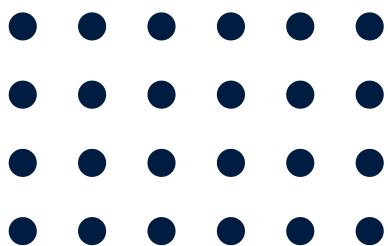
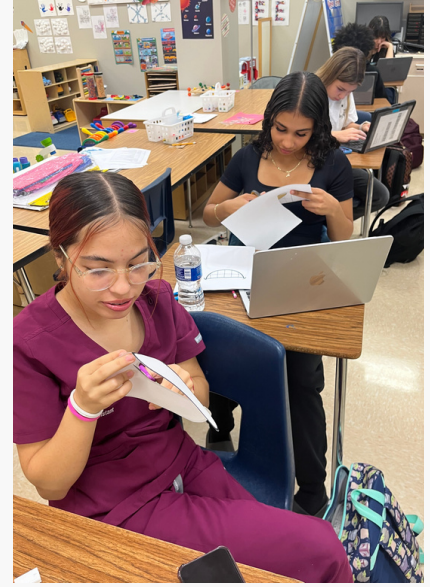
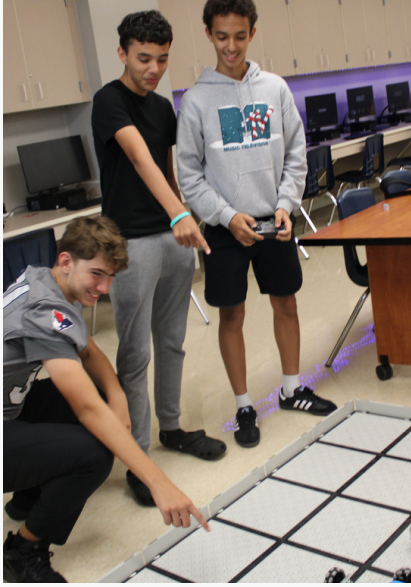


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SOMETHING
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COMMUNITY CORNER

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AT TRUIST

With the cooler temperatures quickly approaching, our SAFE team are looking for ways to support our community in need of warmer clothing options.

Truist VP Christopher Stevens and his team have been gracious enough to offer their support to our Patriots. Truist and Mr. Stevens donated several thousands of dollars worth of coats, hoodies, and sweatpants to our FHS SAFE office.

Thank you, Truist and Mr. Stevens for your support of Freedom High School.



Patriots, as we look forward to the Thanksgiving Break, I want to encourage to use this time to rest and recharge. When we return, it will only be a few short weeks until our Winter Break, and I want to make sure that we are taking care of our academic responsibilities in the classroom. While this might be a much needed break for all of our staff and students, I would consider using the time to keep learning and help position yourself for success as we wrap up the remainder of the first semester.

I want to congratulate our Orchestra students who were selected to the All-County Orchestra and who were also recipients of the Teacher Impact Grant. Great things are happening though our Performing Arts Programs, and I am extremely proud of students for this honor and recognition.

With Teach-In, The Pheonix Foundation Grant, generous donations from our Partners at Truist, our FL Teen Safe Driver Presentation, and the continued support from our community at-large, it is great to be a part of a school whose community recognizes the value of investing in our Patriots. Thank you for making this this best school in OCPS!



WE ARE FREEDOM

Charles France
Principal, Freedom High School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

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

**20-24
NOV**

FAST Testing (9th & 10th) & Civic Literacy (12th)

Check Student Email for testing location, and be sure to bring device fully charged.

**05
DEC**

20th Annual PRISM Concert

FHS Performing Arts presents the annual Prism Concert. Shows are on Saturday, December 9th at 1:30pm, 4pm, and 7pm. Tickets go on sale December 4th. Purchase your tickets at [FHSBoxOffice.com](https://www.fhsboxoffice.com)

**09
DEC**

SAC Meeting

Join us in the Media Center for our next SAC Meeting of the 23-24 School Year. SAC meets at 6pm.

