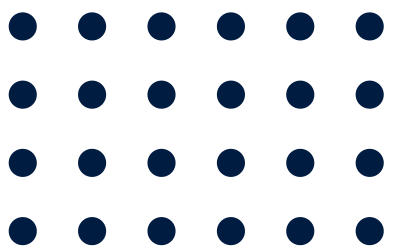
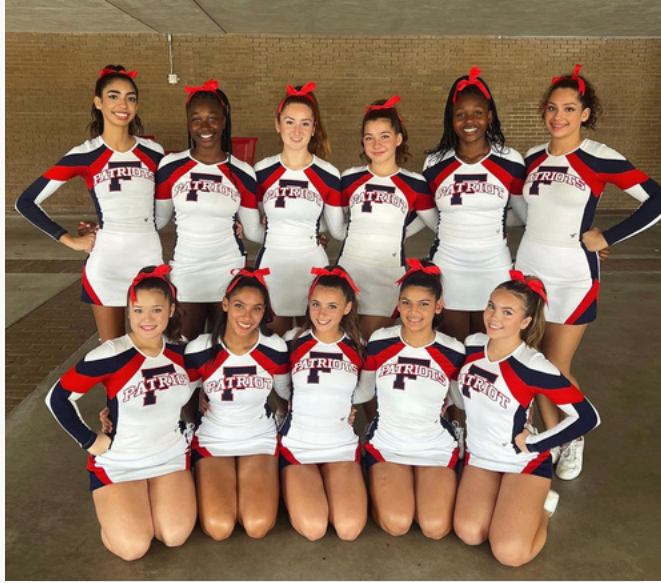


# THIS IS OUR **FREEDOM** *Weekly Report*

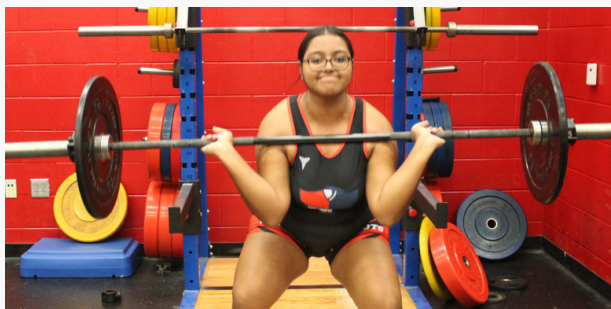
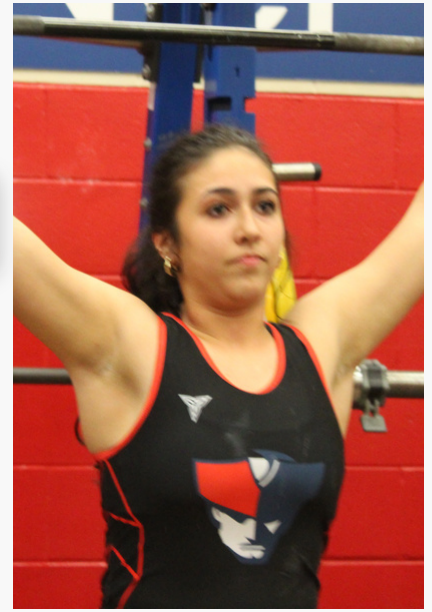


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# WINTER SEASON AT FHS





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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL

*The team at Washington National helped welcome our staff back after the break with a nice lunch spread for all to enjoy.*

*Washington National offers voluntary insurance benefits to give their clients peace of mind to manage their finances in case of an emergency or medical leave.*

*Thank you to the team, and our Agent Tom Shea, for their support of Freedom High School. You can contact Tom Shea at 440-341-4050 to address your supplemental insurance needs.*



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and returned this week rested and renewed for these important weeks ahead. We are encouraging students to make the most of the time they have to focus on their academic success, and seek out opportunities to continue to improve. Whether it is through tutoring or our Saturday School program, there is no shortage of opportunities for our students to get the assistance needed to give help them along in their academic journey. Make it your priority to finish the year strong, and begin a new year in better standing and closer towards your goals. As we enter into this season of giving, be willing to give time and attention to becoming the best version of ourselves.

With Prism just around the corner and Winter Sports season in full swing, there is no shortage of opportunities to be a part of the action and support our Patriots. I look forward to seeing you at our events both on and off campus celebrating and supporting the amazing work of our students and staff. Let's show off our Patriot Pride each and everyday!



