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FEATURES

Freedom High School Offers Exciting New Coding Club

By: Elizabeth Robbins

Here at Freedom High School, we have many clubs for students to join. One of these clubs is Girls Who Code. They meet every other Wednesday in room 632. They usually meet twice a month unless there are breaks or holidays. Their meetings usually start at 1:20 p.m. and finish around 2-2:20 p.m. Meetings typically start with coding lessons or presentations about a topic in tech that is relevant today. After, there will usually be an activity or game that allows you to apply what you learned. You can learn many new things like programming games or building websites.

Co-founder of Girls Who Code, Karina Ann said, "I would recommend any girls or non-binary students who are inexperienced with coding or the tech industry but are interested in learning more to join!" Most of the content is catered toward women and underrepresented groups in STEM, but anyone is free to join. There are no fees to join and everyone interested is encouraged to join. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people and connect with others who share your interests. If you are interested in coding, this might be the perfect club for you to join.

Girls Who Code is not just limited to Freedom High School. It is a national organization that can help connect women to free resources and opportunities within the tech field. Karina Ann said, "Our goal for FHS Girls Who Code is to help girls access these resources and take advantage of the summer programs they offer to help boost students' resumes and college applications."

Many people would benefit from joining Girls Who Code. They could have opportunities that they would not have gotten otherwise. If you are interested in joining, don't miss out on the next meeting.

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Come View Film Club!

By: Allyra Claire Castillo

Freedom High School has a variety of clubs for students to join that fit their interests. There are all sorts of clubs for everyone. Recently, a new club has joined the list. This club is called Film Club.

The President of Film Club, Maria Clara Oliveira sat down with me while I interviewed her about the Film Club here at Freedom High School. This club was just established recently. This new club caught my eye and I wanted to learn more about the club.

I wanted to learn more about the club, its objectives, and how it plans to enrich the school community through the cinematic arts which jump-started my questioning. Maria began to tell me that their main purpose and goal is for those to learn the basics of making a film and to feel confident in their work. She explained that she most importantly hopes people can befriend each other and enjoy their time in the club. This is why the Film Club has been brought to Freedom.

This is the Film Club's first year here at Freedom. When I asked Maria what inspired her to start the Film Club, she told me that she always loved film. As a kid, she loved portraying the characters (from the movies she saw) in her room. There wasn't any film club all 4 years that she's been at Freedom, so she thought starting a Film Club was the best idea for those who love cinema and want to have a career related to it in the future. She explains that she hopes those who share the same interest as her for film joins the club.

I asked Maria to provide some details about the club's regular activities and events and she described that they will practice the basics of making a film. Such as practicing using the camera, lighting, writing a script, and more. She describes that they might start a fundraiser to purchase chords for seniors and club equipment.

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When I asked Maria about how students who are interested in joining the club get involved, she added that students can get involved by going to club meetings and actively participating in club activities.

Maria told me that they are planning on doing a final project at the end of the year which is making a film. She described that this film will be less than 5 minutes and will be displayed on PTV. She explains that students can write their own stories about anything they want. The best ones will be chosen to be made. They will also be able to pick what role they would want to contribute to the film, such as actor, director, cinematographer, etc.

She says that in addition to the film class that Ms. Thompson teaches, the Film Club will allow all students, no matter their academic and cultural backgrounds, to come together to understand their ability in the film industry and make them feel comfortable with themselves. Students will be able to make their films connect to their personal lives, turning their work into a safe place for them. They will be proud of who they are as for their heritage and as a student.

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Get A Taste of France with French Honor Society

By: Samantha Villanueva

French Honor Society, or in other words, Société Honoraire de Français, is the opportunity for Freedom students to exercise their passion and affinity for French. The club's sponsor Mr. Matthew Miscannon, the teacher of 2, 3, and AP French, provides students the ability to participate in a variety of activities related to the French language, as well as the Francophone culture. Not only with the help of the club sponsor, the club's officers Anna Tristao, the President, Victoria Iragorry, the Vice-President, Alicia Sparks, the Secretary, Carolina Lewis, the Treasurer, and Fabiana Vasquez, the Historian are all reasons why SHF is able to carry on. By being a part of the club, members of SHF are able to expand and participate in the sharing of their French knowledge.

If one has the desire to join the French Honor Society, the students would have to have completed 3 semesters of French, as well as have a French GPA of 3.5 or higher, and an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. Outside of academic requirements, the students must show that they will contribute and be active members of the club. Aspiring members should be prepared to participate in monthly events that focus on different types of traditions and/or customs related to different countries in the Francophone world.

Some activities held by the French Honor Society are trivia nights, making crepes, paint night, celebrating National French Week, and much more. SHF hopes to allow students to continue to learn about the French-speaking world in a stress-free environment with their friends and peers who also enjoy learning about the French language culture through the activities that they host. French Honor Society's most recent club meeting consisted of members writing their own ghost stories or "Histoires de fantômes" and acting them out in front of the club.

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As mentioned previously, the club will be celebrating National French Week from November 6th-10th. During the week, members of SHF will be asking students trivia questions during both A and B lunches on Wednesday, November 8th. Students who come up with the correct answers to the questions will be rewarded with some candy, says the club sponsor, Mr. Miscannon.

Club Shoutout!

AVID Council

-Sponsor: Ms. Brow

-Room: 612

-Activities: Be the voice of AVID! Organize, plan, and carry out projects such as scholarship funding and projects such as Multi-cultural Night.

-Motto: It is not a dream, but a plan!

-Officers:

President: Ana Chust Puchades

Vice Presidents: Seleny Cruz and Mia Gething

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Treasurers: Kemar Samuel and Emmaline Pergand

Historian: Gabriela Diaz

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

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Soccer Tryouts Have Begun!

By: Rodrigo Suarez

Soccer tryouts have been a total success, with a large number of footballers of the 4 different grades in our school. The tryouts lasted a whole week, starting on Monday the 16th, with the first day of cuts being on Tuesday the 17th and the last on Thursday the 19th, then on Friday the 20th being the last day of the tryouts.

The varsity team will be composed mostly of seniors and juniors, with JV being similar but with sophomores and Freshmans. Practices began the following week, and the games began last week on Monday the 30th with Lake Buena Vista and the Freedom patriots, this match which took place at Freedom.

Tryouts were very disputed, with a lot of quality among players, therefore, we know it will be a team with a lot of chemistry and coordination, that is why this team will be one of the contenders to take the district title.