

# THE FALCON'S FOCUS



Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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"A" School in the  
#1 School District  
in Florida*



Falcon Families,

I hope everyone is having a great week. Here are the topics for the week.

**Rainy Day Dismissal for Bikers and Walkers** – If your child is a biker or walker we ask that you sign up for our Remind text message service. We use this service to notify our families of rainy dismissal at which time all bikers and walkers will become parent pick up. Once we have completed parent pick up, we will call the families of bikers and walkers and readdress based on current weather conditions.

To enroll send a text to the number- 81010 In the body of the text write one of the following:

@fcabwk-2 (for families with a child in grades Kinder, First or Second)

@fcabw3-5 (for families with a child in grades 3, 4 and 5)

@fcabw6-8 (for families with a child in grades 6 and 7)

**Shade Cover Update** – I have met with a vendor to install our shade cover. I am currently awaiting the plans for approval. Plan A is to have it installed over Thanksgiving break. Plan B is to have it installed over Christmas Break. We are all excited about this project and are very grateful to all our families for their support.

**New State Standards** - The governor has established a committee to eliminate 'Common Core' and replace the standards with new ones. These standards have been available for review for some time and are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft phase. The board is currently on a 'Listening Tour' to get public feedback, and one of the stops is in St Johns County at Liberty Pines Academy, on Oct 21 @ 5:00.

**Reminder for Volunteers** \*\*\* Anyone who would like to enter any St. Johns County School must be an approved volunteer before you will be allowed access to the school. You must have filled out the approval form (link below) and show your ID upon arrival. Please be sure all members of your family have filled these out if there is any possibility for them to visit the school.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

**Substitute Teachers** – St. Johns County is looking for Substitute Teachers. If you are interested, please see the [attached flyer](#).

Sincerely,

Allen Anderson

## Important Dates



- Oct. 8 - SAC Meeting 4:00 pm Media Center
- Oct. 11 - End first Quarter
- Oct. 13 - Honor Row Jaguar Game for selected students
- Oct. 14 - **Hurricane Make Up Day – regular day for students**
- Oct. 19 - PTO Trunk or Treat 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Oct. 21 – 25 - Book Fair in Media Center
- Oct. 23 – 30 - Red Ribbon Week
- Nov. 7 - Chorus Concert “An American Salute”
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov. 14 - Concert – Beginning Band & Concert Band & Spaghetti Dinner
- Nov. 21 - Concert – Orff Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble
- Nov. 27 - 29—Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 20 - End of first semester

## Music News

### UPCOMING CONCERTS BY OUR FALCON MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

**November 7, 2019 6:30 pm**  
**Chorus Concert “An American Salute”**

**November 14, 2019 6:30 pm**  
**Beginning & Advanced Band Concert**

**November 21, 2019 6:30 pm**  
**Orff Ensemble & Jazz Band Concert**

**All concerts will be in our cafetorium**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend**  
**Free admission**



## Important Reminder

### Transportation Changes

If you need to change the way your child goes home in the afternoon, we must receive a written note or email your change to [FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us) and your child’s homeroom teacher.

These changes must be made before 2:00 pm (1:00 pm on Wednesdays).

We cannot accept phone calls for those changes because written documentation is required.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Community News & Opportunities

### Student Enrichment Programs in St. Johns County

SJC Parks and Recreation offers a variety of enrichment programs for elementary and middle school aged kids, Monday through Friday, at various locations around the county including Collier-Blocker Community Center, Ketterlinus Gymnasium, and W.E. Community Center. Programs include everything from computer access and homework help to field trips and cultural and social activities. For more information, visit the Enrichment Program Page on our county website.

<http://www.sjcfi.us/Recreation/Youth/elementary.aspx>



## PTO Upcoming Events

FCA PTO PRESENTS

OCTOBER 19, 2019 | 4:00-7:00PM

# TRUNK — OR — TREAT

FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY PARKING LOT

**ONE BLOOD MOBILE**

<b>COSTUMES</b>	<b>90 DECORATED VEHICLES</b>	<b>GOODIES</b>
<b>PIZZA (CASH ONLY)</b>	<b>PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME &amp; VEHICLE</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>

Your FCA PTO is hosting a **Trunk or Treat** event for all FCA families! FCA students and their families will wear costumes and "trick or treat" among 90 Halloween-themed vehicles, enjoy a first peek at the Book Fair, have some yummy pizza, and interact with our Business Partners. Adults can stop by the One Blood mobile and give life-saving blood.

**Best costume and best decorated vehicle win a prize!**

**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2019  
from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Where:** FCA parking lots

**Interested in creating some Halloween magic?** We need 70 families to decorate their vehicles and provide candy to pass out to our FCA families. Sign up [here!](#)

**Want to simply donate candy/treats for the event?**

Email  
[freedomcrossingpto@gmail.com](mailto:freedomcrossingpto@gmail.com).

See the latest PTO newsletter here:

<https://www.smores.com/dynv4-news-from-the-nest>



Support Your Falcons!

# READY SET GLOW

JOIN US THIS THURSDAY FOR  
SPIRIT NIGHT AT THE FCA  
VOLLEYBALL GAMES  
5:30PM GIRLS 6:30PM BOYS  
WEAR BLACK  
GIVEAWAYS  
INCLUDING 4 JAGS TIX  
WINNER WILL BE DRAWN  
AFTER THE FIRST BOYS GAME  
TICKETS ARE \$3 CASH ONLY

