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Important Information For Homecoming 2023!

By: Annie Nguyen

Homecoming 2023 will be on Saturday, October 7th and the theme this year is gothic mansion! Tickets will be on sale from August 21st to October 5th for \$35! If you would like to bring an out-of-school guest, guest applications will be available also starting August 21st and will be due on September 8th. Pep rally tickets will be on sale October 4–11 before and after school in room 608.

Freedom High School's Homecoming Spirit Week will be from October 2–6th with the dress up days being revealed in a few weeks. The virtual skit night will be at 7 p.m. on October 3rd, where everyone will be voting for our Homecoming King and Queen! Homecoming crowning will take place before the Powderpuff game on October 4th. The dance will be on October 7th. Our pep rally, football senior night, and alumni tent will be held on October 13th!

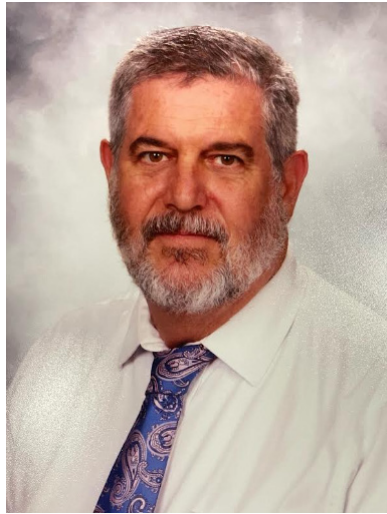
If you are a club sponsor or athletic coach, you should be choosing your nominees of members or players to represent your organization for this year's Homecoming Court Ballot. You are able to nominate up to three females and/or three males from each grade level. We will also have our annual homecoming banners where every club can create a banner showcasing their club and relate it to the theme!

Nominations will only be accepted from faculty sponsors or coaches and will be closed on Friday, September 1st, at 2:30 p.m. Late nominations will NOT be accepted! You will be sent an email after submitting your nominations, review your response and fix any mistakes you may have made, as you will be able to edit your response.

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Freedom High School Welcomes Mr. France As Our New Principal!

By: Elizabeth Robbins



(Photo of Mr. Charles France)

Freedom High School welcomed a new principal this year, but most of us have already known him for a while. Mr. Charles France has worked at Freedom High School for 14 non-consecutive years, starting in 2006 to 2014 and from 2018 to today. He has held many positions while at Freedom High School, however this will be his first year as our principal. Mr. France is very excited, enthusiastic, and eager to begin his new role at Freedom High School!

Mr. France has a lot of experience working in Florida schools such as Freedom High School, Dr. Phillips High School, Jones High School, and Discovery Middle School. He even has experience working out of state in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania for a year. Mr. France attended Penn State for college. He is excited to model after their motto, “We are Penn State” and incorporate it into Freedom High School, making it “We are Freedom.”

Mr. France is motivated by the difference that he can make in the lives of students. He wants to help students become who they want to be and accomplish what they want to do in life. He feels invigorated by the opportunity to make Freedom High School a school others admire. Mr. France wants to help-

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-the school grow by encouraging both teachers and students to do their best in everything they do. He hopes students will learn personal accountability so that they can continue to grow and become life-long learners. These skills will help students be able to do anything and everything they want to do in life, helping them become future leaders. Teachers are encouraged to continue to help students learn these important skills as well through well-planned lessons, reading assignments, writing assignments, experiments, exercises, experiences, expressions, artwork, tests, and valuable conversations. It is important for everyone to remember to always be kind and understanding to others. Mr. France believes these ideas will help us all grow together as a school and community.

Mr. France's main goal as our new principal is to make everyone feel safe and cared for. He also wants every student at Freedom High School to feel connected to something at the school that is fun for them. His third goal is for Freedom High School to be an academic leader within Orange County Public Schools.

Mr. France feels ready to lead our Freedom High School community as our principal. He's already been helping out at our school in numerous ways over the years, but now he has a chance to lead us! Mr. France wants all students to know that he is on their side, making sure that they are ready and confident for their lives after graduating from FHSI. Everything that goes into a student's education is very important to him and he wants his students to be ready to go out and be leaders in the world.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Yearbook!

By: Samantha Villanueva



(Photo by: Brianah Daniels / Photo Of: Cinthya Contreras and Maya Dass)

Having the privilege to speak to the co-presidents of this school's yearbook, Cinthya and Maya, helps people who are willing to listen open their eyes to the hard work that goes on behind the scenes when making memories that students hope to bring with them throughout their future years.

When people talk about the yearbook, you always hear conversations on how people looked in their school photo or who is on what page, or etc., but what you almost never hear is the appreciation for the hard work of the people that put the whole yearbook together. What is never seen by people outside of yearbook are the responsibilities of those students. From editing each page to going out during lunch to take photos of students on spirit days, that is just the basis of what yearbook students have to do. But being co-presidents of the yearbook means you have to do so much more than just that. Having the overall task of overlooking the development of the yearbook, making sure the theme remains consistent can be one of the most important jobs of the yearbook, because ultimately, that is what you'll be putting out for everyone to see and spend money on. They express this concern, saying "you want it [the yearbook] to be worth peoples' money and you don't want to disappoint the people who buy it."

