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UPCOMING EVENTS

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THEATRE: WE ARE THE SEA

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FHS Theatre presents the one-act We Are The Sea. Curtains go up on Friday, November 10th at 7pm. Purchase your tickets at <u>FHSBoxOffice.com</u>

PTSA & SAC Meeting

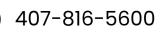
Join us in the Media Center for our next PTSA and SAC Meetings of the 23-24 School Year. PTSA meets at 5pm followed by SAC at 6pm.

Emerging Bilingual Family Academy

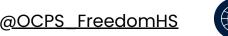
Join us for a hands on event in which parents will learn about assessments and strategies to help their student enhance his or her literacy skills and guide them in their journey into being fully bilingual. This session will take place in the media center from 5pm-7pm.

Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

School will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from November 20th through November 24th.









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Freedom Band Holiday Sale

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Nov 3rd - Nov 18th 🔜

Local orders will arrive in early Dec.

For poinsettias and decor items being ordered for our immediate area, please place orders at http://holiday.freedomband.net/

> To order wreaths and decor items direct shipped anywhere in the U.S., please visit www.Giftitforward.com and use code FREEDOFL005.



CLOTHING DONATION



Donate your clothes

CLOTHING OR ANY WINTER CLOTHES YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

SPREAD THE WORD AND LETS MAKE THIS CLOTHING DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Donation box located in Room 422



It is always a great day to be a Freedom Patriot especially when being a Patriot means being a part of this incredible community. There is always a success to celebrate because when we are working together towards a common goal, it is inevitable that great things will happen.

Learning is our top priority, and it brings me great joy to celebrate with the students who were inducted into the National Honor Society. They are the example of hard work paying off.

Congratulations to our marching band and guard programs on an incredible marching season. Their show "Unstoppable" was a hit, and it was such an honor to watch them perform on Friday Nights. Their hardwork paid off as they received the distinction of "Superior" at their Music Performance Assessment. I am extremely proud of their accomplishment. Great job to the students and the directors on a terrific season.

I hope that you will join me in wishing our Swim and Dive team the best as they represent Freedom High School in the State Championships tomorrow. Good luck to Eva Schisha and Jack Sparks as they compete in their respective events.

There is absolutely no question that we a part of a great community, and I hope that as we move forward we will continue to support our students in their academic and extracurricular

pursuits. This is our Freedom!

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FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS

BY LAURA LUNDGREN SMITH

DIRECTED BY SARA SKINNER-PROBST NOVEMBER 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM TICKETS ARE \$10 AT WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: 2500 WEST TAFT VINELAND ROAD ORLANDO, FL 32837

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)



MEET YOUR 10TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



Giselle Munoz

Giselle.Munoz@ocps.net

Q: What's the best thing about being a teacher?

A: The best thing about being a teacher is knowing you are making a differencemaybe not with all students and not every single day, but at some moment with at least one student you are making a difference. Also, there is never a dull day as a teacher. You have a flood of emotions all day, every day, but boredom is never one of them.



Ricardo Mejia

Ricardo.Mejia@ocps.net

Q: What is your favorite dish from the cafeteria? A: My favorite dish from the cafeteria is the chicken sandwich, no sauce. I prefer the spicy one, but either will have me enjoying my day.



Daniela Germosen Oviedo

Daniela.Germosenoviedo@ocps.net

Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school? A: Science! Specifically, biology. I was always good at it and even thought throughout high school that I was going to study exercise science in college.



Patrick Williams

Patrick.Williams2@ocps.net

Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school? A: Outside of English my favorite subject is Theatre. Seeing film and reliving it on the stage is the greatest thing besides sacking a QB

WE ARE THE SEA TAKES CENTER STAGE



On Friday, November 3, the FHS Theater program performed their competition, one act "We are the Sea" at the Florida Theatre Conference. They had a wonderful performance, and received great feedback.

Aiden Cox received the All-Star cast member award. Rachel Robbins, Isabella Hutchison and Valeria Alicea received the recognition of featured ensemble award.

Be sure to come and experience "We Are The Sea" for one night only on Friday, November 10th at 7pm. Tickets are available at <u>FHSBoxOffice.com</u>



BAND EARNS STRAIGHT SUPERIORS AT MPA

Congratulations to The Pride of the Patriots Marching Band and Guard on earning straight Superiors at the 2023 Marching Band MPA. The band performed at Boone High School this past Saturday for their Music Performance Assessment, and delived an incredible performance of Unstoppable for a final time this season. The band earned high marks of Superiors by each Judge, which is the highest mark that can be earned.



