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Happy Almost Halloween Patriots!

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Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day!

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NEWS

A Haunting Homecoming Week

By: Samantha Villanueva



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The most anticipated school week of the first quarter, Homecoming Week, has just passed, and now it's time to relive it!

On Monday, October 2nd, the first day of Spirit Week, students wore pajamas to school to represent the Walking Dead. The following day, Tuesday, October 3rd, the theme was "Clone Day," where students came to school matching with another person or group of friends.

On the 3rd day of Homecoming Spirit Week, October 4th, students dressed as characters from Wednesday, fitting a dark academia style, or red and black preppy outfits to celebrate "Wednesday Wednesday." The Homecoming Crowning and Powderpuff game occurred on this day as well where Alejandro Navas and Sofia Andrade were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen! The Powderpuff game resulted in the Senior girls winning against the Junior girls, 13-0.

The theme of the 4th day of Spirit Week, October 5th, was "Harry Potter Day," where students came dressed to school as their Hogwarts House. The houses and their corresponding colors are Gryffindor as red, Ravenclaw as blue, Slytherin as green, and Hufflepuff as yellow. Also on this day, clubs presented their gothic-themed banners to the school for the "Gothic Mansion Club Takeover."

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The last and final day before the Homecoming Dance, October 6th, was the “Phantom of Freedom” where students dressed in the school’s colors: red, white, and blue. On this day, the “Gothic Mansion Cub Takeover” winners were announced with the Spanish National Honors Society coming in 3rd place, Latinos in Action coming in 2nd place, and finally, the French Honors Society coming in 1st place with their “Catacombs of Paris” themed banner.

Finally, October 7th was the school’s Gothic Mansion-themed Homecoming where students mostly wore black and red to fit the theme. Gravestones, sculptures, and black and white flowers were just some of the decorations put up to transform the school into a Gothic Mansion and brought the school’s spirit week together!

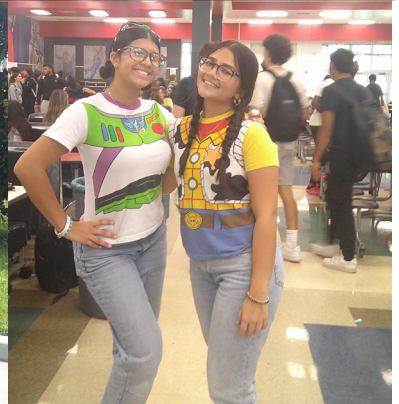
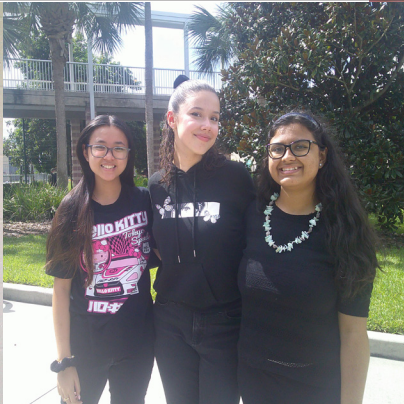
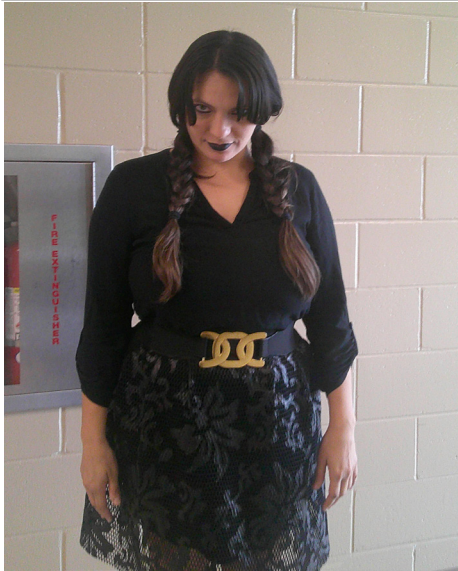
Club Shoutout!

Actions for Animals (A4A)

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| -Sponsor: Ms. Flores | -Officers: |
| -Room: 540 | President: Sarah Read |
| -Activities: Club for animal lovers to advocate and work on projects to help animals in need, such as food and toys! | Vice President: Samuel Torres |
| -Requirements: None! | Secretary: Ambar Palma |
| -Motto: Helping animals in our community, one action at a time! | Treasurer: Sabrina Kayat |
| | Historian: Duda Vannucchi |
| | Outreach Chair: Allison Sique |

If you’d like for your club to have a shoutout, check the Freedom Press Instagram and reply to our Insta story! @freedompressnews

COLLAGE



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FEATURES

The “Rumors” Out, Our Fall Show!

