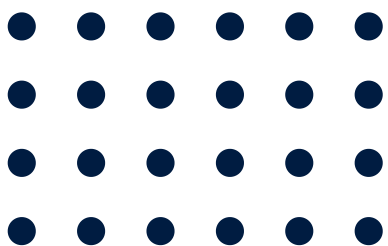
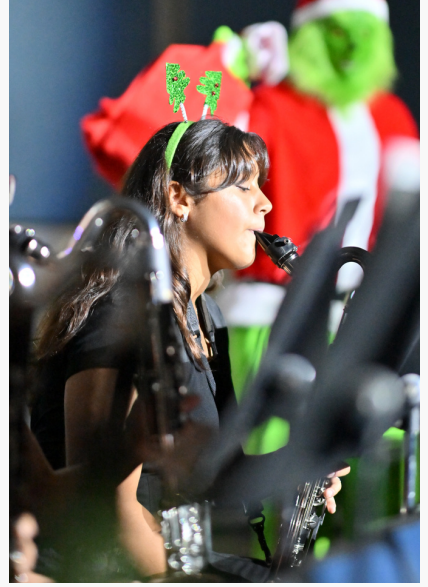


THIS IS OUR **FREEDOM** *Weekly Report*

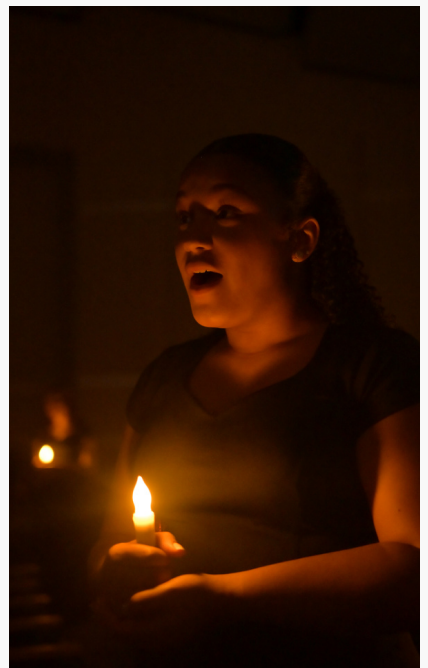


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20TH ANNUAL PRISM CONCERT





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F R E E D O M H I G H S C H O O L

COMMUNITY CORNER

HOLIDAY MEAL DISTRIBUTION THIS SATURDAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
10:00 AM - NOON
or while supplies last

**2023 HOLIDAY
FOOD
DISTRIBUTION
EVENT**



Complete holiday meals will be handed out this Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. - noon (or while supplies last) at the following OCPS schools:

- Apopka Elementary School
- Engelwood Elementary
- Evans High School
- Ivey Lane Elementary
- Lawton Chiles Elementary
- Maxey Elementary
- Oak Ridge High School
- Rock Lake Elementary School
- Tangelo Park Elementary

No need to register. Just show up at one of the locations. Meals will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida and First United Methodist Church. for their support of OCPS, our students, and our families.



I am always inspired by how talented our students are. Their commitment to academic excellence and their dedication to their extracurricular passions challenge me to be better in order to help them achieve more. The culture of Freedom High School that makes our school so special is that we invest in each other in every way. From Performing Arts to Athletics, you can see the pride that our students and staff have in supporting our Patriots. We are proud to announce that "This is Our Freedom".

Prism was an incredible show, and I want to share a special congratulations and thank you to everyone who was a part of making this event special for our school and our community. They ushered in the holiday season in spectacular fashion, and earned the standing ovations that they received. It was great to see families, alumni, and staff here to celebrate this Freedom High School tradition.

Students and teachers, I want to challenge you to finish this last week before break on a high note. Take advantage of the classroom time to learn, review, and practice the lessons and standards we aim for. We are always in the pursuit of being better tomorrow than we were today. Stay focused, and finish strong!

Charles France

Principal, Freedom High School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dancin' in December

Join us on Friday, December 15th at the Freedom Dance Company & Colorguard present their 2023 Winter Showcase. The show begins at 7pm, and tickets are on sale at [FHSBoxOffice.com](https://www.fhsboxoffice.com).

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UCF Application Deadline

UCF Applications are due by this date. For more information, check the info on the [College & Career Corner](#).

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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.

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Taste of Freedom

We look forward to welcoming our future Patriots and families of all current 8th grade students who will be attending Freedom in 2024-2025. Learn about the academic programs offered, understand the Graduation requirements, and meet your Counselor. Taste of Freedom will be held from 5:30pm-7:00pm

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MEET YOUR AVID DEPARTMENT

Erin Brown

Email: Erin.Brown@ocps.net



Q: What inspires you?

A: My family, colleagues and past students all chasing their dreams! Staying in contact with graduates and seeing them thrive into college, career and adult life is truly the most fulfilling and inspiring aspect of being a teacher. Witnessing goals being achieved makes me strive to do more and continuously better myself.