# WE ARE FREEDOM

*Charles France*  
Principal, Freedom High School



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**05  
DEC**

## **Valencia College Application Workshop**

Seniors will have an opportunity to complete their Valencia College application with an enrollment specialist from Valencia and our College & Career team throughout the school day.

**07  
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**

## **Winter Break - School Closed**

School will be closed for the Winter Break from December 23rd through January 8th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 9th.

**23-08  
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# MEET YOUR 12TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



## **Kristina Thompson**

*Kristina.Thompson@ocps.net*

Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school?

A: In school I loved literature and theatre. I was a very shy, reserved kid until my high school drama teacher believed in me and gave me courage and confidence. Realizing that plays allowed me to analyze literature but also perform was a discovery that changed my life. Teaching literature and using theatre still works well to this day in my classroom as I've found that students participate and are more engaged when the activities involve them to move around and essentially "perform."



## **Matthew Hazel**

*Matthew.Hazel@ocps.net*

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

A: I'd love to enroll in Mrs. Chapman's Psychology classes, even for a day. She is such an energetic and engaging teacher, and the subject matter is always fascinating.



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# MEET YOUR 12TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



## **Dr. Adonica Williams**

*Adonica.Williams@ocps.net*

Q: What are some traditions you have for the First Day of School?

A: A tradition in my class is my class call. On the first day of school, I teach them my class call. It's an affirmation and gets everyone's attention so that they're ready for what's to come. It's step one to building relationships.

I say: On my mama, on my hood  
They reply: I look fly, I look good.

Then we can begin class.



## **Richard Wall**

*Richard.Wall@ocps.net*

Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school?

A: Outside of the traditional core English classes, I enjoyed Art History, Classical Reading, History, and Creative Writing classes—mostly anything relating to human development and achievement. The perfect day in school would be for all students to be up to speed with the reading of a thought-provoking novel with balanced discussion of the content and elements within the novel as well as relevant outside correlations. The use of technology in the English class is definitely a difficulty as it has not shown to improve reading comprehension in any real sense. Unfortunately, too many students are now in the culture of copy and pasting (or the newest trend text generating) their responses to curriculum texts. I continually try to remind students that the only real way to improve their language skills is to work with their own genuine responses.



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# THE LAWS OF PHYSICS: SRO DEPUTY TRUONG DEMONSTRATES THE APPLICATION OF PHYSICS AND POLICE WORK

Students in Mr. Madhavan's AP Physics classes got an opportunity to learn about the role that physics plays in the everyday work of our Police officers.

Freedom High School Resource Officer, Deputy Truong, explained to AP Physics students how the Doppler effect is used by radar to determine the speeds of cars. He demonstrated how a tuning fork is used to calibrate radar guns. Students got a close up look at the intricacies of how science plays in to police work, and the presentation offered students a great opportunity to interact with our SRO in a learning environment.



## TEST CORRECTIONS WITH AN INNOVATIVE TWIST



After taking a district assessment on rhetorical appeals and text structures, Mrs. Angel's 9th Grade ELA students worked on test revisions by circulating through stations that focused on each question of the assessment.

Students who had gotten that particular question correct and felt confident enough to explain the answer became the expert at that station while other students "shopped" for explanations on the questions that they had gotten wrong on the exam. After some time, the experts were interchanged, and a new group of students got to explain the answers while the others revised their answers.

By the end of the period, all students had the chance to hear the thought process for the correct answers, and most had been given the chance to be the expert on at least one question.



# PRIDE OF THE PATRIOTS EARN PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



*The Freedom High School Band program has been selected as one of eight division winners from across the US for the National Band Association's "Programs of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award."*

*As a division winner, the program will now be eligible to receive consideration for the National award.*

*This recognition is a product of the hard working students, incredibly supportive families, and amazing support from our faculty and administration.*

*Congratulations to our Pride of the Patriots.*



# CELEBRATE PRISM SPIRIT WEEK DEC. 4-8

*Our 20th Annual Prism Concert is December 9th, and to celebrate the occasion we are hosting a special Prism Spirit Week December 4th-8th.*

*Monday - Merry PJs Monday  
Tuesday - Holiday Movie Character Tuesday  
Wednesday - Wacky Teacher Wednesday  
Thursday - Twin with a Musician/Artist Day  
Friday - Holly Jolly Patriot Friday*

*Let's showcase our Patriot Pride with some fun themes, and ring in the holiday season right!*