**11
DEC**



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MEET YOUR 11TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



Elizabeth Caminos

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Q: What inspires you?

A: My son and daughter inspire me as a teacher. I think about what kind of teacher I'd want them to learn from. The kind of teacher my kids might need on a day when the content is challenging or when they require some encouragement or when they meet their goals and need the push to meet the next one. They inspire me and remind me that students are more than just a test score and that all successes, big and small mean something to students and should be celebrated.



Sheri Hjelm

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Q: In which other teacher's class would you like to enroll? Why?

A: Even though it's been many years since I studied math formally, I'd enjoy the challenge of AP Calc BC under Mrs. Kraemer's careful guidance. I'm curious about the science behind thinking and since Mrs. Chapman is as insightful as she is inspiring, AP Psychology would be on my schedule. I'd also like to find my way back into music and I think that would happen immediately if I took an orchestra class with Mr. Hellhake.



Faiza Jahan

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Q: In which other teacher's class would you like to enroll? Why?

A: Mrs. Angel. The 9th graders appreciated her, so I would like to see her teaching style.



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MEET YOUR 11TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



Amanda Read

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Q: How do you show your school spirit?

A: I believe teaching is a give and a take. If I want students to be interested in MY subject and MY lesson, then I have to be interested in THEIR activities and what they are just as equally passionate about. I find when students are smiling and excited about their day, they listen and always retain more around them. I will use any trick in my sleeves to get them passionate about English.



Theresa Stitt

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Q: Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?

A: During my first year of teaching, I was sitting crisscross on a table, reading a book out loud to a class, when a screw came loose from the table, and it collapsed. I landed on my feet and tried to continue reading.



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FREEDOM WELL-REPRESENTED AT ALL-COUNTY ORCHESTRA



Freedom High School students participated in the 2023 OCPS All County Orchestra concerts. This is a great achievement and a testimony to their dedication to music. The ensembles were made up of students from twenty-two high schools. They were selected based on a rigorous audition process. It's wonderful to see them excelling in their musical pursuits and contributing to the vibrant arts community within the school.

The twelve students who represented Freedom are: Minaya Amarasekera, Kathleen Antmann, Emily Bittar, Aidan Brennan, Elias Broussard, Sharanya Chatterjee, Pierce Gopie, Isadora Martinez, Althea Keren Medenilla, Cooper Stutler, Sakshi Tripathy, and Ullly Tristao

ORCHESTRA RECEIVES TEACHER IMPACT GRANT

OCPS and their partner The Phoenix Foundation worked together to provide Teacher Impact Grants to support the performing arts. The Freedom High School Orchestra Program and Mrs. Susan Vascik were selected as winners of The Phoenix Foundation Grant. The support will go a long way in supporting the program as they look to purchase cases and storage for our instruments.

Congratulations to our Orchestra program and Mrs. Vascik for this honor.



FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTS

THE 20TH ANNUAL
PRISM
CONCERT

FEATURING STUDENTS FROM BAND, CHORUS,
DANCE, GUITAR, GUARD, ORCHESTRA, & THEATRE



SCAN
FOR
TICKETS



FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

2500 WEST TAFT VINELAND ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32837

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 - SHOWTIMES: 1:30PM, 4:00PM & 7:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: FHSBOXOFFICE.COM - BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7PM

GUITAR ORCHESTRA FILMS FOR WKMG HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE



The FHS Guitar Orchestra recently recorded two song selections in a filming session for the WKMG-TV "Sounds of the Season".

These performances will be broadcast on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day on WKMG. Keep a lookout for date and time for the presentation.

We are very proud of our talented and musical Patriots!



COFFEE WITH THE CADETS

The FHS Coffee Shop is under new management and they have brought with them a new menu of coffees, hot chocolate, and chocolate chip cookies.

The Freedom Navy ROTC Sea Cadets are supporting the program by running the Cadet Cafe before school and during both lunches.

So students and staff, be sure to stop by and enjoy a special treat!



