



THIS IS OUR **FREEDOM** *Weekly Report*

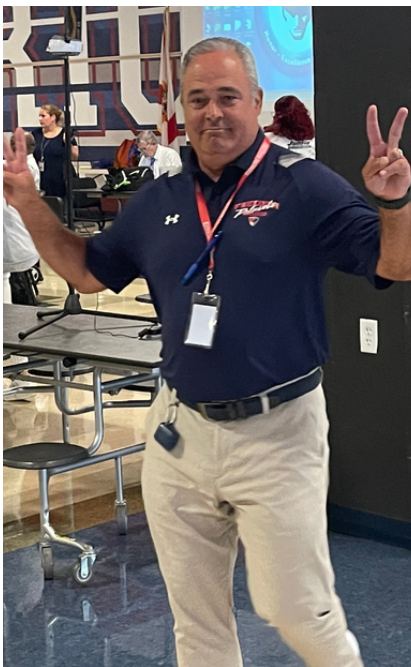


**HONOR
EXCELLENCE
TRADITION**





IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks





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FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY CORNER



grateful

Happy

THANKSGIVING

From Our Family to Yours



As we observe the Thanksgiving holiday, I encourage you to remember the great people that make our school a special place. I appreciate how invested our students are in their education, their extracurricular activities, and their school spirit. I am thankful for our staff who works tirelessly to educate our students, and make sure that learning is in fact our top priority. I am grateful for our families and our community who are invested in the success of our students.

We might celebrate this holiday differently, but what we all have in common is that we recognize the need to give thanks. So from our family to yours, we say thank you making Freedom High School the best!

I wish you all a safe, prosperous, and happy Thanksgiving.

WE ARE FREEDOM

Charles France
Principal, Freedom High School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break - School Closed **20-24
NOV**
School will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from November 20th through November 24th.

FAST Testing (9th & 10th) & Civic Literacy (12th) **05
DEC**
Check Student Email for testing location, and be sure to bring device fully charged.

20th Annual PRISM Concert **09
DEC**
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

SAC Meeting **11
DEC**
Join us in the Media Center for our next SAC Meeting of the 23-24 School Year. SAC meets at 6pm.



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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

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?



Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: My support system, they make each day better.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: Cooking with my mom.

Mrs. Cassidy Schatz, Math

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: Eating all day with family.

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: Time off from work.

Mr. Eric Lang, Science

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: Black Friday shopping in the early hours of the morning with Mom are my favorite memories!

Q: Who are you picking in the Thanksgiving NFL Games?

A: Can I say Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade instead?

Ms. Erin Brown, AVID & SGA

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: Decorating for Christmas while cooking and watching the parade

Q: Who are you picking in the Thanksgiving NFL Games?

A: No one. Buffalo isn't playing.

Mrs. Lynn Kelly-McClish, Science

Q: Who are you picking in the Thanksgiving NFL Games?

A: Let's go Cowboys!

Mrs. Elizabeth Busch, Math

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: My family and friends; I am so blessed to have amazing family and wonderful chosen family that are supportive, caring and we share amazing memories.

Mrs. Keila Porter, Guidance



HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: Health, love, and mental stability.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

A: Turkey and mashed potatoes

Victoria D., 11th Grade



Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: God (The best person ever.)

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

A: The baked mac and cheese with the 5 different kinds of cheese on top!

Layla B., 11th Grade

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: For my family and my favorite people

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

A: one of my favorite recipes is without a doubt, Tia's arroz con gandules.

Mireya P., 10th Grade

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: I am most thankful for my family especially my new born baby sister and my animals.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

A: My favorite dish that we always eat on occasions is Arroz Doce.

Arianna W., 11th Grade

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: Snickers

Q: What kind of 'Black Friday' shopper are you?

A: The one who spends a lot of money

Rewa A., 10th Grade



HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING?

Q: What are you most thankful for?

A: I am most thankful for a family who supports each other in all of our crazy ideas and ambitious work schedules. It is truly a blessing to have parents, a spouse, children, and friends who become family who work together to encourage and be there for each other.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: I absolutely LOVE the Thanksgiving parade. And as a Cowboys' fan, I have very vivid memories of listening to all of family members yelling at the tv during the game; and yes, that 'tradition' carries on to our house during games.

