day, we aim to communicate with staff, students, and families about changes to the normal school day operations by 6:00 a.m. through the following systems:

- Automated emails, texts, and voice messages-please ensure your contact information in Skyward is accurate and Freeman SD is not blocked.
- The Freeman School District website and our Facebook & Instagram pages
- Local news stations (note: their reports may not always be accurate — please rely on Freeman messaging first)

Weather Monitoring

When snow or inclement weather is in the forecast, we will monitor weather and road conditions at night and into the early morning hours.

- Transportation Director and staff drive roads and bus routes early in the early morning to assess conditions.
- Maintenance crews begin plowing and clearing parking lots and sidewalks before staff and students arrive. Even with these efforts, icy spots may remain—please use extra caution!
- Before any decision is made, Superintendent Lisa Phelan will work with Everett Combs, Transportation Director to determine if a 2 hour late start or cancellation is necessary. Safety of students, staff, and community is our number one priority.

Delays and Cancellations

Our goal is always to keep schools open when possible. Please remember that road conditions can change quickly and after decisions have been made; we do the best we can with the information we have at the time of the decision deadline of 6:00 a.m.

- Two-Hour Delay: School begins at 10:15 a.m. Breakfast will not be served. Staff should report when they can safely do so.
- Cancellation: All school programs, activities, athletics, and other events are canceled for the entire day and evening, even if conditions later improve. The day will be made up on the next scheduled make-up day (March 4th or May 28th).

Safety Tip: Walk Like a Penguin!

- Wear shoes with slip-resistant soles.
- Take short steps and keep your arms slightly out for balance.
- Hold onto your vehicle when getting in or out.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping keep our Freeman students, staff, and families safe this winter!

Sports:

Next week's games

- Nov. 9th -**8th Grade Volleyball** vs. East Valley @ Freeman 3:45pm
- Nov. 9th- **7th grade (plus flex) Volleyball** vs East Valley @ East Valley 3:45pm
- Nov. 16th – **Wrestling** vs Cheney @ Freeman 3:35pm




FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY
Program
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2026
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:
8:45AM - 9:15AM
PROGRAM BEGINS:
9:30 AM


FREEMAN
PTSG
Meeting
NOV. 16
RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL
AT FREEMAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
See you there!

Freeman PTSG Spirit Wear

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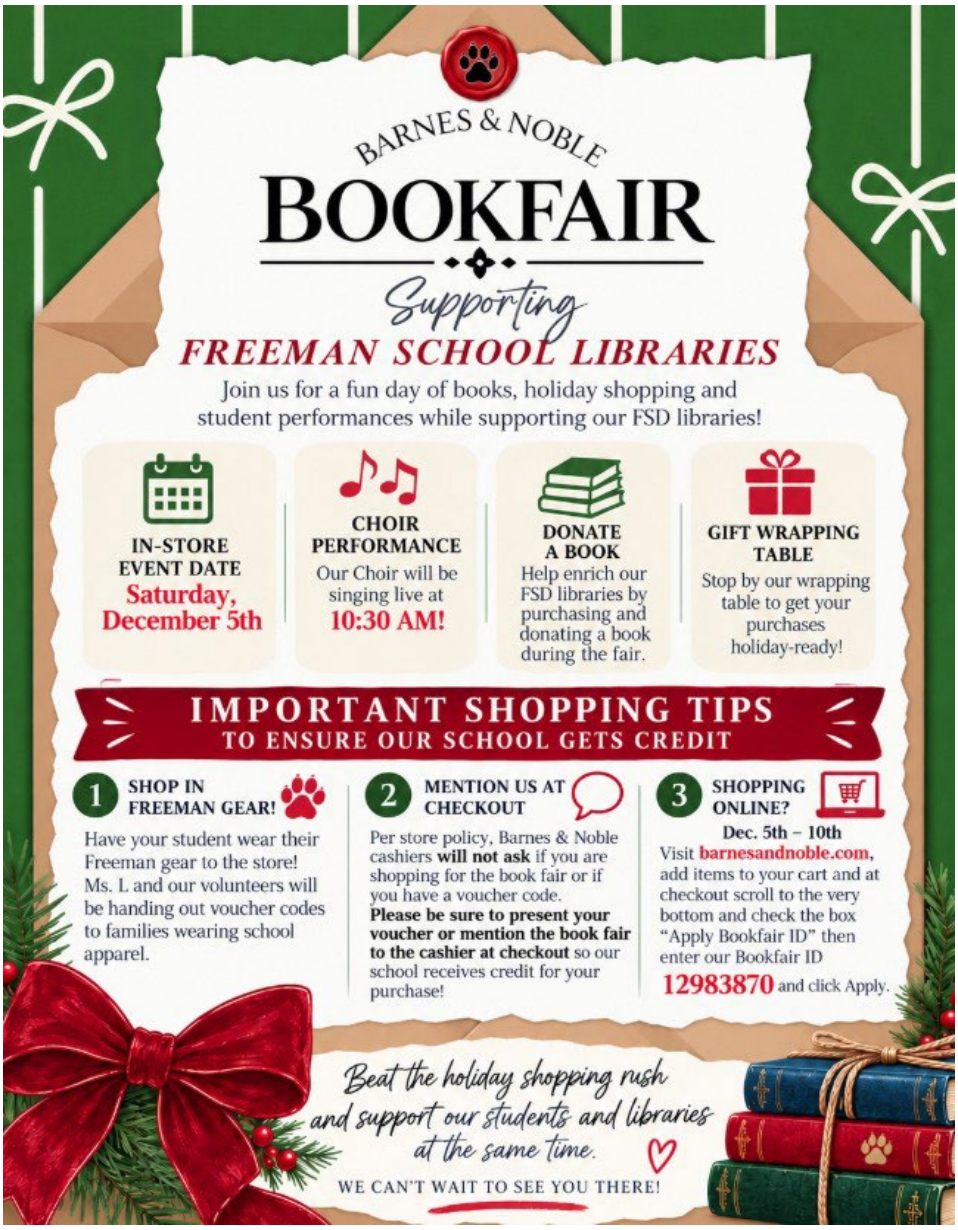
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