Christina Moody

Email: Christina.Moody@ocps.net



Q: What makes a 'good day' at school?

A: A 'good day' at school would start off with a delicious cup of iced coffee from Starbucks because who doesn't love Starbucks! Then as I proceed through the day that all my classes come in and do their work without complaint. Finally end the day with a smile knowing all my students are happy and healthy.



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PRISM CONCERT IS A SHOWSTOPPER

On Saturday, December 9th, Freedom's Performing Arts department presented its 20th Annual Prism Concert in front of three sell-out audiences.

Prism is an incredible show inspired by timeless holiday classics we know and love, and our students absolutely brought the house down with their performances.

Thank you to all the students and directors involved in this production, and to our community for supporting the Arts at Freedom High School.

A special thank you to Mr. Thomas Lightbody at TK Photography for helping us capture some of the memories from this show.



2024 FFCC SCHOLASTIC FEATURED PERFORMER

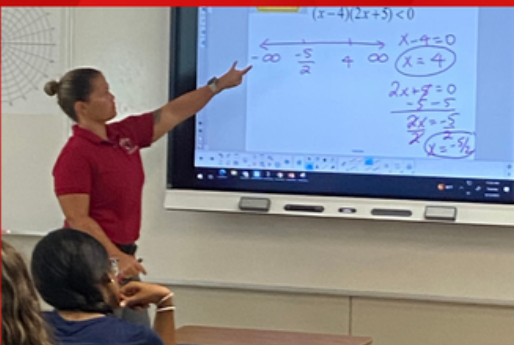


Isabella Castro

FFCC 2024 SCHOLASTIC FEATURED PERFORMER



Congratulations to Isabella Castro who has been selected by the Florida Federation of Cologuards Circuit (FFCC) as a 2024 Scholastic Featured Performer. This recognition is presented to students who are role models and leaders in their respective programs, and are selected to serve as ambassadors for FFCC.



TASTE OF FREEDOM *Open House*

THURSDAY | JANUARY 18 | 5:30-7:00

5:30 Welcome from the Principal

6:00 Meet the Teachers

as you walk class to class

We look forward to welcoming our families and Patriots on campus and allowing families to experience what Freedom has to offer our students and community.

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FHS GUITAR ORCHESTRA PERFORMS FOR WKMG

Our very own FHS Guitar Orchestra will be one of the featured music ensembles to be aired on WKMG Channel 6 "Sounds of the Season" on Christmas morning, 12/25!

You can enjoy their performances between 6am-7am and 9am-10am.

Congratulations to our amazing guitar students!



ORCHESTRA AND MS. VASCIK RECOGNIZED AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Phoenix Foundation and OCPS presented Ms. Vascik and our Orchestra program with the Morning Glow Teacher Impact Grant several weeks back, and the recipients of the grant were recognized at Tuesday's School Board Meeting.

Congratulations to Ms. Vascik and our Orchestra Program for this recognition and grant to help further the arts for Freedom and our Community.