STUDENT LIFE AT FH



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23-24 ANNUAL LIP SYNC BATTLE

INTERESTED IN BATTLING ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS TO A LIP SYNC BATTLE? SIGN I P BELOW



https://tinyurl.com/LipSyncSignUp2324

Baseball Head Coach Joshua Marguez Email: Joshua.Marquez@ocps.net

Head Coach Abbey Shipman

Head Coach Yamilex Castillo

Email: Yamilex.Ortiz-Rivera@ocps.net

Water Polo (Boys/Girls)

Softball

Boys Lacrosse Head Coach Patrick Williams

Girls Lacrosse Head Coach TBD Email: Abbey.Shipman@ocps.net Email: TBD

Email: Patrick.Williams@ocps.net Email: Joshua.Katz@ocps.net Girls Girls Track

> II.14 | Boys Soccer at Windermere | 6pm(JV)/730pm(V) II.I4 | Girls Soccer vs Gateway | 6pm(JV)/730pm(V)

II.14 | Girls Basketball Patriot Tip-Off Classic | 6pm/730pm

II.15 | Girls Weightlifting at Lake Nona | 6pm(JV)/730pm(V)

II.16 | Boys Soccer vs Cypress Creek | 6pm(JV)/730pm(V)

II.I5 | Girls Soccer at Olympia | 6pm(JV)/730pm(V)

II.15 | Boys Basketball Preseason Jamboree @ University | 4:30pm

Head Coach Joshua Katz

AUDITION

INFORMATIONAL

MEETING

Tennis (Boys/Girls) Head Coach Rob Caraballo Email: Robert.Caraballo@ocps.net

Flag Football

Boys Volleyball Head Coach Gina McFerren Email: Gina.McFerren@ocps.net

AUDITIONS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH AUDITION DAYS

Beach Volleyball Head Coach Jill Dotson Email: Jill.Dotson@ocps.net

Boys Weightlifting Head Coach Joseph Saragusa Email: Joseph.Saragusa@ocps.net



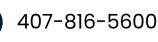
Head Coach Katie Angel Head Coach John Langteau Email: Katie.Angel@ocps.net Email: John.Langteau@ocps.net THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

II.IO | Swim & Dive at FHSAA State Championships @ FAST (Ocala) | Ipm

AUDITIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL ARE COMING !!

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball Girls Basketball **Competition Cheer** Girls Weightlifting Boys Soccer **Girls Soccer Boys Wrestling Girls Wrestling** Special Olympics Basketball









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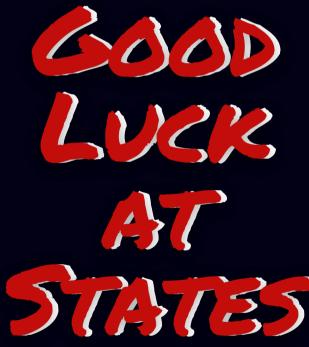
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 1:2. OPM IN THE PAC The state of the s SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN JANUARY **Boys** Track

II.I6 | Girls Basketball Patriot Tip-Off Classic | 6pm/730pm II.17 | Boys Basketball Preseason Jamboree @ University | 5:45pm

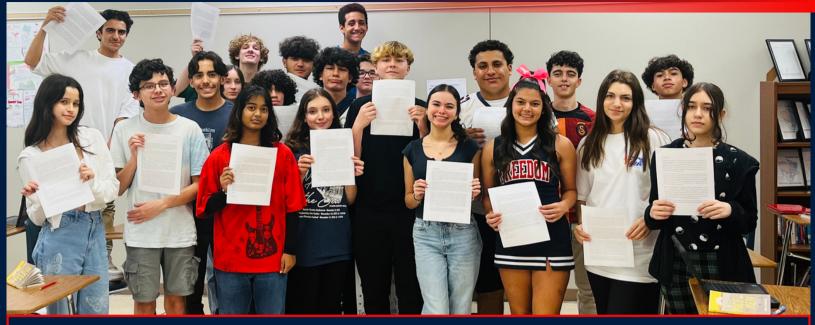








SPECIAL WRITING ASSIGNMENT: LETTERS TO RACHEL KOLB



As part of their expository writing unit, students in Mrs. Munoz' classes read informational texts about the importance of communication and motivation. Some of these articles were written by Mrs. Rachel Kolb, a writer, scholar, speaker, and disability advocate who sheds light on the struggles and challenges of the deaf community. After seeing how students were so moved by her story, Mrs. Munoz contacted Mrs. Kolb and asked if students could write her letters about how her life has impacted and taught valuable lessons to our students and how those articles spread awareness about the deaf community. She was very honored to know that her written work was part of our unit and how it created awareness about the deaf community while inspiring students to overcome their own challenges. All requirements for the expository writing unit were taken into account in this special writing assignment. It not only allowed students to develop their academic writing skills, but also write for a bigger purpose and a larger audience.