Mrs. Katie Angel, ELA

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: Always getting to break the wishbone with one of my siblings

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving 'Kitchen Nightmare' story

A: There was a time when my brother in law was deep frying our turkey, let's just say luckily we had a back up ham.

Mrs. Michelle DeJesus, Science

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

A: My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is going around the table and having each person in my family share what they are thankful for before we eat.

Q: Who are you picking in the Thanksgiving NFL Games?

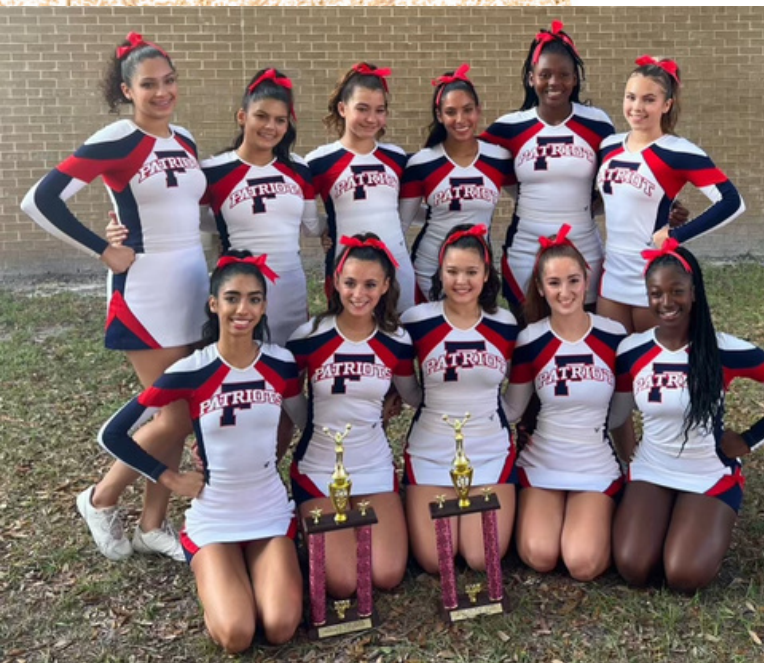
A: The most important game every year is obviously the Cowboys game. Go Cowboys!

Mrs. Maria Caliari, Assistant Principal



Happy
Thanksgiving

CHEERLEADING TAKES 1ST IN COMPETITION SEASON OPENER



Congratulations to the Freedom Cheerleading program who kicked off the competition season last week in grand fashion earning the highest score in Gameday Cheer at Lake Mary High School. The team also came in first place in the Traditional team competition beating out the other 4 teams in this challenging category. We look forward to a great season for our Patriots, as they make their push towards Nationals. We are thankful for their hardwork and how well they represent our school.

BAHAMA BUCKS OFFERS SWEET TREATS TO OUR HARDWORKING PATRIOTS

We are thankful for our Partners in Education at Bahama Bucks who continue to support our staff and students. They have put together a sweet incentive program for our Patriots who excel in the classroom - giving them a chance to earn free treats at Bahama Bucks.

Be sure to stop by Bahama Bucks at 11234 S Orange Blossom Trail to say thank you to our Partners for their support of Freedom High School.



ROSAURA GARCIA AND KELLER WILLIAMS SHARES THANKSGIVING WITH THE STAFF AND COMMUNITY



We are thankful for our Partner in Education Rosaura Garcia of Keller Williams Realty who celebrated Thanksgiving with our staff by serving up a great lunch for the team. She also supported the community by putting together care packages of food and gift cards for families in need this holiday season.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH: MR. COPELAND

Congratulations to Mr. Copeland who was named the November Teacher of the Month.

Mr. Copeland was nominated because of his inclusivity, mentoring, thoughtfulness and empathy to serve the whole child (mental, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs) of our FHS students.



DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RATTLER: STUDENTS GET A LOOK AT LIFE AT FAMU



We are thankful for Mrs. Dotson and the College & Career team who helped organize a visit to FAMU for our Patriots interested in learning more about what life as a Rattler could be like.

The students learned about the many academic offerings, extracurricular opportunities, and career prospects that come with the chance of being accepted to this famed Florida university.

