FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCOTTIE SCOOP

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

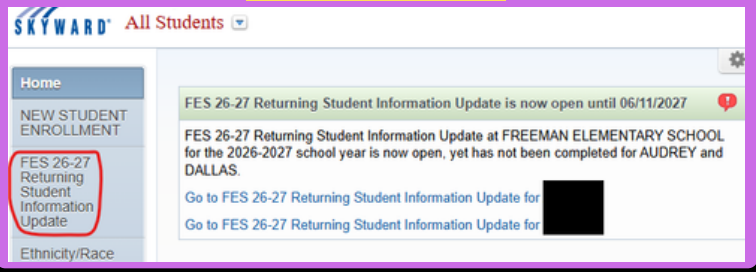
UPCOMING DATES

NOV 6 3:30-4:30pm = Low Sensory HARVEST HOEDOWN (FES)
4:30-6:30pm = HARVEST HOEDOWN TONIGHT! (FES)
NOV 9 2:45-4:00pm = 4th/5th Math is Cool (Comm. Clsrm.)
NOV 10 9:30-11:00am = Veteran's Day Assembly (FHS Blue Gym)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 11 Happy Veteran's Day = NO SCHOOL
NOV 12 2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Classroom)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 13 SPIRIT DAY = Western Dress Up Day!!!
NOV 16 2:45-4:00pm = PTSG Meeting (FES Lrg Conf Room)
2:45-4:00pm = 4th/5th Math is Cool (Comm. Classroom)
NOV 17 2:45-4:00pm = Musical Auditions-3rd-5th Grades (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
4:00-5:00pm = Musical Parent Meeting (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 18 2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (Comm. Classroom)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 19 2:45-4:00pm = Musical Auditions-3rd-5th Grades (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
4:00-5:00pm = Musical Parent Meeting (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Classroom)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)

RETURNING STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

All returning students must have their information updated with their school each year. Please login to Family Access and complete the "FES 26-27 Returning Student Information Update" for each of your students.
Our goal was 100% complete by September 30th and we still have a little ways to go! Please get onto Family Access and complete it tonight! If nothing has changed, you still need to get on and complete all of the steps.

FAMILY ACCESS LINK





IT'S A PTSG FUNDRAISER
PANDA EXPRESS CHINESE KITCHEN
ALL DAY
WED. NOV 11.
South Hill Location
CLICK TO SHOW THE FLIER IN STORE
Or use 3864775 to order online or in the app.

SCOTTIE GEAR!

Check out some new Scottie Gear! We have 2 different places to order Scottie Gear. Please click on each flyer to get to their online stores.
***Momentum Ink (Deadline Nov. 15th)**
***Laurel Design**

MOMENTUM INK

Freeman PTSG Spirit Wear

PLEASE READ

*Turnaround time is 12-14 BUSINESS days AFTER e-store closes.

*Please expect at least 3 weeks for embroidered items to arrive once the store closes.

*DUE TO LOW INVENTORY AND SHIPPING DELAYS IN THE APPAREL INDUSTRY, YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A DELAY IN RECEIVING YOUR ORDER. PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR YOUR ORDER TO PROCESS AND BE DELIVERED.

*Due to shortages at our vendors' distribution centers, items purchased sometimes are not in stock when the store closes. If this happens, a comparable item will be ordered to replace your item(s).

*At checkout, there is a $3.00 processing and handling charge.

All Sales Are Final. No Returns or Exchanges.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to https://freemanspiritwear26.itemorder.com/
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday November 15th, 2026 (11:59pm PST)**

D1 - FF Port & Co Core Cotton Tee. PC54 $15.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt PC78Y $25.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt. PC78 $25.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt PC78YH $30.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC78H $30.00	D1 - FF Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. ST251 $40.00
D1 - FF Sport-Tek Youth Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. YST251 $40.00	D1 - FF ATHLETIC FLEECE HOODIE $40.00	D2 - FF Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. ST251 $40.00	D2 - FF Sport-Tek Youth Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. YST251 $40.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC78H $30.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt PC78YH $30.00
EMB 1 - District Women's Perfect Weight Fleece Cropped Crew DT1105 $30.00	EMB1 - District Women's V.I.T. Fleece Hoodie DT6101 $30.00	EMB 1 - New Era Standard Fit Snapback Trucker Cap NE4030 $25.00	EMB 2 - Cuffed Beanie - 1501KC $20.00	EMB 3 - Trucker 2 Colors $23.00	EMB 3 - Women's Alice Half-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt - TD077 $42.00
D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Fan Favorite Tee. PC450Y $15.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Tee. PC450 $15.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee. PC450LS $20.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt. PC850 $25.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC850H $30.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Fan Favorite Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC850YH $30.00



HALLOWEEN FUN!

