

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



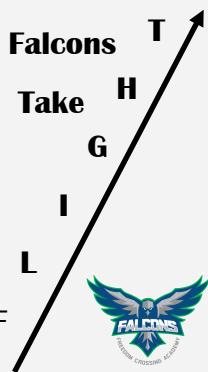
Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

March 5th 2019



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Falcon Families:

There is a lot of important information below so please take a few minutes to review each sections.

Illnesses – We have been experiencing a lot of illness, both students and staff. We are doing our best to be proactive and do some extra cleaning to keep the spreading of any illness contained. We will continue to do this extra cleaning, especially with the cold weather that will be upon us the next couple days. We do hope you and your family are able to be healthy and avoid any illness that may be around.

Summer Camp – We are working in conjunction with Village Academy and the school district to provide a camp for local students. This is a new survey that reflects some changes that we will be proposing. If you are interested in a summer camp held here at FCA please take a minute to complete this one question survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJXLQ2V>

FCA Basketball – The season has ended for our boys and girls teams and they both did a great job. The girls finished with an undefeated season and the boys became a strong contender as the season closed. We are looking forward to watching our teams in the coming years. Next year we will only have one team comprised of 6th and 7th graders that will compete against the K-8's and Middle Schools from around the county.

FCA Basketball is Not over – We do have one more game against Palm Valley Academy. This game will be a fundraiser for two charities selected by each school. The teams will be comprised of staff from each school as well. The game will take place next Tuesday, March 12th. This year the game will be hosted by PVA and will rotate each year. Tipoff is at 6pm and we would love to have a lot of FCA Families in attendance. Our charity is Crookshank Elementary, a school in St John's County that is struggling to get basic school supplies. We hope to see you there.

[*There will also be a halftime show that will rival America's Got Talent*](#)

Saturday School? – No, we are not starting Saturday school, but I thought that would get your attention as we brag on our teachers. This past Saturday many of our teachers hosted an EdCamp. This is a conference by teachers for teachers. We had teachers travel from around the state to be a part of this wonderful experience. We even had several of our students attend and share a session, "Student Voice" where they shared different classroom experiences and practices from a student's perspective. This was a great day and demonstrates the dedication of our staff to host a conference on a Saturday.

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Digital Media – Recently we have been made aware of some concerns with digital media. This is not necessarily a school concern, but a public service announcement for our students. Below is a statement that has been provided by our district that we would like to share.

Unfortunately there are games, online programs, apps and videos that present dangerous challenges to young users. Serious safety concerns can occur for children and youth who use the internet without safeguards and supervision. There are predators who use social media apps to target vulnerable kids. The risk and harm is greater for children who respond to pressure from these internet site predators who act like “friends” to get youth to share personal information or follow orders under the guise of a game or a lure of attention.

We hope you will consider exploring the following information and tips to help you keep your children and youth safe as they access the internet:

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/social-media-mass-media-parent-resources/>

Help us staff our school – In order to hire staff and be prepared for the new school year, we need to have students registered early. Registration is now open for the coming school year. Please share this information with anyone you may know that have children that will be coming to school in our district. Early registration can be completed online at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment or by visiting the student’s assigned school website. To find the assigned school, enter your street address on the Attendance Zone Locator at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/.

To be eligible for public kindergarten in the SJCSD, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County.

Other requirements for registration:

- Birth certificate/Guardianship Documents
- Documentation of a health examination performed within one year of enrollment
- Proof of completed required immunizations on Form DH680
- Proof of residence per the Residency and Guardianship Policy located at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/

Spring Break – Spring Break for students begins next Friday (a teacher planning day). Students return Monday March 25th. Students will be dismissed at the normal dismissal time next Thursday, March 14th. We hope you and your family have a great break.

SAC Meeting – This Monday March 11th, we will hold a School Advisory Council meeting. At this meeting I will be sharing an overview of how schools are staffed in the budget process. All are welcome to join us at 4pm. The meetings last about an hour.

Have a great week,

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar



2018-2019 SJCSD Calendar

Tuesday, Mar 5 - Book Fair open from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday, Mar 5 - Band Concert 6pm

Wednesday, March 6 - Spring Individual Pictures

Monday, March 11—SAC Meeting

Thursday, March 14 - PTO Meeting in the Cafeteria @ 9:30am

Friday, March 15 - Teacher Planning Day- No School for Students

Monday, March 18 thru Friday, March 22 - SPRING BREAK

Thursday, March 28 - BBQ & Baskets @ FCA 6:30pm

(Come for a night of BBQ from Willie Jewels and a whole lot of chance drawings)

Saturday, March 30 - Falcon Spirit Night at The Icemen 7pm - Be on the lookout for more info.

Monday, April 22 - PTO Un-Fundraiser

Parent Survey



This survey is super important! It is short and won't take much time. Parents are a big part of Team FCA and we can't break barriers without you. Your opinion matters to us.



