



This is a summary of the presentations that were given to the families of rising 6th graders that would be entering Freedom Crossing Academy for the 2018-19 school year. This presentation is for those that were not able to attend. Please be sure to contact the school if you have any specific questions.

Flight Plan

- Meet our staff
- Everything is in **DRAFT**
- Review (draft) Course offerings
 - Electives
 - Core Courses
- Sports
- 6th Grade at FCA
- Questions
- Current Course Recommendations – in **DRAFT** form

Staff that were in attendance were introduced. The main topic that we wanted to be sure to get across was that all schedules are in draft form. More schedule information and information concerning electives to come later in this presentation.

Electives – a work in progress

- Band – Mrs. Laurie Zentz
- Drama – Ms. Jennifer Odom
- *P.E.
- *Digital Tools / Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Media Production
- Creative Writing
- *Possible future electives: Art, Chorus, Foreign Language, etc.*

Our electives are a work in progress. Opening with only 6th graders and opening with a relatively small group of students provides some challenges as well as some opportunities. We discussed some of the possible electives that could be offered to our students. All students will take PE and Digital Tools as two of their electives. The name of digital tools may change but the core curriculum will remain the same. At this time we are looking for the best model to deliver this content in. As a reminder all students will take PE and Digital tools each of which are year long courses. The other electives will depend on teachers and what we can fit in to a schedule. Our hope is to be able to offer a wider selection of offerings this year. But the offerings would have limited access. Please remember this is all in a draft form.

Core Courses

- Core Academics – will hire 5 core teachers – Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies
- Non Core Academics(Electives) – will hire 2 non-core teachers – PE and Critical Thinking/Research

All students will be in the 4 core offerings listed. We generate 5 teachers for core subjects and 2 elective teachers. Students take 4 core and 3 electives. The difference in the core and elective teachers and what we generate is what will hopefully allow is to provide a great variety of elective offerings.

Falcon Daily Flight Plan

4 Core Classes

Language Arts
Math

Social Studies
Science

3 Non-Core Classes

P.E. (required)
Critical Thinking/Digital Tools (required)

Preference of One

Band Leadership
Drama Media Production

Creative Writing

This shows what could be a students schedule. We did mention that it is all in a draft form at this time, right?

Falcon Daily Flight Plan

6th grade Curriculum
ELA, Science and
Social Studies(World History)

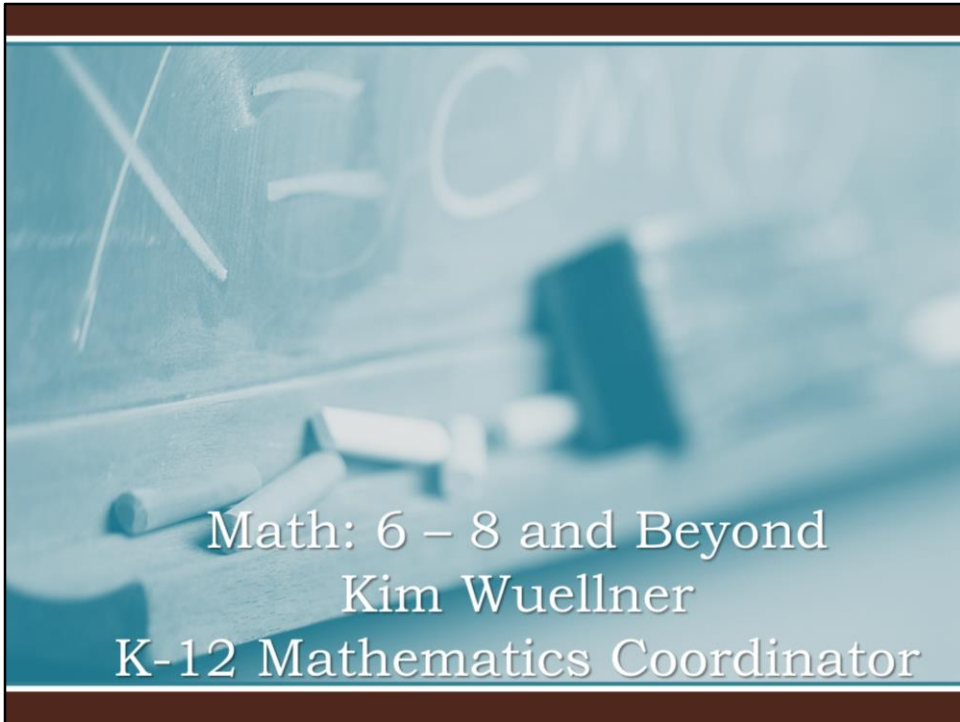
ELA - Advanced/Standard

Science - Advanced/Standard

World History - Advanced/Standard

Same curriculum and assessment

For English Language Arts, Science and World History all have one of two options: either Advanced or Standard. A child does not have to take Advanced World History if they are in Advanced ELA. All these courses can be mixed. Regardless of if your child is in an Advanced or a Standard class, the content is the same. They are working with the same standards and the assessments are the same. Math is different.