We had a SWEET time dressing up like candy on Halloween with Mr. Allen as Willy Wonka! Thank you to those who helped make the parties fun and who joined in on the festivities!





3rd grade had some fun costumes as well.

BARNES & NOBLE

BOOKFAIR

Supporting

FREEMAN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Join us for a fun day of books, holiday shopping and student performances while supporting our FSD libraries!

IN-STORE EVENT DATE
Saturday, December 5th

CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Our Choir will be singing live at 10:30 AM!

DONATE A BOOK
Help enrich our FSD libraries by purchasing and donating a book during the fair.

GIFT WRAPPING TABLE
Stop by our wrapping table to get your purchases holiday-ready!

IMPORTANT SHOPPING TIPS TO ENSURE OUR SCHOOL GETS CREDIT

1 SHOP IN FREEMAN GEAR!
Have your student wear their Freeman gear to the store! Ms. L and our volunteers will be handing out voucher codes to families wearing school apparel.

2 MENTION US AT CHECKOUT
Per store policy, Barnes & Noble cashiers **will not ask** if you are shopping for the book fair or if you have a voucher code. **Please be sure to present your voucher or mention the book fair to the cashier at checkout** so our school receives credit for your purchase!

3 SHOPPING ONLINE?
Dec. 5th – 10th
Visit barnesandnoble.com, add items to your cart and at checkout scroll to the very bottom and check the box "Apply Bookfair ID" then enter our Bookfair ID **12983870** and click Apply.

Beat the holiday shopping rush and support our students and libraries at the same time.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Freeman School District

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS
- Full-time paraeducator
- Bus Driver
- Part-time bus aide
- Coaching positions
- Substitute positions

APPLY HERE



ALWAYS BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

We are always happy to have visitors. Please know you must have your Driver's License to check in and get a badge to be able to walk down our hallways when school is in session. If you have to check in your student late, we encourage you to let them walk to class on their own. It becomes a big distraction when they walk into class late, especially with a parent. You also need your Driver's License to check your student out of school early...so always having your Driver's License available at school is the best practice.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Want to find out what's going on around the District? Click on the newsletters icon to find all of our newsletters including the District Freeman Focus, the Middle School Scoop and both the High School Friday Flyer and Bagpiper School Newspaper.

NEWSLETTERS

NUTRITION SERVICES MENUS AND UPDATES

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: Nutrition Services LINK

BREAKFAST

Elementary
Breakfast: $2.35
Lunch: $3.90

Daily Breakfast Options:
*Cereal Variety
*Fresh Fruit Variety
*Goldfish Crackers
*1% LF Milk
*Fat Free Chocolate Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Chocolate Chip Scone Or Cereal	10 Pancakes w/Sausage Or Cereal	11 Veteran's Day	12 Egg McFreeman Or Cereal	13 Cinnamon Roll Or Cereal

Adults
Breakfast: $3.20
Lunch: $5.00

LUNCH

Milk
$0.60

Daily Lunch Options:
*Alternate Lunch
*Salad Bar
*1% LF Milk
*Fat Free Chocolate Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Or Alternate	10 Soft Taco Or Alternate	11 Veteran's Day	12 Assorted Pizza Or Alternate	13 Cheeseburger Or Alternate

FREEMAN PTSG Meeting



NOV. 16

RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

AT FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

See you there!

girl scouts

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY

Girl Scouts

We're GROWING our Troop!

Join the adventure, make new friends, and build confidence with Girl Scouts!

- Explore new skills
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Make a difference

MEETINGS
Wednesdays
2:45 – 4:00 PM

OPEN TO GIRLS IN GRADES K-5!

TROOP #2526
Troop Leader: Amber

Contact Amber to sign up before attending meetings!
707-599-5515

Come be part of our amazing Girl Scout family!