COME AND CHILL WITH US

CADET CAFÉ

14
NOV

BEFORE
SCHOOL
AND
DURING
BOTH
LUNCHES



THE SEA CADETS WILL BE SELLING COFFEE, HOT COCOA AND COOKIES. MEET US AT THE COFFEE SHOP NEXT TO THE PAC



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STUDENT LIFE AT FHS



Freedom Thrifts

Clothing Donation Drive

November 16-December 7
Donation boxes in
Science Classrooms

Donate any old or unused clothes to
"Freedom Thrifts" Thrift Store
Thrift store will be on December 14
\$2 CASH ONLY

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

GREASE

**AUDITION
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
AT 1:28PM IN THE PAC

AUDITIONS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
AND
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH AUDITION DAYS

SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN JANUARY

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| Baseball
Head Coach Joshua Marquez
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Head Coach Patrick Williams
Email: Patrick.Williams@ocps.net | Boys Track
Head Coach Joshua Katz
Email: Joshua.Katz2@ocps.net | Tennis (Boys/Girls)
Head Coach Rob Caraballo
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Head Coach Gina McFerren
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Head Coach TBD
Email: TBD | Girls Girls Track
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Head Coach John Langteau
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Head Coach Jill Dotson
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| Water Polo (Boys/Girls)
Head Coach Yamilex Castillo
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Head Coach Joseph Saragusa
Email: Joseph.Saragusa@ocps.net |

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

11.17 | Boys Basketball @ University | 5:45pm

Preseason Jamboree

11.21 | Boys Basketball vs Bishop Moore | 6:45pm

Florida vs Metro Showcase @ Lake Highland Prep

11.22 | Girls Wrestling at Lake Gibson HS | 10am

Lady Braves Invitational



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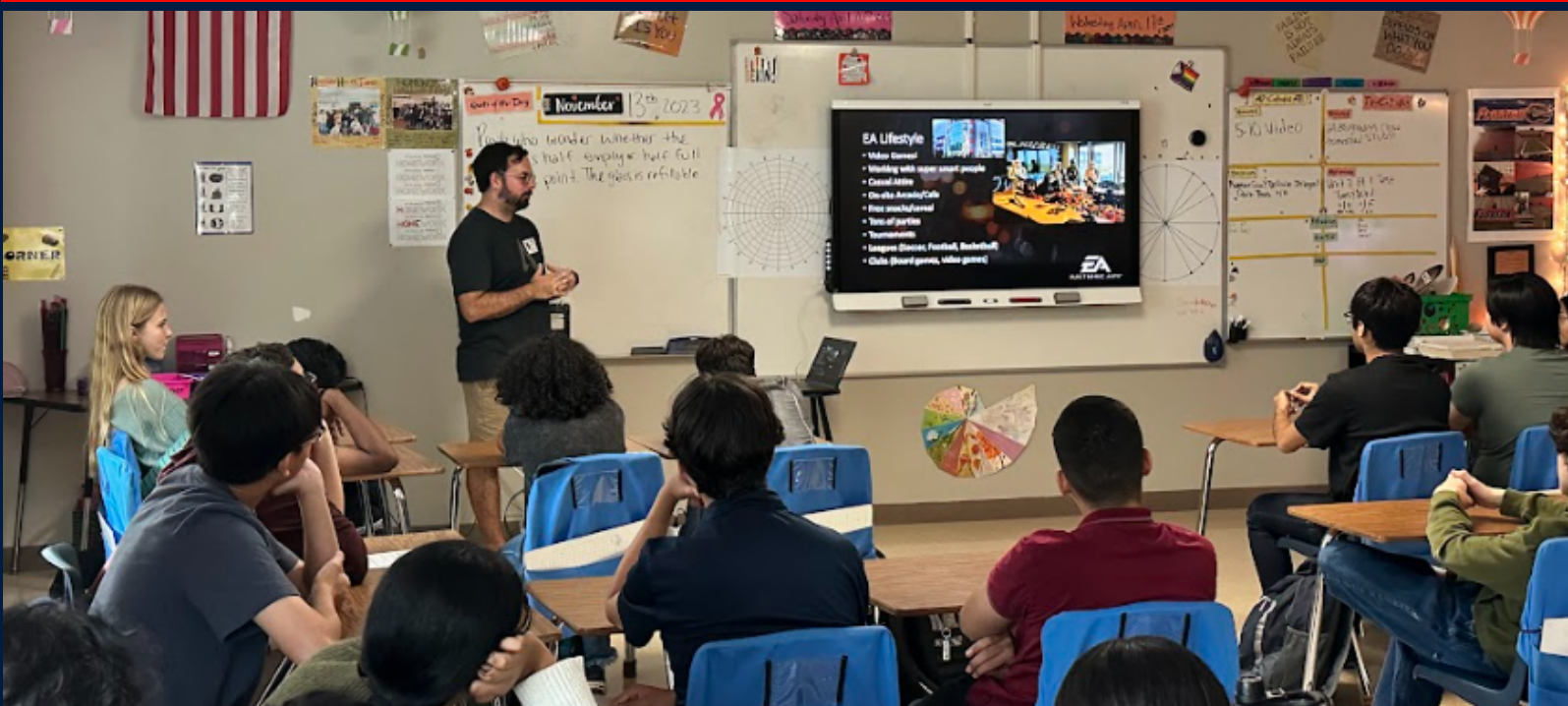
FREEDOM CELEBRATES NATIONAL TEACH-IN DAY