Math: 6 – 8 and Beyond
Kim Wuellner
K-12 Mathematics Coordinator

If you have any questions concerning Math after this presentation, please contact Kim Wuellner as she is the expert.

Middle School Math Progressions

- Standard
- Advanced
- Accelerated
- Advanced (Accelerated)

All four options will be presented in this presentation, we do not anticipate offering more than two options at FCA this year. Others may be available, but the student may be taking the course through St. Johns Virtual School.

Standard Math Progression

	CourseName	FSA taken
6th Grade	M/J Grade 6 Mathematics	Grade 6 FSA
7th Grade	M/J Grade 7 Mathematics	Grade 7 FSA
8th Grade	M/J Grade 8 Pre - Algebra	Grade 8 FSA

Intensive Math: if needed will be infused in standard math and Remediation Hour

Students who take Algebra 1 in High School still have the opportunity to accelerate by simultaneously taking Geometry and Algebra 2 their sophomore year
Students could have opportunities to take AP Stat, College Algebra

Advanced Math Progression

	CourseName	FSA taken
6th Grade	M/J Grade 6 Mathematics Advanced ^Δ	Grade 6 FSA
7th Grade	M/J Grade 7 Mathematics Advanced [∇]	Grade 7 FSA
8th Grade	Algebra 1 Honors	Algebra 1 FSA EOC ^π

^ΔAll of 6th grade and part of 7th grade standards

[∇]The rest of 7th grade standards and all of Pre – Algebra standards

^πThe A1 EOC is 30% of the final grade. Should be treated as a high school course.

Students will have the opportunity to get through 1 college Calculus credit
Students could have opportunities to take AP Stat, College Algebra

Accelerated Math Progression

	CourseName	FSA taken
6th Grade	M/J Grade 7 Mathematics	Grade 7 FSA
7th Grade	Algebra 1 Honors	Algebra 1 FSA EOC [†]
8th Grade	Geometry Honors	Geometry FSA EOC [†]

[†]The FSA EOC is 30% of the final grade. Should be treated as a high school course.

The purpose of this is to get through 2 college Calculus credits
Students could have opportunities to take AP Stat, College Algebra

Adv.(Accel.) Math Progression

	CourseName	FSA taken
6th Grade	M/J Grade 6 Mathematics Advanced ^Δ	Grade 6 FSA
7th Grade	Algebra 1 Honors	Algebra 1 FSA EOC [∇]
8th Grade	Geometry Honors	Geometry FSA EOC [∇]

^ΔAll of 6th grade and part of 7th grade standards

[∇]The FSA EOC is 30% of the final grade. Should be treated as a high school course.

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Summer work for Acceleration

- Students use Apex
- Helps with “missed standards”
- School – based decision
- Teacher point of contact essential

If a child was to take the Accelerated course, there is an expectation to complete some summer work to be sure they cover all the standards.

Middle School Sports

SCHOOL – BASED

- Volleyball– Girls/Boys (6th Grade only)
- Basketball – Girls/Boys (6th Grade only)

SJMSAA Sponsored –

- All other sports offered through athletic association
- Can Play with Swiss Point or Fruit Cove - depending on school you would have attended
- See their website for details

<http://www.sjmsaa.com/>

All St. Johns County school only offer Basketball and Volleyball through the school. Other sports are offered though SJMSAA. Please see the Athletics tab on the FCA website for more information. For the 2018-19 S.Y., FCA will only have a 6th grade basketball and volleyball team. They will compete with the other K-8 schools against their 6th grade teams. In coming years the 6th grade team will be dissolved as we move to a Middle school team competing against other middle school teams. If your child is interested in playing a different sport, they can play with the school they would have attended in the 2018-19 school year if FCA had not been built. For example if your child would have attended Fruit Cove Middle, they can try out for the FCMS teams that are associated with SJMSAA. Please contact SJMSAA if you have any further questions.

Daily Schedule

- 7 Period Day – 3 min passing period between classes
- Class Length – 45 min periods - M, T, TH, F
- Wednesday Schedule – 30 min periods – with a built in intervention/enrichment block
- Lunch – 30 min daily – embedded 6th period –
 - Students will have middle school lunch options and a la carte items(see current middle school lunch menu for sample)
- Students report to homeroom/1st period each day by 8:30am for important morning announcements
 - Warning bell rings – 8:25am

FCA will run on the traditional Elementary School day schedule.

