

THE FALCON'S FOCUS

Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

September, 18th 2018



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Falcon Families,

Great Day at FCA – Every day FCA has been a great day, but this past Friday was extra special. Friday we held Pep Rallies for all our students. The Kindergarten through third graders were enjoyed playing games in the Gym as a grade level. They were having so much fun!! The fourth through sixth graders had a combined Pep rally later in the afternoon. They were joined by the Creekside High School Drum Line, the Bartram trail Cheerleaders and Dance Team. The Cheerleaders even had a cheer for our Falcons. We introduced the Volleyball teams as all present cheered for them. Then we held a drawing for tickets to this week Jaguar football game. Students used Live School points to purchase tickets to be entered into the drawing. It was great to see all the students cheer for those that were selected. The students from BTHS and CHS were great models of supporting each other.

School Advisory Council (SAC) – Yesterday we held our first official SAC meeting. We are in need of additional parents to help us on this committee. If you are interested please email [Mr. Anderson](#) by this Thursday so your name can be added to the ballot. SAC will meet the following dates from 4 – 5 pm. Oct. 8, Nov. 11, Dec. 12, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8 and May 13. You do not need to be present at every meeting to be a part of this group.

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Progress Reports – Progress reports were published for all students grades 1 – 6 last week. I hope everyone checked your child's progress through the Home Access Center (HAC).

FCA Volleyball Season begins – The Fighting Falcons volleyball teams are both holding a 2 – 0 record. It was great to see so many of our students there to support our teams. Here is this week's schedule.

Tomorrow, Tues. Sept. 18 vs. Patriot Oaks Academy.

Thursday, Sept. 20 - No game

Our next home game is Tuesday Oct. 2nd vs. Palm Valley Academy

Girl's games begin at 5:30 with the Boys to follow at approx. 6:30pm

Admission is \$3 per person

We hope to have a large crowd support our team for the Home Game this Thursday.

Update on the smell – There have been times when we can smell a very unpleasant smell at the school. Thankfully this is a sign of progress. The smell has to do with the upgrade to the local water treatment plant. The following report will help explain the smell and a timeline for it to improve.

[https://www.jea.com/In Our Community/Construction Projects/blacks ford water reclamation facility phase 4 expansion project/](https://www.jea.com/In%20Our%20Community/Construction%20Projects/blacks%20ford%20water%20reclamation%20facility%20phase%204%20expansion%20project/)

Have a Great Day and GO FALCONS!!!

Principal Allen Anderson

Allen Anderson - Principal Melissa Lime – Assistant Principal Amy Rugen - Assistant Principal

Important Dates

[2018-2019 FCA Calendar](#)



[2018-2019 SJCS D Calendar](#)

Sun, Sept 23rd: Honor Row Jag Game

Tues, Sept 25th: Individual Picture Day

Mon, Oct 1st: Family Knight- No Homework Given

Mon, Oct 8th: SAC Meeting 4pm

Fri, Oct 12th: First Quarter Ends

Mon, Oct 15th: Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students

Wed, Oct 24th: Report Cards in HAC

Thurs, Oct 25th: Boosterthon Fun Run

Mon, Nov 12th: Veterans Day - No School

Wed, Nov 21th - 23rd: Thanksgiving Break

Athletics

Home Of The Flying Falcons

Tuesday Sept 18th - vs. POA (Home Game)

Tuesday Sept 25th - vs. VRA (Away Game)

Thursday Sept 28th - vs. PVA (Away Game)

Tuesday Oct 2nd - vs. PVA (Home Game)

Tuesday Oct 9th - vs. POA (Away Game)

Thursday Oct 11th - vs. MCA (Home Game)

Tuesday Oct 16th - vs. LPA (Home Game)



Media News



Hello, FCA families! Our Media Center has been an exciting place to be these last few weeks! We've been thrilled to see so many Falcons coming in to find some amazing new books! All classes have had their Media Orientation visit to learn about the rules and procedures of the Media Center, where our favorite books are located, and how to take good care of our library books. Books are checked out for a period of 2 weeks and chapter books may be renewed one time.

Book Checkout Limits:

K-1: 1 book at a time

2nd—Up to 2 books at a time

3-6—Up to 3 books at a time

Students in grades 3-5 have also been learning about Digital Citizenship and important guidelines for being safe, responsible, and respectful online users. In the next month, we will start introducing SSYRA books and will have Makerspace activities available. If you have any questions, please visit the FCA Media Center website or contact Mr. Ostrowsky at matt.ostrowsky@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Cafeteria News

If you completed a Family Meal Application last year and your child received free or reduced meals please read carefully. Your child's meal status (free or reduced) at the end of last school year will continue through September 23, 2018. Unless a new Family Meal Application has been processed and approved by **September 23, 2018 your child's meal status will revert to PAID. You may complete an online application by using this link, <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>.**

**You can also print a form on the same website. Applications may be picked up in the front office at your school.
Please do not delay in order to prevent a gap in your student's meal eligibility.**

A Reminder from Chef Damiano;

It has been a great school start in our FCA lunch program for our wonderful students!

I would like to give you a few quick reminders concerning payments to your child's account. Please remember to check your child's account balance on PAYPAMS.COM; it is a resourceful tool to parent information on purchases, debt and payments. When writing a check, you'll need to put (2) phone numbers and your child's full legal name on it, our district can no longer process checks without current information.



I am happy to announce this week we have started our "salads" program for students!

Chef Damiano is thrilled to have fresh chef salads as additional healthy choices at lunch! Every day but Tuesday (delivery day) fresh local greens and vegetables are offered to students as a "side" and/or Entrée' choice as another option to eat fresh food. Eating fruits and vegetables are vital components for digestive health, growing strong and warding off sickness and disease of all ages. I hope that you will continue to talk to your children about the importance of eating healthy for good nutrition and wellness

SJCSD Community News



Did you know that our school district has its own charitable arm called Investing in Kids (INK!)? INK! is a 501c3 non-profit organization that has been around for almost 25 years. It does not get any money from the school district and is entirely reliant on donations from the public. 89% of all donations go directly into its programs helping kids and teachers, so you won't be seeing them advertising. Two of INK!'s programs...Five Learning Years (FLY) and Take Stock in Children (TSIC) help the less fortunate students in our district to achieve academic success and are critical to maintaining our rating as an A-rated district. Please consider going to their website www.ink-stjohns.org to learn more and make a donation. Even the smallest donation is greatly appreciated!

Community News



Datil Pepper Festival 2018

Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 2018

Celebrate St. Augustine's own datil pepper and vote for the best datil pepper dishes presented by some of the finest restaurants in town.

[St. Johns County Agricultural Center](#)

Pokey Says...



Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones...

You'll start having positive results...