THE Falcon's focus

Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter







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Falcon Families,

Smart Watches – We have had a many students arrive to school after the holiday wearing Smart Watches. While we welcome them and recognize the importance of child/ home communication, school policy is for them to be turned off during the instructional day. These can become a disruption to instruction. Also, as a reminder any transportation changes should be sent in as a written note to the teacher or emailed to our Transportation Director @ FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. If you communicate a transportation change directly to your child and not to the us, we will not honor the change. Thank you for your support.

Future Teacher Observers - Yesterday we had a group of students from Spring Arbor University visit our school. These were a group of future educators that are spending a couple weeks visiting schools in North East Florida. They spend a good part of the day visiting our classrooms. At the end of the day, I was able to meet with them and hear about their experiences. I asked if there was anything that was different about FCA from other schools they had been to. They were eager to mention the positive attitude, the family feel in the classrooms and how happy and willing to share everyone was. They also spent time sharing all the good things they witnessed in the classrooms. It was wonderful to be able to share what we do here. As I reflected on their discussions, it was clear that the 'Capturing Kids Hearts' program that we are implementing is having a positive effect on our students and school.

Two Quick Reminders:

- Report Cards publish this Friday Please log onto HAC to view report cards.
- Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and there is <u>no school</u>.

Thank you for all your continued Support for our community and school.

Go Falcons!!

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

<u>2018-2019 FCA Calendar</u>

Order Your



2018-2019 SJCSD Calendar

Friday, Jan18 - Report Cards Issued Monday, Jan 21- MLK Holiday – No School Tuesday, Jan 22 - Basketball Opener (Home vs. VRA) Thursday, Jan 24 - 5th grade HOPS (on site field study) Thursday, Jan 24 - Basketball (Home vs. POA) Tuesday, Jan 29 - Class Pictures Thursday, Jan 31 - Last day to pre-order Yearbooks Thursday, Jan 31 – Basketball (Away vs. VRA) Saturday, Feb 2 – Character Counts Run – 3 or 6K runs

Yearbook Orders

Freedom Crossing Academy

Order online

www.leonards.com/yearbooks Access code: C463360

It's time to order your yearbook! Order now!

Pre-order by January 31, 2019 to guarantee a yearbook.

Price \$30.00

To pay by cash, check, or money order, complete the order form envelope and return to your school. Make checks or money orders payable to: Leconard's Price instudes sales tax. East emount - No change given Los taxes of instudes on log precise. Centidat space - No sets date cambio

Cash & Checks

Gentle Reminder:

In order for FCA to process checks and cash payments sent into school; families must include:

First & last name of your child written on a sealed envelope for cash payments For checks please include two contact telephone numbers and current address

Thank you in advance.

Athletics

2018/2019 Girls & Boys Basketball Schedule

January Games

Tues, Jan. 22 Vs. VRA (Home) Thurs, Jan. 24 Vs. POA (Home) Thurs, Jan. 31 @ VRA (Away)



Girls @ 5:30pm Boys @ 6:30pm February Games

Tues, Feb. 5 @ PVA (Away)

Thurs, Feb. 7 @ PVA (Home)

Tues, Feb. 12 @ POA (Away)

Tues, Feb. 14 @ MCA (Home)

Thurs, Feb. 21 Vs. LPA (Home)

Tues, Feb. 26 @ MCA (Away)

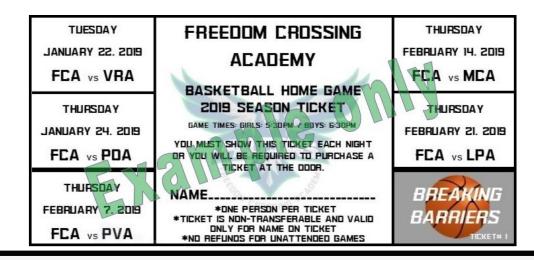
FCA Home Basketball Game Season Tickets

6th grade girls and boys basketball games start on Tuesday, January 22nd. We are trying something new for your convenience - Home Game Season Tickets!!! <u>Season tickets will be available online only through Monday, January 21st at a discounted</u> <u>cost of \$12.00 per person.</u> Purchased tickets can be picked up at the ticket table before the game on Tuesday, January 22nd, and are good for all five of the home games.

Please note the following FCA Season Ticket policies:

- Each ticket is valid for one person.
- The ticket is non-transferrable and valid only for the person named on the ticket
- You must show the ticket each night or you will be required to purchase a ticket at the door for \$3.00.
- There will be no refunds for unattended games.

The link is active for all students on Schoolpay's website, or you can follow the link below to go directly to the payment item:<u>www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Basketball-Season-Tickets--2019-Home-Gam/SeG2z6J</u> Schoolpay does charge a small convenience fee



Class Pictures

Class Pictures are on January 29, 2019 Flyers are coming home...check your child's backpack You can also purchase online at www.leonards.com/order Online access code G463324



Summer Camp - Marine Science Program

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 11th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 5th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 12th at <u>http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</u> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29st through June 7th, June 10th through June 20th, and June 24th through July 3rd. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

Pokey Says

Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realizing that everyone has a different question paper.