Be a leader. Be a friend. Be a Girl Scout!

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Starting Semester 2, if we do not have some form of communication from the parents and your kids sign in alone, it will stay an unexcused absence. Please come in with them, call in or send a note when they are signing into the school.

You must excuse your students' absences and tardies within 10 school days. We will no longer accommodate parents calling months late asking to excuse all of their kids' absences.

It is considered a tardy if they are less than 15 minutes late in the morning. Please know that if your student misses more than 15 minutes in the first half or second half of the day, it is considered missing half a day. These half days can add up to a lot of absences. We understand that kids have appointments and other situations come up, but we want you to be aware of how this can affect their attendance.

It is part of our Attendance process to send out letters to parents regarding their student's attendance each year. Please know that this is to keep open communication between the school and the parents. Please reach out with any questions.

SCHOOL NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 6:05 PM PUCK DROP Coca-Cola FAMILY FEAST



$12 TICKETS

OFFER VALID FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND FACULTY

CLICK HERE | TEXT/CALL 509-431-6817

TICKET DEADLINE NOVEMBER 16.
TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY.

Shriners Children's Spokane

SPOKANECHIEFS.COM/SCHOOLNIGHT

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!

FREEMAN FOCUS

PRIDE | COMMITMENT | CARING

NOVEMBER 2026

One Freeman. One Community. Every Student.

As I reflect on my first few months as Superintendent of the Freeman School District, I feel grateful and proud. After nearly 30 years of serving this district as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent, stepping into this new role has been both humbling and rewarding.

These first few months have reinforced what I have always known: Freeman is a special place because of the people who make up our schools and community. I have enjoyed connecting with students, staff, families, and community members, listening to their perspectives, and celebrating the many wonderful things happening throughout our district that you will learn about here in the Freeman Focus.

As we move forward, we will continue strengthening a cohesive TK–12 system, building a culture of belonging, and ensuring every student has the support and opportunities needed to thrive. These priorities reflect our commitment to working together as One Freeman.

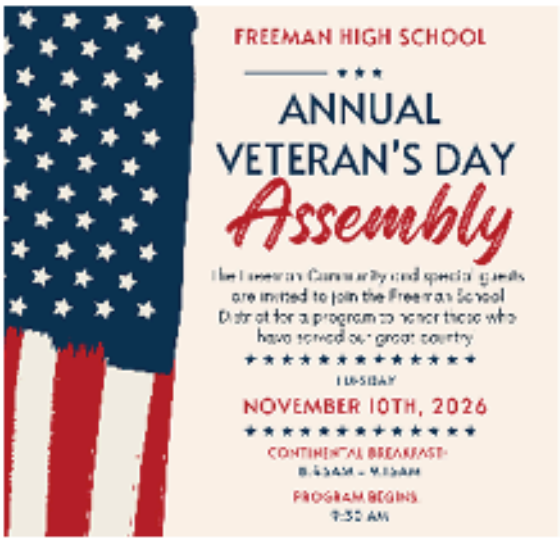
I am incredibly proud of our dedicated staff, hardworking students, supportive families, and the community that continues to stand behind our schools. Thank you for your trust, partnership, and continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out. It has been a joy reconnecting with alumni and meeting community members who have a story to share.

Freeman Pride, Commitment, and Caring!

Lisa Phelan

Superintendent, Freeman School District





Scottie Dash Brings the Community Together

Freeman's annual Scottie Dash brought TK-8 students, families and community supporters together Friday, Oct. 2, for a day of school spirit and healthy activity. Students collected donations, ran for 30 minutes, received Scottie Dash T-shirts and celebrated with popsicles after the run.

Organized by the TK-8 Associated Student Body (ASB) and Parent, Teacher, Student Group (PTSG), the annual fundraiser supports opportunities for Freeman students, including field trips, sports, clubs, robotics, assemblies, playground improvements, community events and scholarships for graduating seniors pursuing college or a trade.

A heartfelt thank-you to the ASB, PTSG, volunteers, families and local sponsors who made the event possible: Amplify Real Estate Services; Broadway Heights Dental; CHS Primeland; Dave's Hot Chicken; Design IT Solutions; Fulcrum Financial Group; Gray Service Plumbing; the Hawley Family; Inland Empire Golf; iSmile Orthodontics; L&M Truck Sales; Palouse Doodles, LLC; Scott Family Orthodontics; Swell Coffee; and Zimmy's Flooring.