Having as much experience as Maya and Cinthya have as being a part of yearbook for 2 years already, they've been able to learn many things during their time in yearbook. Throughout their years of yearbook, timeliness has been a prominent challenge that they have had to face. Deadlines on pages-

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-struggle for most students, but with the responsibility of the yearbook on your shoulders, and personally, Cinthya battles this problem by using planners to keep due dates and maintain timeliness. For her, Maya finds challenges when “finding the right inspiration when creating a page” and when “getting the right pictures that will make the page look appealing.” She explains how the pages of the yearbook have to be somewhat different while still maintaining the theme, and sometimes has to redo pictures from the same classing, trying to get more “engaging photos.”

However, even with all challenges that can come with being co-presidents of the yearbook, the environment, community, and having the opportunity to keep working together keeps them motivated to keep the yearbook at its peak and working well. In Maya and Cinthya’s words, “teamwork makes the dream work.”

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Starting the Year Strong with Our Student Body President

By: Jady Goldberger

A new school year introduces many new faces, but one that has remained a prominent figure at our school is our now student body president, Sarah Read. After having the opportunity to speak with her, I learned the many goals she has for the school as well as what she's looking forward to in her senior year.

Sarah's passion and care for Freedom shine not only through her words, but the work she's put in the past 3 years and what she continues to do now to make our school a better place. She has raised tons of money for the school, joined, led, and created multiple clubs (including Actions 4 Animals and National English Honor Society), and made many changes and upgrades through Student Government, all while working hard in school.

However, to really get to know Sarah Read, I wanted to ask her questions relating to being our student body president and a senior at FHS.

“What plans/ideas do you have for the school as SGA president?”

To which Sarah responded, “Some of my main goals I would love to happen and that I'm working towards are parking spot painting for seniors, more voting opportunities for schoolwide events for students to have more of an input, painting the school stairs to bring more color to campus, and more donation drives to help out our community!”. She also stated that she wants to “build more of a connection between SGA leaders and the student body” and create more personal relationships so “people know they can [tell] us about any ideas or suggestions they have!”. Her goals are very focused on improving the happiness of the student body, and they do not go unnoticed!

Next, Sarah Read discussed the school and senior events that are coming up in the next few weeks and what she's most looking forward to.

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“Club showcase is coming up on August 24th, where all clubs can recruit new members during both lunches! - I am also very excited for my last homecoming and (hopefully) homecoming court where I would make a skit themed around Gothic Mansion! For senior activities, I am looking forward to wearing the senior class shirt and attending senior sunrise/sunset!” There’s a lot coming up in the following weeks for Sarah, the senior class, and the entire student body as a whole! Make sure to participate!

I also wanted to know what Sarah was looking forward to personally, as president, and as a senior.

“For SGA, I am most excited to see all of the new leaders find their passion within SGA and be more involved within our school, through planning projects and showing school spirit!” Sarah also mentioned her excitement for the FASC (Florida Association of Student Councils), “when all of SGA’s projects have the opportunity to earn a medal and award! FASC is also so fun; meeting new people from all over is always a great time!”. Outside of Student Government, Sarah is also looking forward to enjoying her final year at Freedom, especially for her AP Research class, “because we are all a big family and I’m so excited to see what projects we dive deeper into!”

Finally, I wanted to know any additional advice she had for student’s, especially for those who are just starting here at Freedom.

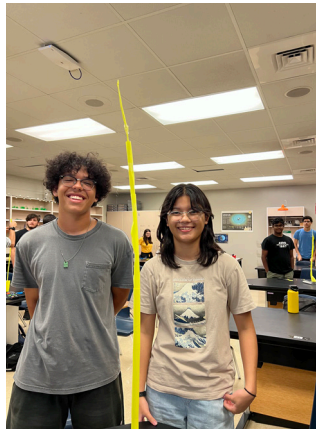
“For all students, don’t be afraid to get involved and show school spirit! No one will judge you for having fun and being yourself. You only have 4 years in high school, so make the most of them!”

It was a great experience to speak with our lovely student body president, Sarah Read. Her hard work for the school is greatly appreciated!

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AP Physics Icebreakers

By: Victoria Cravey



(Photo by: Santosh Madhavan / Photo of: Nate Reyes and Isabella Milay)

Recently, Ms. Madhavan's AP Physics 1 class participated in an icebreaker activity as students were asked to construct the tallest freely standing tower from one sheet of paper (8.5" x 11") and 50 cm of tape. The activity incorporates ideas of center of gravity, sturdy cross-sectional areas, line of action, and torque. The winner was 1.12 m (3 ft. 8.1 in.). Sounds like the beginning to a great year for all AP Physics students! Good luck!

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Patriots Football Season has Kicked Off!

By: Rodrigo Suarez



(Photo by: Allyra Castillo)

The Boys' varsity football team started the fall season with a loss at home against Orlando Christian Prep with a score of 17 to 0, after a tough/poor performance by the freedom team.

This team is looking to have a successful fall season, there is no doubt about it due to the great effort these players had throughout the summer; they had a schedule focused mostly on the physical side of each player; agility and coordination were the skills that were worked on the most during this past summer.

It must be noted that this game was the first after a long pre-season, even with all the preparation these players had, it is difficult to return to a high level after a long period with no real games.

This team will be led by 17 seniors, who will seek to have a productive season in search of a dream university scholarship, or perhaps why not, to be able to appear in the NFL draft. A huge shoutout to head coach Joe Saragusa and assistant coach Chris Blanton, good luck to them and to the rest of the team, have an unforgettable season and bring the championship home!!!