**PRISM SPIRIT WEEK!!**  
(All Dress up days should follow dress code!)

**Monday**  
Merry PJs Monday - Come dressed up in your favorite festive PJs

**Tuesday**  
Holiday Movie Character Tuesday - dress as your favorite holiday movie character!

**Wednesday**  
Wacky Teacher Wednesday - come dressed as your favorite teacher!

**Thursday**  
Twin with a musician/artist Thursday - come dressed as your favorite musician/artist!

**Friday**  
Holly Jolly Patriot Friday - Wear a school shirt with holiday accessories!



**FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS**

PRESENTS

THE 20TH ANNUAL  
**PRISM**  
CONCERT

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



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**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](http://FHSBOXOFFICE.COM) - BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7PM

# SWIM & DIVE RECEIVES METRO CONFERENCE HONORS

*Congratulations to our Freedom Swim and Dive program who earned recognition from the OPCS Metro Conference Coaches in the postseason awards.*

*Diver Jack Sparks, who finished 1st in the Metro and 4th in the State, earned the All-Metro Boys Diver of the Year for the East.*

*Coach McClish earned the Metro Conference Girls Swim Coach of the Year for the East.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALINA PIPER

*Freedom High School welcomed its newest future Patriot on November 11th. Ms. Cody Abicht and her partner, Keneil Coleman, welcomed their newborn daughter, Alina Piper. Mom and baby are doing great.*

*Congratulations to Ms. Abicht and Mr. Coleman!*

## MR. HOUCK DOING GREAT ON HIS ROAD TO RECOVERY

*Freedom's own outstanding Engineering and Robotics teacher, Mr. Kevin Houck and his wonderful wife Kimberly visited Freedom this week for the first time since his surgery.*

*Mr. Houck is doing very well and now sets his sights onto his recovery to prepare for his return to his students, classroom, and Freedom High School in the next semester.*





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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

## 23-24 ANNUAL LIP SYNC BATTLE

INTERESTED IN BATTLING ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS TO A LIP SYNC BATTLE? SIGN UP BELOW!

<https://tinyurl.com/LipSyncSignUp2324>

HOSTED BY COMPASS ACADEMY

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## FUNDRAISING FRENZY

DECEMBER 11, 12, 14 AND 15

**DURING A&B LUNCH**   **IN THE COURT YARD**

€50 PER GAME  
CHANGE IS PROVIDED

# THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- 12.2 | Cheerleading First Annual Freedom Cheer Competition | 10am
- 12.2 | Wrestling at Clash of the Titans @ University(Orange City) | 11am
- 12.5 | Girls Soccer vs Jones | 6pm (V)
- 12.5 | Boys Soccer at University | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.5 | Boys Basketball at Celebration| 4:30pm (Fr) / 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.5 | Girls Basketball at Winter Park | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.6 | Girls Weightlifting vs Apopka/University/Oak Ridge | 5pm
- 12.6 | Boys Basketball at Lake Buena Vista | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.7 | JV Wrestling at Hernando | 1:30pm
- 12.7 | Girls Soccer vs Cypress Creek | 6pm (V)
- 12.7 | Boys Basketball vs Mater Brighton Lakes | 6pm (V)
- 12.7 | Boys Soccer at West Orange | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.7 | Girls Basketball at Apopka | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.8 | Girls Soccer vs Dr. Phillips | 5:30pm (JV) / 7pm (V)
- 12.9 | Wrestling at Will Nutter Memorial @ Merritt Island | 9:30am
- 12.9 | Girls Wrestling at Own the Ocean @Ponte Vedra HS 10:30am