HELIUM BALLOON IN NEUTRAL EQUILIBRIUM

Mr.Madhavan's AP Physics 1 students learned to apply Newton's laws of motion by determining the amount of weight that should be attached to a helium balloon to keep it in neutral equilibrium, a concept useful to help astronauts experience working in weightless environment by being neutrally buoyant in a swimming pool. Fish achieve this feat with the help of their swim bladder. This was not a cookbook experiment: students had to do the activity on the fly. When the calculated weight was attached, the helium balloon would stay suspended in air in the absence of air currents.



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Date: November 17, 2023 Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Hyatt Grand Regency

Address: One Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando, FL **Transportation: Charter Bus**

Invitation For:

- Seniors who have completed the FAMU college application and are interested in scholarships for FAMU.
- Juniors & Seniors interested in learning more about FAMU.

Agenda:

- Informational Booths
- Presentations
- Scholarship Application
- Lunch will be provided upon arrival at Freedom.

Registration: https://tinyurl.com/FAMUFreedom

Permission slip due to Mrs. Dotson in Room 802 by November 10, 2023 at 12:30pm





FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY FIELD TRIP

Florida Polytechnic University

Are you a junior or senior interested in a career in STEM?

Are you a senior and have submitted your application for FL Poly?

Florida Polytechnic University invites high school math and science classes to join us for an immersive STEM experience. This exclusive opportunity is open to junior and senior students in Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Physics, Computer Science, robotics clubs, and technology or engineering sections. Our STEM Days promote a passion for STEM and share with students the many pathways and fulfilling careers in STEM.

DATE: November 28, 023

TIME: 8:00am - 2:00pm (Lunch will be provided.) LOCATION: FL Polytech

ADDRESS: 4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805 REGISTRATION: https://tinvurl.com/FreedomFLPoly



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Parent permission slips due to Mrs. Dotson in Room 802 by the end of B Lunch (12:30pm) on Friday, 11/17/2023.

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VALENCIA APP WORKSHOP DECEMBER 7TH

Seniors only

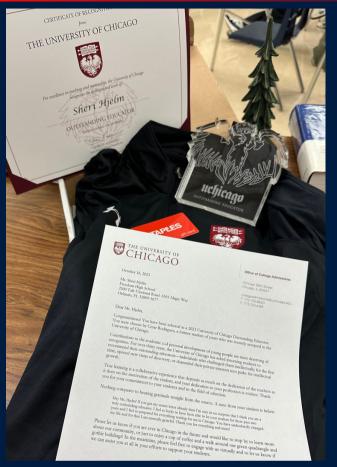
First Time Applicants (Not For Valencia Dual Enrollment) In the Media Center During Periods 2 & 3 Registration: <u>https://tinuurl.com/CollegeRepPres</u>

FAFSA WORKSHOPS DECEMBER STH, 12TH, 19TH

In the Media Center from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

More details coming soon!

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO RECOGNIZES MS. SHERI HJELM AS OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR





Congratulations to Ms. Sheri Hjelm who was recognized by the University of Chicago as an Outstanding Educator. The University of Chicago recognizes educators of incoming students who have challenged them intellectually and have inspired intellectual growth. Ms. Hjelm was nominated by Freedom alumnus, and current first-year Chicago student, Cesar Rodriguez.

In his nomination letter, Cesar wrote, "I feel so lucky to have been able to be your student for these past two years and I feel so prepared for everything waiting for me in Chicago."

COKE SCHOLARS FOUNDATION SEMIFINALIST



Congratulations to Mateo Bodon who has been named a Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Semifinalist. Mateo was selected from over 103,800 applicants for this opportunity!

You can learn more about the #CokeScholars Program \$20,000 college scholarship and see a full list of Semifinalists at Cokeurl.com/2024SF.



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