<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=76LL3m50>

FSA at FCA



Each year we are required to have Proctors in each of our classrooms that take the FSA. No experience is necessary. We need you as an extra set of eyes for the classroom. The only requirement is that you are an approved volunteer in SJCSD. Please spread the word to anyone who might be able to help us out. College students often need community volunteer hours and this would count towards that. We appreciate your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFA62EA5F58-freedom>

FCA Book Fair



Monday, March 4th
thru
Friday, March 8th

E- Wallet is here

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to FCA!! The Book Fair will be open for the Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, March 1 and classes will come to do their shopping during the week of March 4-8. There will be lots of great books available, including SSYRA titles, new releases, and lots of other student favorites! All Book Fair proceeds will go toward the purchase of new materials and online resources for the FCA Media Center!

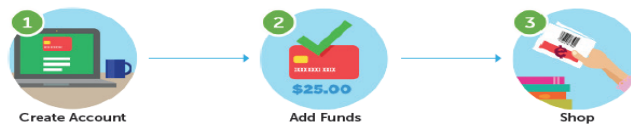
Speaking of online resources, did you know that all FCA families have access to hundreds of online eBooks as well as full access to our World Book Online Encyclopedia?? To get to our collection of eBooks, simply download the free MackinVIA app to your mobile device! Students can log in using their S number and password (the same way they log into iReady). To visit World Book Online Encyclopedia, go to www.worldbookonline.com and enter username "freedom" and password "falcons". There, students can do research, watch videos, play educational games, create timelines, and much more! For more info on either of these awesome resources, please contact Mr. O at matt.ostrowsky@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Happy Reading!!

Our Book Fair has a new digital payment option!



No cash on hand the day of the Book Fair? No worries – Scholastic Book Fairs® is now offering an eWallet payment option. Simply set up an account and have funds immediately available for your child to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping with eWallet.

How it Works:



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/freedomcrossingacademy>



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Don't Forget - This year the Book Fair will also be open at night!!

Tuesday, Mar. 5th - Book Fair is open from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Swing by before the Band Concert.

Field Day



Field Day is here and we need your help!! Come join us and together you, Coach Spahija and Coach Wright will make Field Day a success ! Click on the link below and get ready for a fun filled day.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AEAB29A0FD0-freedom>

There are two days so be sure to double check which day you child's class is going.

Monday 3/11— H Day

K & 1st: 8:45-10:15

- Eberhardt
- Kastor
- Plocharczyk
- Anderson
- Gooden
- Haden
- Myers
- Alford

2nd & 3rd: 11:30-1:00

- Denny/Wheelless
- Johnson
- Pelkey
- Buchholz
- Gavron
- Landsman
- Paget
- David

4th & 5th: 1:10-2:40

- Throckmorton
- Schmidt
- Dillard
- Holman
- Schunk
- Patrou
- Cantrell

Monday 3/25— C Day

K & 1st: 8:45-10:15

- Day
- Benson
- Grffin
- O'Shell
- Sparks
- Dorich
- Gregg
- McCollum
- Neely

2nd & 3rd: 11:30-1:00

- Zweigle
- Close
- Foster
- Langston
- Acevedo
- Dickinson
- Gilmore
- Loughran

4th & 5th: 1:10-2:40

- Jenkins
- Galbraith
- Marabell
- Mountfort
- Kusiak
- Marrinan

Counselor's Corner



Reading with your student at home has a ton of benefits! Many students say that they prefer watching TV over reading. This is usually the result of students having a tough time picturing the events in their mind or having a tough time connecting to the characters. Asking a range of questions while you read with your child will help them to synthesize information and will

help the book come to life! The questions can also spring-board into some great conversations! If your student is looking for a terrific book, have him/her stop by our media center for suggestions! The following link provides some questions to get you started.

<http://www.katyisd.org/campus/KDE/Documents/Before%20During%20and%20After%20Questions%20-%20ELA.pdf>

FCA PTO



FCA PTO is gearing up for next year!

We have several positions open and are looking for YOU! Whether you have A LITTLE or A LOT of time, we have plenty of ways for you to help. Our next meeting is Thursday March 14th at 9:30am in the FCA cafeteria. Come on out and learn about all the ways you can help this school take FLIGHT. Please contact Katie Richard at Katie.richard@gmail.com if you have any questions or want more information! See you there!



Parent Surveys



St. Johns County School District Transportation Department

Become a School Bus Driver



New Drivers:

We will pay you to train for your CDL Class B licensing with the Passenger and School Bus endorsements

Compensation:

Pay scale based on experience: \$13-21.00/hr
Hiring full and part time drivers for daily routes, field trips, and weekends
180 work days & 6 paid holidays

Benefits:

St. Johns County School District Benefits Package includes medical, dental, and vision coverage, and much more
Enrollment in the Florida Retirement System

Requirements:

Licensed driver for the past 5 consecutive years
No DUI/Reckless Driving charges
Background check
Drug screen
Physical

***\$500 sign-on bonus for newly referred drivers**

***\$500 bonus for referring SJCS D employee**

(Conditions apply, call for details)

Contact Rebecca D'Alessio for more information:

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Pokey Says



Be careful you don't "someday" yourself out of a life!