



Dear Falcon Families,



Really Good News!

I am so proud to announce that Freedom Crossing Academy has been recognized as a **Capturing Kids Hearts National Showcase Model School!** Through the National Showcase Schools™ awards, Capturing Kids' Hearts® recognizes and celebrates schools that go the extra mile each day, creating the social-emotional safety on school campuses that is conducive to learning. This year 377 U.S. school campuses have been selected as a 2021-2022 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School. Freedom Crossing Academy is the only Florida school to receive this amazing honor and recognition.

Please join me in congratulating the amazing **FCA Teachers and Staff** who go above and beyond every day to create a relationship driven culture that is focused on student connectiveness and the social emotional well-being of all learners. Thank you to our outstanding parents and community business partners who support our vision and mission to create an extraordinary school culture. And most importantly, thank you to our **AMAZING STUDENTS** for demonstrating leadership, outstanding character, and serving as models of the "FCA Way" at school and throughout the community. Congratulations Falcons on this amazing honor! I am so proud to be a FCA Falcon! @CapturingKidsHearts @IHeartCKH

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all our FCA Moms!

It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters." —Unknown

School News

Testing Update

State and i-Ready Testing continues through May. Our students are doing a great job!! Please see our web page for more testing dates through May:

<https://www-fca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/03/FCA-Spring-21-22-Testing-Calendar-Overview.pdf>



PTO NEWS

We would like to thank our **AMAZING PTO** for all the wonderful events they have sponsored this school year, most recently the Mom and Son “Mad Science Night” and this past Friday we enjoyed watching “Encanto” under the stars!

Also, thank you for spoiling our teachers during **Teacher Appreciation Week** and for the many heartfelt gifts sent in by families this past week!



We could not do what we do at Freedom Crossing without **ALL** the wonderful parent support, volunteers and PTO.

Congratulations to FCAs 2021-2022 Volunteer of the Year, Jill Leary!!

PTO Fund Raiser

We would also like to thank the FCA parents for the generous PTO donations that supported several goals for FCA this past school year! The total **PTO Donation was \$69,378.50**. These funds will pay for the following:

- Outdoor covering for new concrete patio and outdoor picnic tables allowing teachers and students to use for lunch outings or for outdoor classroom activities, totaling \$ 40,000
- Elementary STEM Resources, totaling \$ 29,378.50

Movers for Moms

Congratulations to our 4th graders who made news with their “**Movers for Moms**” program! Check out the May edition of the “The Creek Line”. Fourth grade students at FCA teamed up with Two Men and a Truck to participate in a service-learning project called “Movers for Moms.” The fourth graders created a supply collection plan and encouraged all students at the school to collect supplies during the month of April. We appreciate all the donations that were donated to support this effort!



Girls on the Run

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run and their sponsors: Coach Oller, Coach Davis, Coach Griffin, and Coach Rainey! They participated in their first 5K race in World Golf Village. Congratulations to Emily Monti in 4th grade as she came in 1st place by a landslide!

District Character Cup

Congratulations to our students and elementary PE coaches Connelly, Reed and Spahija who represented FCA at the District Wide Character Cup. Students participants included: Kaitlin Cobbin, Kaylee Miller, Anabelle Walker, Dylan Froloff, Timmy Eisenmenger, Micah Ireland, Brooklyne Simmons, Kallen Nixon, Kalen Cobbin and Eli Benson

Peter Pan Musical

Congratulations to Mrs. Hunsinger, the Peter Pan Cast & Crew and Mrs. Kohlmann! The Spring Musical was an incredible production from start to finish! Honestly, I was so moved by our budding actors, it brought me to tears!

Playground update

Still waiting for the 2nd-5th grade playground to be secured in its new location. The ground is drying up, so we hope the install will be before the end of the school year!

May Character Counts

In May, we focus the on **Citizenship** – do your share to make your school and community better, cooperate, get involved in community affairs, stay informed, vote, be a good neighbor, obey laws and rules respect authority, protect the environment and volunteer. More information at <https://ccstjohns.com/>

COVID Update

So happy to report no update! Please see our district website for information. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>

Safety Update

This past Friday the Fire Alarm was triggered at approximately 1:38 PM. All teachers and students evacuated the building safely. Once the building was deemed to be safe, students resumed classes. Surveillance determined that a volleyball triggered a pull station in the gym. We plan to have this reviewed and inspected.

Fortify Florida

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students or parents to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL at <https://getfortifyfl.com/> or <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/blog/fortifyfl-app/>,



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individuals can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and rollout.

Transportation Changes

Please email transportation changes to FCATransportationChanges@stjohns.k12.fl.us Please be mindful that we receive numerous requests for transportation changes each day. If it is possible to maintain your traditional method for afterschool pick up this would be helpful.

On the Horizon

May 13th – GradVenture-8th Graders

May 18th – Band Spirit Night at Jeremiah's

May 20th – 3rd grade to MOSH/Safety Patrols to Sweet Pete's

May 27th – 8th grade Promotion Ceremony in the FCA gym 😊

May 27th – 8th grade Semi-Formal Dance 7-9pm (SOFT SHOES ONLY)

June 1st - Kindergarten Water Day/5th grade Universal Studios/ Middle School Field Day/ LiveSchool Incentive/Kindergarten Water Day

June 2nd – Elementary Report Cards Issued/ **Last day for students!**

Take Flight and Break Barriers!

So proud to serve at FCA,

Gina R. Fonseca

Principal

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