## 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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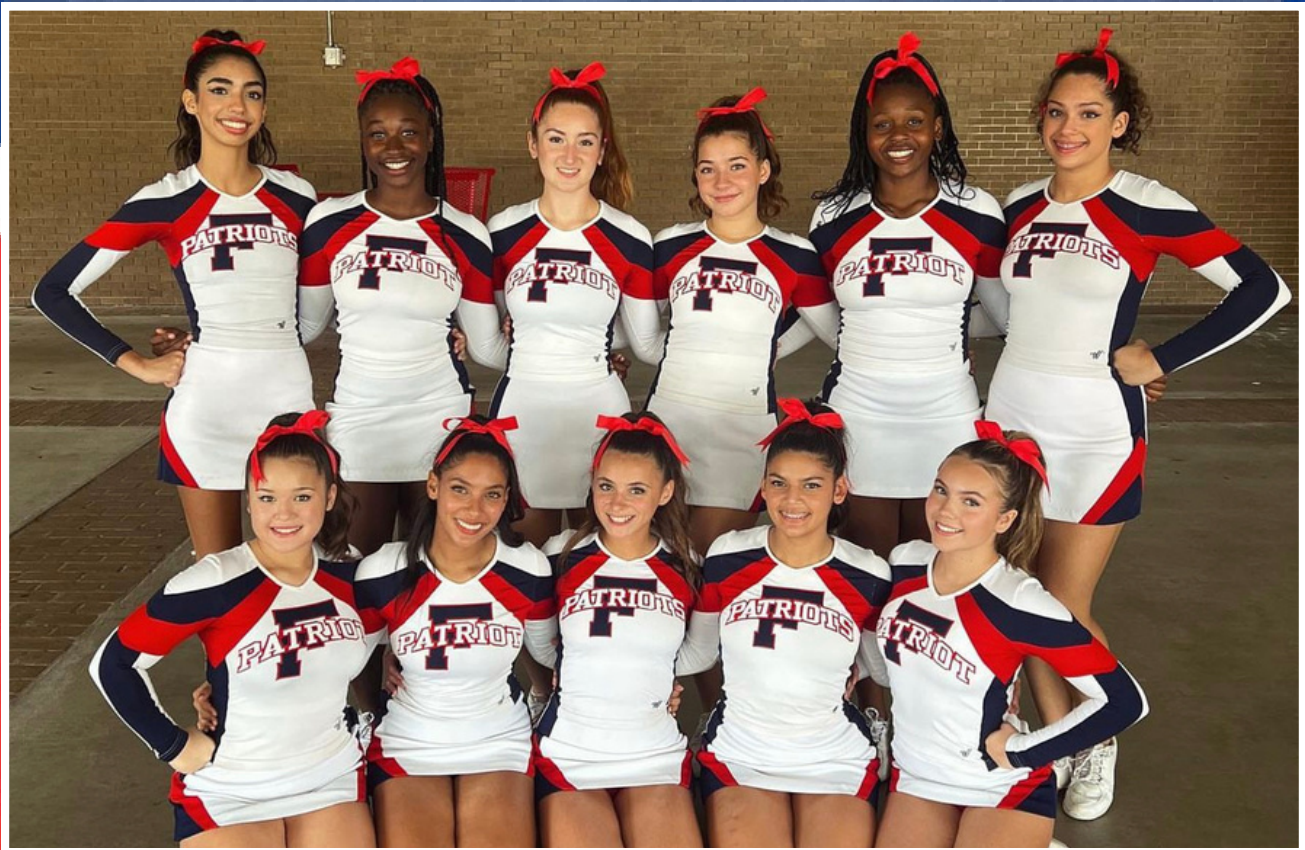
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FREEDOM HIGH'S 1ST ANNUAL

# CHEER COMPETITION



**SUPPORT YOUR  
CHEERLEADERS**

DECEMBER 2ND 10:00 AM

ENTRY \$10 - AT THE DOOR CASH/CARD/QR

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL 2500 W TAFT VINELAND RD  
ORLANDO FL 32837

EMAIL [SARA3GRAHAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SARA3GRAHAM@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## Valencia Workshop ~ Thursday, December 7th

- 2nd Period: Valencia Application - MEDIA CENTER
- 3rd Period: Valencia Application - MEDIA CENTER
- 5th Period: Open Lab - Room 802
- 6th Period: Valencia Next Steps - Room 802
- 7th Period: Valencia Next Steps - Room 802



### Student Requirements:

- Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ValenciaDay2023>
- Bring your CHARGED computer

*Valencia Dual Enrollment*  
● Not appropriate for  
Dual Enrollment students

VALENCIA COLLEGE

### 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>

### FAFSA WORKSHOPS DECEMBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH

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



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# THE FREEDOM 4-1-1

CLICK ON THE IMAGES BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

## FAST PMA2 REMINDER

**TEST:** ELA FAST PMA2

**WHO:** ALL 9TH AND 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

**WHEN:** DECEMBER 5TH,

**LOCATION:** REVIEW MS. TARANTINO'S EMAIL

TEST PREP REMINDERS:

- Have a fully charged laptop
- Get a good night's rest
- Be aware of the testing location
- Eat breakfast
- Arrive to school on time
- Follow the "NO phone/NO smartwatch" policy during the test
- Do your Best!

YOUR effort and success on the **FAST PMA 2**, will enhance YOUR success on the **FAST PMA 3** in May, as well as, on future tests, which are needed to meet one of the main graduation requirements.

**YOU CAN DO  
THIS  
PATRIOTS!**



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## FREEDOM PRESS

2 Weeks Until Thanksgiving Break!

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Mrs. Stitt, Ms. Read, Mrs. Munoz

Halloween at FHS!



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