



# Falcon Flyer

The Official Newsletter of Freedom Crossing Academy

## Middle School Skate Night



### Message From Principal Lime

Dear Falcon Families,

Thank you to our Middle School families who attended the Curriculum Chat presentations last week. We are excited to continue the Curriculum Chats with our K-2 families on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and with our 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade families on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Curriculum Chats provide an opportunity to learn more about your child’s curriculum, grading policy, classrooms rituals and routines, and more! We are looking forward to connecting with our families soon!

September is shaping up to be an exciting month with the kickoff of the 24-25 Volleyball season, our annual Boosterthon Fundraiser & Color Run, engaging lessons and activities for “Rock Your School Day”, and more.

On Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, be sure to check Home Access Center (HAC) for your child’s interim grades. Instructions on how to access your child’s progress monitoring results is included in this newsletter.

“Take Flight & Break Barriers!”

Your Partner in Education,

Melissa Lime, Principal

### School Hours

7:40am- Doors Open

8:00 am – 2:20 pm  
(M, T, TH, F)

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8:00 am – 1:20 pm (W)



### **School Mission Statement**

Falcons Take Flight

### School Vision

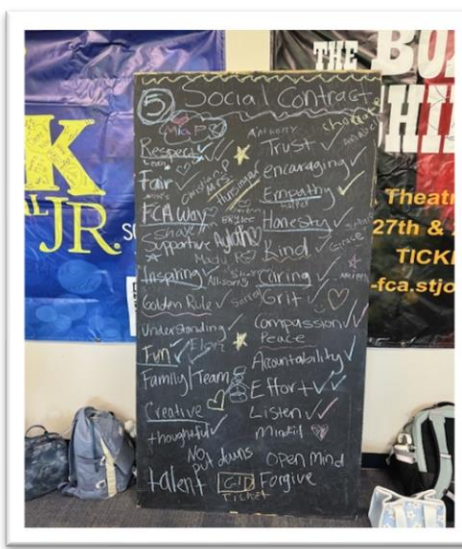
Breaking Barriers

# Good News!

Capturing Kids Hearts Across the Campus



Mrs. Gregg's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Hunsinger's Theatre Class

Social Contracts are shared agreements and commitments to the behavior expectations in the classroom.

All K-8 classrooms create their Social Contract during the first weeks of school.



Mrs. Holman's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students share "Good News!" All MS students share "Good News" in every class period.



Several 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadworthy students are assisting our Kindergarten students during lunches for their internship.

# Middle School Skate Night

Thank you to our amazing PTO for organizing an awesome event for our middle schoolers! Our students had a blast!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**- Curriculum Chat-Elementary K-2

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**- Interims

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**- Curriculum Chat- Elementary 3-5

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**-

Jacksonville Jaguar Honor Rows Game

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**- Boosterthon Kick Off

Washington DC/Gradventure Parent Night-6:30pm

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**-

Picture Day!

SAC Meeting-4pm

Home Volleyball Game-5:30pm

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**- Teacher In-Service Day (non-student day)

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**-

Home Volleyball Game-5:30pm

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**-

Home Volleyball Game-5:30pm

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**- Rock Your School Day/ Boosterthon/ Color Run

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**-Home Volleyball Game-5:30pm

# Curriculum Chat Information

## Elementary Curriculum Chats- K-2 (September 10<sup>th</sup>) and 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (September 12<sup>th</sup>)

We will welcome our K - 5 families to Curriculum Chat Night on September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. We do ask that families make **plans to attend from the beginning of the session time**. This helps us maintain a respectful environment for all families during each session time. Additionally, I would kindly ask that young children not attend this event. It will be the only time each school year that I make this request. Thank you for understanding. Teachers will be sending home more information.

### K - 2 Curriculum Chat Night - September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Presentations-** 5:30 – 6:15pm

- Please join the **Kindergarten Team** in the Cafeteria.
- Please visit your child's **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher** for a partner presentation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** 6:30 – 7:15pm

- Please join the **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team** in the Cafeteria.