Each November OCPS and Freedom High School celebrates Teach-In Day. This tradition takes place during American Education Week, and is a great opportunity to bring in guests to share and engage with our students about academics, college & career opportunities, and their future plans. Freedom High School would like to thank our Teach-In speakers for taking the time to invest in our Patriots.

Here are some highlights from this year's event:



Frank Kraemer spoke to Mrs. Kraemer's students about his experiences as an engineer for Pepsi Co. He provided insight on college pathways and necessary professional qualities to be an Industrial and Systems Engineer. Thank you, Mr. Kraemer, for your support of Freedom High School.



Andrew Gaudet spoke to Mrs. Schatz' classes about his experience as an EA Game Developer. He shared insight on what a day at his job is like, and the professional attributes he possessed to make him stand out in a large pool of candidates for his job. Thank you, Mr. Gaudet, for your support of Freedom High School.

FDOT AND OCPS HOST FLORIDA TEEN SAFE DRIVER PRESENTATION



The Florida Dept. of Transportation and OCPS partnered with the high schools to present the FL. Teen Safe Driver Program. On Thursday, November 16th, students met in an assembly to understand the urgency for safety behind the wheel.

Freedom welcomed Kevin Brooks as our guest speaker for this event. Kevin Brooks is an inspirational speaker, author, actor and comedian from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Kevin came to our school to share the story of a choice that forever changed his life and the lives of many others close to him. Kevin's presentation was a rollercoaster of emotion. Students were asked to buckle up and be ready to laugh, be ready to cry and be ready to just wiggle their toes as Kevin shared his story.

FREEDOM'S GOT TALENT



The SGA Talent Show was a huge success. Eleven students competed for the chance to be the 2023 Talent Show winner, and each act was nothing short of incredible. From a showstopping variety act, to mezmorizing dancers, and a group of talented soloists, the Judges had their work cut out for them in selecting the Top 5 acts. The Audience had the final say as they voted on the winner.

Congratulations to Stephany Vilacha (1st Place), Sofia Andrade (2nd Place), Miguel Palacios (3rd Place), to all of our acts, and to our SGA Student Leaders for putting on a tremendous show.





FAFSA WORKSHOPS DECEMBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH

In the Media Center from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
More details coming soon!

VALENCIA APP WORKSHOP DECEMBER 7TH

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



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, 2023

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

LOCATION: FL Polytech

ADDRESS: 4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805

REGISTRATION: <https://tinyurl.com/FreedomFLPoly>



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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Winter Blood Drive

November 30th
Sign Up Here
<https://tinyurl.com/WinterBD23>

Sun up now to save 3 lives!!

GIVING *Tuesday*



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