By: Jady Goldberger

On October 19th through the 21st, Freedom High School’s drama department, Troupe 6614, will present “Rumors” at 7pm each night in the Performing Arts Center!

Rumors is a farcical comedy that focuses on four high-class couples attending a dinner party for their friend’s 10th anniversary. As the first couple, Chris and Ken Gorman, arrive at the party, they realize that the friend’s they are celebrating are in a dilemma, one’s not home and the other has been shot in the ear! As more of the couples come to the house and attend the party, an absurd but hilarious chain of events spanning throughout the entire show. The jokes range from silly, overtop humor to quick and mature one-liners. The 2 hour long performance was a good time with many opportunities to laugh for you, your friends, and your family.

Putting on a production of any show is a very strenuous task, and takes a lot of time, dedication, and effort to create something an audience will enjoy. The Freedom High School Drama Department has been working hard on this production for the past 2 months, getting lines and blocking, the set, costumes, lighting, and every other aspect down in time for the show dates, and their work was incredible! Every element of the show shined, from a beautifully designed set to elegant costumes to high-quality light and sound cues. The actors, stage management, sound, lights, costumes, props, and run crew, as well as the director Ms. Probst have given it their all to make this show perfect, and their work has paid off. It also is a great start for the first show of the 2023-24 school year, with the districts show, “We Are The Sea” in the works now. Congratulations to our theater department for putting on a fantastic show, and if you didn’t get a chance to see “Rumors”, don’t miss out on “We Are The Sea”!

SPORTS

Basketball Tryouts Are About to Start!!

By: Rodrigo Suarez

The tryouts for the basketball team will be from Monday, October 30th, to Tuesday, October 31st, for both the boys and girls team. Therefore; the event will last 3 hours, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at the school gym.

After a disappointing season, where the varsity team was very inconsistent from the beginning of the campaign until the end, the “Patriots” will seek to position themselves as one of the best teams in the coming season to be in contention to reach the playoffs. “Every cloud has a silver lining”, that’s what this team is all about, as I had already mentioned before, the team did not have a good season last year, but there were something it’s worth highlighting, and is the award our player, Ethan Nolan, won for being the most valuable player of the season, given by the “Maxpreps” page. We also have to appreciate the rest of the team, who despite the adversity, were able to contribute so that Ethan could win the aforementioned award.

We don’t know what destiny holds for the basketball team, but from the freedom press, we all wish them nothing but good luck in this upcoming season, to every player and to the coaches.

REVIEWS

Come Enjoy a Nice Meal at First Watch

By: Elizabeth Robbins

In the mood for breakfast, lunch, but not quite dinner? Then First Watch might be the restaurant for you! First Watch restaurants have been popping up all over Central Florida, and there's a good chance one is close to you too. First Watch was first founded in California, but moved their headquarters to Florida in 1986. They now have over 400 locations in 29 states.

I recently visited First Watch and got to try some of the food. They have a great variety of both breakfast and lunch foods. They have lots of options from pancakes to salads to sandwiches. They are open from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm and serve all of their food within those hours. Every season inspires different menu items that go along with the season. Since it is fall, they have pumpkin pancakes, million dollar harvest hash, cinnamon spice churros, and butternut squash bisque. They use fresh ingredients in every dish which makes the food taste great. Along with the food, they also have a variety of fresh juices. They have morning meditation fresh juice, which consists of orange juice, lemon juice, turmeric, organic ginger, agave nectar, and beet juice. They also have kale tonic fresh juice which is made up of kale, fuji apple, english cucumber, and lemon. They have purple haze which has lemon, cane sugar, butterfly pea flower tea, and a hint of lavender. Their seasonal option is pomegranate pear punch which is made up of pomegranate, pear, cane sugar, and lime.

First Watch is part of something called Project Sunrise. This is a collaboration between them and Mujeres en Café, which is a company located in Huila, Colombia. Mujeres en Café is a company made up of women, who produce coffee beans. These coffee beans are imported to First Watch and used in all of their coffee.

The service was very good, but the wait to get into the restaurant can get quite long. Overall, I would rate First Watch a 9/10. I highly recommend trying it out if you get the chance!