### 3-5 Curriculum Chat Night - September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Elementary 3-5 Presentations-** 5:30 – 6:15pm

- Please visit your child's **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom** for the presentation.
- Please visit your child's **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom** for a partner presentation.
- Please join the **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team** in the Cafeteria.



# September Lunch Menu

Freedom Crossing Academy [September 2024](#) ... For a meal to count as a **Full Lunch** a student must select a vegetable or fruit choice (Al La Carte items are full price)

Paypams.com is the Payment method for the 2024 -2025 school year / checks with written student **Name** or **PIN** number may also be accepted at school Elementary \$3.25 Middle School \$3.50

**Menu Subject to change without notice due to supply chain shortages!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	3 Hot Dog on a Bun Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Vegetable Dippers Assorted Fruit Milk Variety Dipping Sauces	4 BBQ Chicken Quesadilla Grilled Cheese Sandwich  Sweet Potato Fries Vegetable Dippers / Assorted Fruit Milk Variety Dipping Sauces	5 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs  Steamed Broccoli Vegetable Dippers / Assorted Fruit Milk Variety Dipping Sauces	6 Cheeseburger/Hamburger Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara sauce Baked potato fries Vegetable Dippers / Assorted Milk Variety Dipping Sauces
9 Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast Tater Tots Vegetable dippers/assorted Fruit Milk variety Dipping sauces	10Pasta with marinara sauce Pasta with meatballs MS Garlic French Bread Pizza Green Beans Vegetable Dippers/Assorted Fruit Milk Variety Dipping Sauces WG Garlic Ripstick	11 Homestyle Chicken Sandwich or BBQ Turkey sandwich MS Spicy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Vegetable dippers/assorted fruit/milk variety/dipping sauces	12 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs  Steamed Broccoli Vegetable Dippers / Assorted Fruit Milk Variety Dipping Sauces	13 Cheeseburger/Hamburger Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara sauce Baked potato fries Vegetable Dippers / Assorted Milk Variety Dipping Sauces
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**This Year we are WILD About...**

**W-Working Together**

**I- Inspiring Others**

**L- Leading & Learning**

**D-Developing**

**Friendships**

# PM1 Testing Calendar

PM1 testing begins on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please refer the testing calendar for your child’s grade level and testing date for reading and math. Your child’s teacher will share your student’s progress when the PM1 data is available.

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day – No School	3 Fire Drill 9:15	4 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Math 8:00-9:15	5 Kindergarten Math 8:00-9:15	6 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading 8:00-9:45	7
8	9 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading 8:00-10:00 4 <sup>th</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> switch resource	10 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading 8:00-10:00 5 <sup>th</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> switch resource	11 Make Ups	12 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading 8:00-10:00	13 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading 8:00-10:00	14
15	16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math 8:00-9:45	17 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math 8:00-10:00 4 <sup>th</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> switch resource	18 Make Ups	19 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math 8:00-10:00 5 <sup>th</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> switch resource	20 No School – Teacher Inservice Day	21
22	23 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math 8:00-10:15	24 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math 8:00-10:15	25 Make Ups	26 Make Ups	27 Make Ups Testing Window Closes	28
29	30	26	27	28	29	30

**All students are subject to makeup testing throughout the testing window:**

Renaissance STAR Early Literacy/Reading and STAR Math for Grades K-2 (PM1):

- August 12 – September 27, 2024

Cambium Reading for Grades 3-10 and Math for Grades 3-8 (PM1):

- August 12 – September 27, 2024

# How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

## The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

## How can I access the Family Portal?

- **At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal:**  
<https://flfast.org>
- **Or at the direct link:**  
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

## What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

## What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

## Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

# Schoology & HAC

## Schoology

All 5<sup>th</sup> Graders & Middle School students utilize Schoology, an online learning platform, to monitor their weekly assignments, homework, and important due dates. Teachers communicate with their students each week via Schoology by posting a weekly agenda located on the student's landing page for each course. The weekly agenda includes the weekly assignments and other important information. Teachers also post important due dates on the Schoology calendar.

