

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



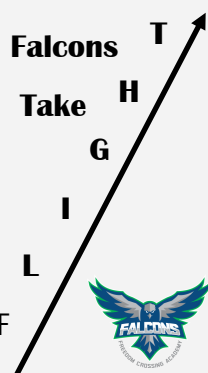
Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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Falcon Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful four day weekend.

Our Inservice Day – This past Friday was an Inservice day for our staff. At FCA we focused our training on the PLC (Professional Learning Community) process. We began the day with some whole group training and an exercise about this process and how it pertains to our school at this time. We then met in groups to share vertical planning and the progression for our students. I was very proud of our staff and the work they needed to do to make this day a success. The focus was on our students and making sure every child has the most important standards to be successful in their future. I look forward to how this work will continue and how it will impact our students as they continue at FCA. Finally, I would like to say thank you to our business partners for their contributions to FCA. Much of what we focused on came from the PLC conference that a group of our teachers attended. Without the support of our business partners and PTO, attending this would not have been possible.

School Supply Drive at Thursday's Basketball game – This Thursday is another home game for our Basketball teams. Our girls continue an undefeated season and the boys are becoming a major contender in the league. This week, we will be collecting school supplies for Crookshank Elementary School. Admission is free if you bring a school supply in to be donated to this school in need. Crookshank Elementary is a school in St. Augustine that is lacking basic supplies. We have decided to adopt this school to help the students there. This outreach is being supported by our 6th grade Student Council. We hope you will join us for the game and help us as we support this school. A list of needed supplies is below:

Boxes (20 plus count) of crayons for Kindergarten students
Clear page protectors
Magic erasers
Boxes of tissues
Zip-Loc bags (5 quart and 5 gallon size)

Dry-erase markers
Glue sticks
Children's size scissors
Wet wipes
Hand sanitizer

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Another Staff Brag – Next Saturday our school will be hosting a teacher conference. This is a conference that is organized completely by teachers and is voluntary for teachers to attend -And it take place on a Saturday-. Many of our staff have been organizing this and will lead several of the sessions. We are thankful that these professionals are continually working to improve and to help others improve.

Communication- The district policy for communication is to respond within 48 hrs. We all try to do our best to respond within 24hrs. Please know that we are spending a lot of time in classrooms for the next couple months. I know I personally got backed up a couple days last week, so please be patient.

Upcoming Parent Meetings - In the next newsletter we will be publishing “Parent Nights” for our current 6th graders and rising 6th graders. During these meetings we will be sharing middle school course offerings.

Have a great week,

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

2018-2019 FCA Calendar



2018-2019 SJCS D Calendar

Friday, Mar 1 - Daddy Daughter Dance

Monday, Mar 4 - Friday, Mar 8 - FCA Book Fair

Tuesday, Mar 5 - Book Fair open from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday, Mar 5 - Band Concert 6pm

Wednesday, March 6 - Spring Individual Pictures

Thursday, March 14 - 3rd Quarter ends

Friday, March 15 - Teacher Inservice - No School for Students

Monday, March 18 thru Friday, March 22 - SPRING BREAK

Parent Survey



This survey is super important! It is short and won't take much time. Parents are a big part of Team FCA and we can't break barriers without you. Your opinion matters to us.



<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=76LL3m50>

FSA at FCA



Each year we are required to have Proctors in each of our classrooms that take the FSA. No experience is necessary. We need you as an extra set of eyes for the classroom. The only requirement is that you are an approved volunteer in SJCS D. Please spread the word to anyone who might be able to help us out. College students often need community volunteer hours and this would count towards that. We appreciate your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFA62EA5F58-freedom>

Athletics



Girls & Boys Basketball Game This Thursday Feb. 21st FCA vs. LPA (HOME)

- FCA School Supply Donation Event -

School Supply = Free Admission

Lets pack the Gym with Falcons AND The Nest with School Supplies!!!

Girls @ 5:30pm



Boys @ 6:30pm

FCA Book Fair



Monday, March 4th
thru
Friday, March 8th

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to FCA!! The Book Fair will be open for the Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, March 1 and classes will come to do their shopping during the week of March 4-8. There will be lots of great books available, including SSYRA titles, new releases, and lots of other student favorites! All Book Fair proceeds will go toward the purchase of new materials and online resources for the FCA Media Center!

Speaking of online resources, did you know that all FCA families have access to hundreds of online eBooks as well as full access to our World Book Online Encyclopedia?? To get to our collection of eBooks, simply download the free MackinVIA app to your mobile device! Students can log in using their S number and password (the same way they log into iReady). To visit World Book Online Encyclopedia, go to www.worldbookonline.com and enter username "freedom" and password "falcons". There, students can do research, watch videos, play educational games, create timelines, and much more! For more info on either of these awesome resources, please contact Mr. O at matt.ostrowsky@stjohns.k12.fl.us.
Happy Reading!!

Don't Forget - This year the Book Fair will also be open two nights!!!

Friday, Mar. 1st - Book Fair opens at 6pm - Swing by before the Daddy Daughter Dance

Tuesday, Mar. 5th - Book Fair is open from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Swing by before the Band Concert.

A New Way to Pay for the Book Fair

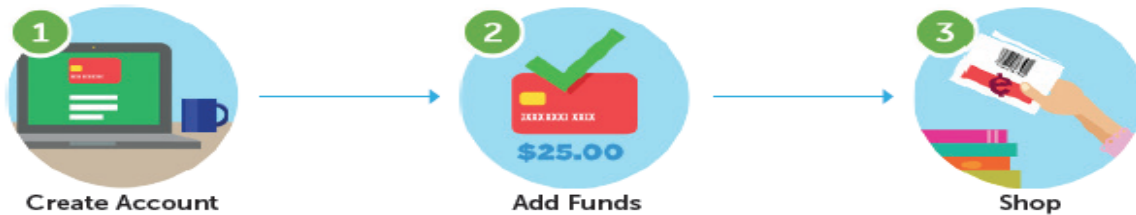
Our Book Fair has a new digital payment option!



No cash on hand the day of the Book Fair? No worries – Scholastic Book Fairs® is now offering an eWallet payment option.

Simply set up an account and have funds immediately available for your child to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping with eWallet.

How it Works:



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/freedomcrossingacademy>



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Parent Advisory Meeting



THE ESE PARENT ADVISORY, ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
WELCOMES
EDWARD C. TAYLOR, Ph.D.,
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGIST,
INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011 - 2017

FOR A DISCUSSION ON:
Raising Struggling Learners to be Successful, Durable and Resilient

LOCATION:
FULLERWOOD TRAINING CENTER 10 HILDRETH DR ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32084
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

GOAL:
To provide interventions and strategies to parents of students with disabilities that will assist students in developing resiliency skills and attitudes, which will enable them to persist in the face of adversity.

Pokey Says



One small crack doesn't mean that you are broken. It means you were put to the test and you didn't fall apart.



The End....