Stay tuned to our College & Career corner for more information about upcoming college tours and visits for students to get more information about the opportunities that lie ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOR BAND MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOR BAND STUDENTS!

ALL-STATE ENSEMBLES
KATHLEEN ANTMANN, FLUTE
ALTHEA MEDENILLA, CLARINET
JULIA ANTMANN, TROMBONE

FSU TRI-STATE HONOR BAND
KATHLEEN ANTMANN, FLUTE
ALTHEA MEDENILLA, CLARINET
AIDAN BRENNAN, FRENCH HORN



OCPS ALL-COUNTY BAND

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| KATHLEEN ANTMANN, FLUTE | LANDON GRASSETT, ALTO SAXOPHONE |
| SHANELLE HAN, FLUTE | CHASE HARRIGAN, ALTO SAXOPHONE |
| SAMAIYA PELHAM, FLUTE | GRAHAM DOTSON, TRUMPET |
| COURTNEY PERAZA, FLUTE | BEVIN FERNANDO, TRUMPET |
| NICOLAS FERREIRA, CLARINET | JOSE BAEZ IRAGORRI, FRENCH HORN |
| EMMA GARCIA, CLARINET | AIDAN BRENNAN, FRENCH HORN |
| JUAN HERNANDEZ, CLARINET | SAMUEL TURUSHINA, FRENCH HORN |
| ALTHEA MEDENILLA, CLARINET | JULIA ANTMANN, TROMBONE |
| DEANDRE RIVERA, CLARINET | ARAFI KAZI, EUPHONIUM |
| AYMAN DOUIDY, ALTO SAXOPHONE | FELIX LEE, EUPHONIUM |

OCPS ALL-COUNTY JAZZ BAND
LANDON GRASSETT, BARITONE SAXOPHONE
AIDAN BRENNAN, TRUMPET
JULIA ANTMANN, TROMBONE

Congratulations to the members of our Pride of the Patriots Marching Band who auditioned and were selected to be a part of an Honor band following their incredible marching season.

These opportunities include the All-State Ensembles, FSU Tri-State Honor Band, OCPS All-County Band, and OCPS All-County Jazz Band.

We are thankful for our student-musicians and our Directors for their hard work and commitment to their craft and to Freedom High School.



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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 1:20 PM IN THE PAC

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

SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN JANUARY

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

Boys Lacrosse
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
Email: Robert.Caraballo@ocps.net

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

Softball
Head Coach Abbey Shipman
Email: Abbey.Shipman@ocps.net

Girls Lacrosse
Head Coach TBD
Email: TBD

Girls Girls Track
Head Coach Katie Angel
Email: Katie.Angel@ocps.net

Flag Football
Head Coach John Langteau
Email: John.Langteau@ocps.net

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

Water Polo (Boys/Girls)
Head Coach Yamilex Castillo
Email: Yamilex.Ortiz-Rivera@ocps.net

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

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

11.27 | Girls Basketball vs Lake Nona | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

11.27-12.1 | Girls Basketball Metro Conference Tournament (Click Here to see Bracket)

11.28 | Girls Soccer vs University | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

11.28 | Boys Soccer at Osceola | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

11.29 | Girls Weightlifting vs West Orange | 2:30pm

11.29 | Girls Wrestling at Timber Creek | 5pm

11.29 | Boys Basketball at New Dimensions | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

11.30 | Girls Soccer vs University | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

11.30 | Boys Basketball vs Nazaret Christian | 6pm(Fr)/7:30pm(V)

12.1 | Boys Soccer at Lake Mary | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

12.1 | Boys Basketball at Lyman | 6pm(JV)/7:30pm(V)

12.2 | Boys Wrestling at Clash of the Titans @ University (Orange City)

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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Winter Blood Drive

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

Sun up now to save 3 lives!!

GIVING *Tuesday*



MAKE A GIFT

Nov. 28, 2023

FOR GIVING TUESDAY AT

THE FOUNDATION FOR OCPS

Invest in student success by giving to the Foundation for OCPS! Your gift will fill gaps, fuel innovation, and help ensure that EVERY child has a chance to fulfill his or her potential.

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