Thank you to the entire Freeman community for making the 2026 Scottie Dash a success!

PACE Character Traits November - CITIZENSHIP December - CARING January - FAIRNESS

Our Schools. Our Workforce. Our Future.

In September, Freeman School District students and leaders joined business and community representatives from across the Spokane Valley for the Our Schools Business Connections Breakfast, a conversation about preparing today's students for tomorrow's workforce and community.

Freeman students Briley Snyder, Logan Nelson, Lily Lagreid and Trapper Collins attended alongside Superintendent Phelan and CTE/FCE Director Heidi Youseph. Hosted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, the event brought together educators, employers, community leaders and residents to consider what skills graduates need to succeed and how schools and communities can help them develop those skills.

Briley, Logan, Lily and Trapper shared their experiences and perspectives, giving attendees a firsthand look at learning and preparation for life after high school. Their voices underscored the importance of including students in conversations about the workforce they will soon enter.

Grounded in Washington's Profile of a Graduate, the discussion went beyond academics to highlight communication, collaboration, problem-solving, confidence, career awareness and adaptability in a changing world.



Freeman students, Lily Lagreid, Briley Snyder, Trapper Collins, and Logan Nelson shine at the Spokane Valley In School Chamber Event





Exploring Futures in Medicine

Freeman is proud to highlight its ongoing partnership with Washington State University's Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. Built on the principle "You can't be what you can't see," the program began in Stevens County to introduce students to medical professionals and health care career pathways. Now in its seventh year and serving 13 schools, the program marks its fifth year working with Freeman seventh and eighth graders.

This school year, 50 Freeman eighth graders are participating in hands-on activities and interactive case studies led by WSU medical students. They explore real-world health topics and careers in medicine, anatomy, nursing, pharmacy and clinical research while building scientific knowledge and leadership skills. We are grateful to WSU and its dedicated mentors for helping students envision new possibilities for their futures.

Keeping Our Campus Safe and Welcoming

The community levy support helps Freeman School District maintain its campus and address unexpected repairs, including a recently damaged gate at Kent Smith Field. Thanks to Freeman alum Steven Sainsbury, owner of FLYFAB, the gate has been repaired and improved beyond its original condition. This project highlights how levy dollars, combined with community partnerships, help protect our community's investment and keep Freeman's campus safe and welcoming for students, staff and visitors.



Introducing the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee

Freeman is excited to launch the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee, giving students an opportunity to share their ideas, experiences and perspectives directly with the Superintendent Lisa Phelan. Meeting over lunch once a month, students will have open, informal conversations about what is working well, where improvements can be made and how to strengthen our school community. The committee will help ensure student voices are heard as we work together to create a school where every student feels connected, supported and valued.





Freeman Third Graders Explore Rockford!

On Friday, Sept. 25, Freeman's three third-grade classes explored local Rockford businesses during a field trip. Students visited the District 11 Fire Department, First Interstate Bank, Rockford Auto, the Rockford Historical Society and The Body Shop. They also previewed the Southeast Spokane County Fair, where their school projects were proudly displayed.

Thank you to the local businesses and organizations that welcomed our students and supported hands-on learning. We appreciate your commitment to educating and inspiring our kids!









Fifth Graders Earn Best of Show

Congratulations to Freeman's fifth graders for earning the Best of Show award at the Southeast Spokane County Fair! Students carefully crafted three-dimensional seed pictures, showcasing their creativity while learning about crops grown and harvested by local farmers. Mr. Gady is proud of you!