### Parent Accounts

Parent accounts are available on the Home Access Center.

**Student Accounts** Students log in with their district email: [S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us)  
<https://stjohnsschools.schoology.com>

To learn more about how to access your child's account and parent account, please visit this link:  
<https://www-fca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/>

### Additional Resources:

Schoology for Students

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-students/>

## Home Access Center

The Home Access Center (HAC) allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure password protected website, Android app, or iPhone app. Your child's overall grade(s) are posted in the Home Access Center. This includes your child's most current grades including missing assignments. The Home Access Center is also where parents can view their child's interim grades and report card. Please check HAC, not Schoology, for your child's final grades. Schoology is for individual assignment grades only.

**Student HAC Account:** Students log in with their Active Directory username and password (S-number). Students can check their grades and view classes and assignments using their HAC account information.

**Parent HAC Account:** Parents can view their registered students when they use the parent log in. If you have questions about your HAC account, please call the front office at 547-4230 for assistance. Please visit the St. Johns County website to access the Home Access Center and for additional helpful resources.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>



# Rock Your School Day

We are planning one of the most exciting “Rock Your School Day” events ever for Friday, September 27th. This year's theme, "Wild About FCA," will bring the wonders of science into our classrooms with thematic lessons and several indoor field trip experiences including visits from the Jacksonville Zoo, Whitney Laboratory, and more!

## What is Rock Your School Day?

Rock Your School Day is an educational movement that empowers educators worldwide to create engaging and rigorous lessons for their students. Since opening in 2018, Freedom Crossing Academy has participated in this highly engaging event by creating school-wide thematic units, classroom transformations, STEM projects, school-wide assemblies, and experiences aligned to a common theme.

## Door Decorations & More!

Thank you in advanced to our PTO and parent volunteers for decorating our K-5 classrooms doors for “Rock Your School Day.” Each grade level has been assigned a “Habitat” for their door decorations.

- Ocean- Kindergarten
- Jungle/Rainforest- 1st
- Mountain/Forest- 2nd
- Arctic-3rd
- Desert-4th
- Grassland- 5th

Your child’s teacher will share more information about the educational outreach programs soon. We are very excited about this year’s lessons and activities and ready to “Get Wild” in our teaching!



# Boosterthon/ Color Run

FCA’s annual Boosterthon Fundrasier is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds are donated to the school for technology needs and school improvements. Teachers receive a percentage of the proceeds to invest back into their classrooms and our students. Over the past few years, we have been able to increase the number of computers in the elementary classrooms to allow teachers to support students with five computers per classroom center. We have also been working to increase our computer carts that are utilized in Middle School. Your contributions greatly impact our classrooms and student learning.

More information about this year’s Boosterthon event will be shared soon. Thank you again for your support and generosity!

## Time & Location

Sep 27, 2024,  
8:00 AM – 2:20 PM

- Elementary Run- Morning
- Middle School Run- Afternoon

More details coming soon

# Middle School News

## MS Elective Spotlight- Mrs. Ranken's Robotics' Class

Mrs. Ranken's Robotics students enjoy diving into the latest technology, including coding robots with enthusiasm and curiosity. Her class is designed to build a strong foundation in technological knowledge and hands on experiences. Students explore safety protocols and leadership skills while gaining a deeper understanding of technological tools, machines, instruments, materials, processes and systems used in a variety of industries. These lessons and experiences equip our students with valuable skills for the future. Robotics is a MS elective for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.



## Stop the Bullying Campaign Contest



Win cash awards from  
**The Len Mattiace Foundation**  
**Stop the Bullying Campaign Contest**  
in partnership with the **St. Johns County School District**

Begins September 4<sup>th</sup> and ends November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Students create any type of project that contains:  
Kindness, Compassion, & Inclusion



Scan for more information!