Flying Falcons

***Warning – Some flights may be grounded**

- Lunch Seating
 - The Lounge
 - 1 Earbud
 - Student Advisory Committee
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- All K-8's are on an Elementary Schedule 8:30 – 2:50 (1:50)
 - All students will be on the same buses
 - 3rd – 6th Grade on the same level, different schedule
 - Lockers, purchase locks
 - P.E. Uniforms
 - Extended Day and Afterschool Programs

We want to make middle school a special experience for our students at FCA. During lunch, as long as everything is as expected, students will be able to sit where they would like with whom they would like. We have ordered round tables so they can sit with a group of friends. We have created spaces on the upper floors for the middle school students to have comfortable seating. A place for them to gather before school starts that is different from the elementary school experience. We will also allow our students to have one earbud in their ears to listen to music or their recorded notes from class (we can hope). The other earbud is subject to inspection and all music must be appropriate for school. No wireless earbuds or head[phones] will be allowed, and please keep them of the cheap variety. A select group of Middle School students will be asked to form an Advisory Group to help guide the school. Middle school students will have lockers and will be expected to rent a lock from the school. We will have uniforms for P.E. FCA P.E. uniforms will be available for purchase once the school year begins. Extended Day and After school programs will also be available for our middle school students, more information will come. For more information on the Ext. Day program, please see the What FCA has to Say 4-1018 edition on the school website.

Student Forms

- 5th grade Teachers have provided input and made recommendations for core academic courses
- Course verification forms and student elective preference forms will be supplied, more information to come.
- PE and Critical Thinking/Digital Tools are required electives
- Choice electives need to be ranked
- You will be contacted this summer to discuss any changes that are made or requested

Student forms with class recommendation and elective offerings will be sent to your child at their current school. These forms will then be returned to the current school. FCA will then collect them and begin assigning students to classes. If there are any questions, changes or concerns school staff will contact you over the summer.

Advanced Course Criteria

Advanced Course Placement Criteria

The following criteria represent consensus of all middle school and district administrators:

- **Grades - A grade of C or better in the previous honors or advanced course, or students earning a grade of A in the previous standard course**
OR
- **FSA - Level 4 or 5 in appropriate area and not less than a Level 3 in any area**
 - ❖ On Mathematics FSA for placement in honors or advanced mathematics.
 - ❖ On Reading FSA for placement in honors or advanced English, social studies, science, or foreign language;OR
- In the case of extenuating circumstances, petition may be made on a case-by-case basis to the principal (or designee) for review of criteria to ensure proper course placement.

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/cs/spp/>

We will follow the criteria for Advanced classes as outlines in the student progression plan for St. Johns County Schools.

Sample Course Recommendation

4/13/2018

Student Request Verification

5412 - Palm Valley Academy 6-8

Student ID	Name	Grade	Homeroom	Counselor	House/Team
		06			

Regular Course Requests

Course	Description	Department	Credit
1001020	M/J Language Arts 1 Adv	English	0.0000
1205010	M/J Grade 6 Math	Mathematics	0.0000
1508000	M/J Fitness Grade 6	Phys Ed	0.0000
1700100	M/J Critical Thinking	Electives	0.0000
2002050	M/J Compre Science 1 Adv	Science	0.0000
2109020	M/J World History Advanced	World History	0.0000
			0.0000

This student is registered for advanced World History, advanced Science, Advanced ELA, and standard Math.

Sample Course Recommendation

4/13/2018

Student Request Verification

Student ID: [redacted] Name: [redacted] 6412 - Palm Valley Academy 6-8
Grade: 06 Homeroom: [redacted] Counselor: [redacted] House/Team: EB

Regular Course Requests

Course	Description	Department	Credit
1001010	M/J Language Arts 1	English	0.0000
1001010	M/J Language Arts 1	English	0.0000
1508000	M/J Fitness Grade 6	Physical Education	0.0000
1700100	M/J Critical Thinking	Electives	0.0000
1800000	M/J Science Grade 1	Science	0.0000
2109010	M/J World History	World History	0.0000
			0.0000

Handwritten notes:
- Next to "M/J Critical Thinking": *math advanced*
- Next to "M/J World History": *science standard*

This is an example of a parent request to change a teacher recommendation. Parent requests will be managed on a case by case basis once final grades and FSA scores are available.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: 4-16-18

Please write any requested changes on the form, sign and return to your current school.

Communication and Transition Opportunities

Communication

- Newsletter/School Messenger
- On-going communication with parents regarding updates remainder of school year and summer

Transition Opportunities

- Event at CCE – more to come
- Back to School orientation/tours - August(stay tuned)
- Curriculum Chat Nights – Scheduled for September

Please be sure to check the school website for further information. We will also continue to send out information through out school newsletter.

Questions



Thank you for your attendance.
Have a wonderful evening.

Thank you for your time and Go Falcons !!!!!