

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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Falcon Families,

Welcome to the official School Newsletter. I have been sending out information as we started the year as much of it could not wait for the newsletter. We will be sending out a newsletter almost every other Tuesday for the remainder of the year. We try to keep it arranged in a manner that makes it easy for you to find information that is relevant for you. We thank you for taking time to keep up with school happenings.

Boosterthon – WOW!!!! Boosterthon was a great success!!! Thank you for all your support of our school. The amount of families that came out to watch the Fun Run was amazing. We also made our goal!! I have already reached out to vendors to begin the process of collecting quotes for the sun shade. We will also begin working out the details for a Middle School Dance as they reached their goal as well.

We also **"Rocked Our School"** on Thursday with some western-themed lessons. I have never seen so much excitement and enthusiasm for school. We hope your children came home talking about their day. "Rock Your School" and Boosterthon made for a busy and exciting week. We hope to do another "Rock Your School" day later in the year.

Transportation Update: Buses - The transportation department continues to work on improving the timing of our buses. They are looking at making some changes, and if these happen they will communicate directly to our families.

Transportation Update: LongLeaf Pine Pkwy – The school district and the county have come to an arrangement which could result in crosswalk across Long Leaf Pine Parkway. Details have not been shared as there is still work to be done and decisions to be made. The hope is that there will be a cross walk for the beginning of the 2020-21 School Year. I will share more information as we receive it.

Parking and Safety – Please help us by being good role models for our children. The parent drop off and pick up lines are for dropping and picking up children in a safe manner. If your child is walking all the way home then they are bikers or walkers. Please do not use adjacent parking lots or other areas as a parent pick up or drop off area to make your child a biker or walker. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hurricane Make Up Day – Just as a reminder, we will have school on Monday, Oct. 14th which was a scheduled teacher planning day, in order to make up a day from the time we had off as a result of Hurricane Dorian. This is the only time we will need to make up.

Looking for a Little Help – We have three staff members who have been invited to present what we do here at FCA at a National Education Conference. The challenge is that it is in Los Angeles, California. The conference is during our Spring Break, and California travel is expensive. We are looking for anyone that may have airline miles or hotel points that you are willing to donate. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please contact staci.boyer@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Sincerely,

Allen Anderson



Important Dates



- Sept. 24 – Volleyball at PVA 5:30 pm girls—6:30 pm boys
- Sept. 26 – Volleyball vs MCA 5:30 pm girls—6:30 pm boys
- Sept. 30 – Fall Family Knight—No homework
- Oct. 4 – Live School Pep Rally for Jaguar Honor Row Tickets
- Oct. 8 – SAC Meeting 4:00 pm in Media Center
- Oct. 11 – End first Quarter
- Oct. 13 – Honor Row Jaguar Game for Selected Students
- Oct. 14 – Hurricane Make Up Day — Regular school day for students
- Oct. 19 – PTO Trunk or Treat 4—7 PM

From the School Nurse

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 164 million school days are lost due to illness. Bacteria, including Salmonella and certain strains of E. coli can live for up to two hours on cafeteria tables, doorknobs, computer keyboards, etc. The good news is that frequent and proper hand cleaning prevents the spread of bacteria among the entire school community!

It's important to teach kids the importance of washing their hands at an early age, so it will become a habit throughout their life.

Remind them that hands should be washed:

- ⇒ Before, during, and after you prepare food
- ⇒ Before you eat.
- ⇒ After using a tissue, sneezing or coughing
- ⇒ After handling animals or animal waste
- ⇒ When your hands are dirty
- ⇒ More frequently when someone in your home is sick

For more information: <https://extension.psu.edu/prevent-illness-in-schools-with-proper-hand-hygiene>



**Wash your
hands please**

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 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.

Athletics

FCA Volleyball Schedule

Girls @ 5:30pm

Boys @ 6:30pm

(or immediately following the girls)

Tuesday, Sept. 10th vs SMS (away)

Thursday, Sept. 12th vs VRA (home)

Tuesday, Sept 17th BYE

Thursday, Sept. 19th vs SPMS (home)

Tuesday, Sept. 24th vs PVA (away)

Thursday, Sept. 26th vs MCA (home)

Tuesday, Oct. 1st vs PBMS (away)

Thursday, Oct. 3rd vs MMS (home)

Tuesday, Oct. 8th vs FCMS (away)

Thursday, Oct. 10th vs LMS (home)

Tuesday, Oct. 15th vs LPA (away)

Thursday, Oct. 17th vs GRMS (away)

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd vs POA (home)



FCA "Rocked Our School" on September 19!

See the video on our school website

<https://www-fca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>