- According to the CDC, 28% of middle school students are bullied, the highest of any school level
- \$15,000 has been given out to middle school students to date

**Len Mattiace Foundation Stop the Bullying Campaign Contest!**

## On the Horizon

**Jacksonville Jaguar Home Game vs. Cleveland Browns \*LiveSchool Incentive- September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Washington DC/ Gradventure Info- September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Student Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

Parent Night-6:15pm-Cafeteria

**Rock Your School Day/ Boosterthon Color Run- September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Florida Blue Florida Classic College Football Game- Orlando**

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

More information coming soon.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip**

February 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

More information coming soon.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gradventure**

May 16<sup>th</sup>

More information coming soon.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip



We are very excited to announce details about the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. in February 2025! We will begin the adventure bright and early on Sunday morning, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and we return the following Friday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup>. A few of the amazing sights we will explore include a walking tour of Washington's monuments and historic places to include the Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Wall, visits to several Smithsonian museums, a tour of the Capitol Building, visit to Arlington National Cemetery to see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and a tour of the Gettysburg battlefields.

## **Student Meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are sharing details about the Washington DC trip with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> period. Students will also receive information about behavior expectations for participating in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Activities including the Washington DC trip, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, and Gradventure.

## **Parent Night: September 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are also hosting a Parent Night on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the FCA Cafeteria to review the Washington DC Itinerary and behavior expectations with parents. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trip and begin planning for this exciting once in a lifetime adventure. Payment Schedule will be shared prior to the meeting.

## **Registration will open soon.**

Payments are made directly to the site when the link is available. If you have a question regarding payment, please email [support@greenlightgrouptours.com](mailto:support@greenlightgrouptours.com) or call at 1-800-490-1820 ext 2

We look forward to this wonderful experience for our students. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Dean Woollard at [jacquelyn.woollard@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jacquelyn.woollard@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



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NAVIGATING YOUR  
CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL  
PATH

**10/1/2024**

This meeting will  
be held via  
Microsoft Teams  
platform

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

# Leonard's SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



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# Connect with Heart

Understanding and feeling what others are experiencing.

*This month, we're focusing on empathy and challenging students to make sure that everyone they interact with feels seen, heard, and valued. We are partnering with you to grow and develop empathy in your student at home. As a family, use these activities to reflect on and better understand the needs of others.*



## 1 ENGAGE: Celebrate Differences

Generate a list of each family member's favorite things, such as their favorite ice cream flavor or favorite thing to do. Identify any similar answers and celebrate those things you have in common. Discuss how those similarities might impact your family and your relationships. Identify and celebrate each other's differences. How might those differences impact your family? How do your differences make you strong? Use this example as a reminder for your child—and your family—to celebrate our unique differences. We are better TOGETHER!



## 2 EMPOWER: Build a Family Social Contract

Schedule time to have a family meeting and develop a family Social Contract together. Ask everyone to answer these questions:

- How do we want to treat each other?
- How do we want to treat each other when there is conflict?

Write down any words you identify as a family (respect, kind, honest) and ask each member to commit to the contract by signing it.



## 3 EXCEL: Find the Light. Be the Light.

As a family, brainstorm a list of 3-5 individuals you typically encounter during the day who may not receive many notes or words of affirmation or appreciation. Consider people who make your day brighter or provide a needed service, like your mail carrier, the cashier at your local store, or a neighbor. Ask each person in your family to write a note thanking that person for "Being a Light."

## Conversation Starters

♥ What can you do to show people you care about them? How does listening to others help them know you care?

♥ What can you do or say to show that you are listening to others?

♥ Describe what it means to "make someone's day."



Join Freedom Crossing Academy and the Jacksonville Icemen for their home opener on October 19<sup>th</sup>!

Get your tickets now and get ready to cheer on your Icemen that night.

Scan the QR code or access the link below to grab your tickets now!



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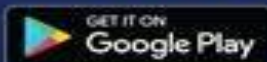
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