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Rockford, WA 99030

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UPCOMING FREEMAN EVENTS

11/4 ..... 2-Hour Late Start (School starts at 10:15 a.m.)
11/6 ..... Harvest Hoedown (hosted by PTSG) 4:30-6:30 p.m.
11/10 ..... Veterans Day Community Program 9:30 a.m. | HS Blue Gym
11/11 ..... Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
11/23-11/27 ..... Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
11/30 ..... School Board Meeting | 6 p.m. | PRTC Building
12/2 ..... 2-Hour Late Start (School starts at 10:15 a.m.)
12/11 ..... Holiday Craft Night (hosted by PTSG) | 4:30-6:30 p.m.
12/13 ..... Robotics Regionals Competition | MS Gym
12/14 ..... School Board Meeting | 4 p.m. | PRTC Building
12/14 ..... Winter Concert | HS Blue Gym Grades K-2, 5:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12, 7 p.m.
12/18-12/19 ..... Greg Larson Memorial Basketball Tournament
12/19-12/20 ..... Freeman HS 46th Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament
12/21-1/1 ..... Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
1/4 ..... Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
1/18 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
1/25 ..... School Board Meeting | 6 p.m. | PRTC Building



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CONTACT INFORMATION: 15001 South Jackson Road Rockford, WA (PHONE) 509.291.3695 (FAX) 509.291.3936

SCOTTIE GEAR!

Check out these 2 websites for year around Scottie Gear! Just click on each image to see the available Scottie Gear!

Also, if you are attending any home games, the Freeman Athletic Booster Club is often selling Scottie Gear at the games. They have in person stock and you can leave the game with merchandise.

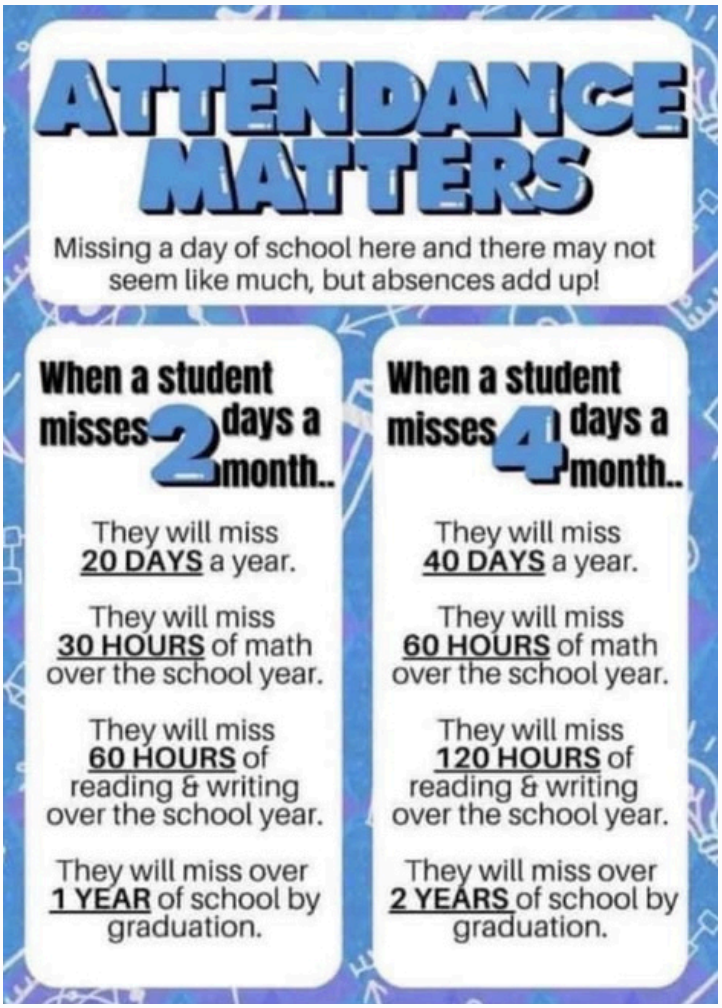
BSN SPORTS | SIDELINE STORE

FREEMAN SCOTTIES

FREEMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

GAME ONE

STUDENT SERVICES



CHILD FIND

Freeman School District provides FREE Child Find screenings to locate and identify children with delays or disabilities who may be in need of early intervention or special education services.

CONCERNS MAY INCLUDE:

- SPEECH OR LANGUAGE
- LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING
- COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- SELF-HELP SKILLS (FEEDING, DRESSING, TOILETING)
- BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
- VISION OR HEARING

Any condition that may affect a child's ability to learn can be a basis for referral. To schedule your child's free screening- call or email Stacey Rawson, Student Services Director at (509) 291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org

OPT INTO TEXT MESSAGES FROM FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stay connected and receive text messages from the school. This includes notification when the newsletters are ready, information messages and emergency alerts. Follow the QR code below and opt in

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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