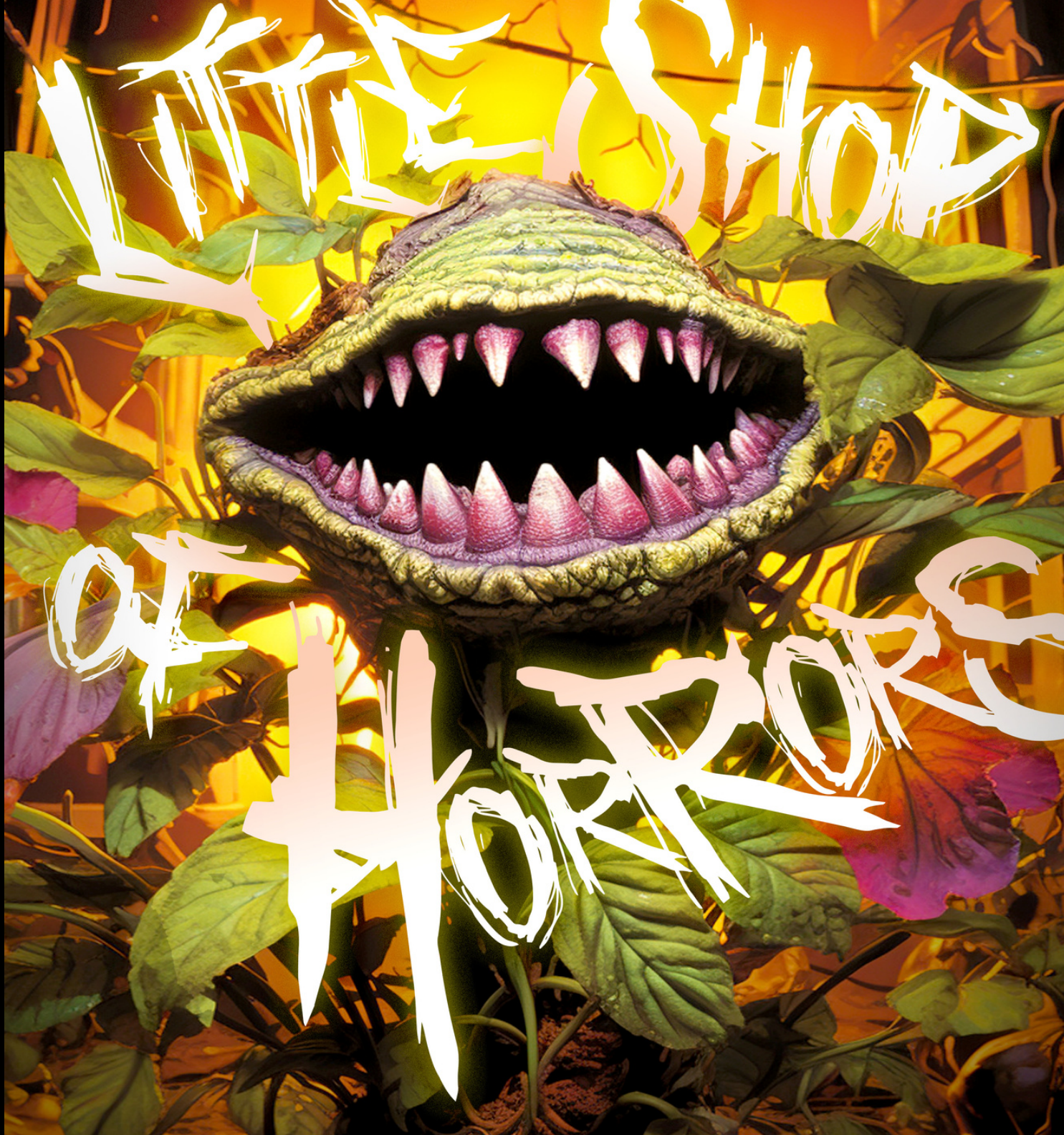


FHS HOSTS APPALACHIAN STATE FOOTBALL AHEAD OF CURE BOWL

Freedom High School served as hosts for the Appalachian State Mountaineers football team as they prepared to take on Miami (OH) in this Saturday's Avocados from Mexico Cure Bowl at Camping World Stadium at 3:30pm

Thank you to the Mountaineers for allowing us to be your home away from home. We wish you the best of luck this weekend.





FEBRUARY 1-3, 2024 @ 7:00PM
TICKETS ARE \$10 AT WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM

THIS PRODUCTION CONTAINS
MATURE CONTENT

BOOK AND LYRICS BY **HOWARD ASHMAN** MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN**
BASED ON THE FILM BY **ROGER CORMAN**, SCREENPLAY BY **CHARLES GRIFFITH**
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR)
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY BY THE WPA
THEATRE, DAVID GEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH, AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION

DIRECTED BY **MATTHEW NASH-BROWN** MUSICAL DIRECTION BY **THOMAS DESMOND**

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

Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

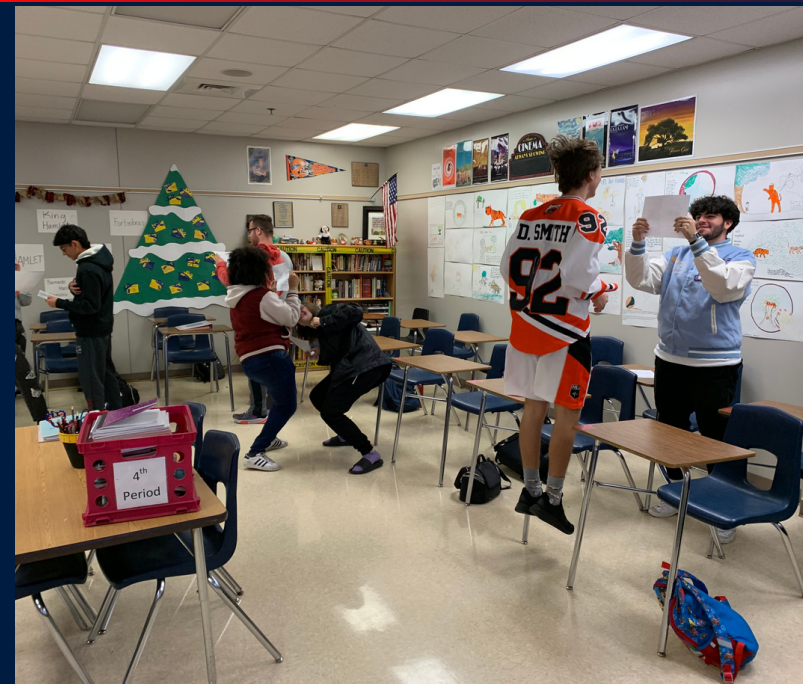
Congratulations to Mr. Jose Dejesus, our December staff member of the month.

Mr. Dejesus is a Program Assistant in our ESE department and does a great job supporting our students and teachers across campus.

We would like to thank our Student-Assistant, Luis Oquendo, for helping us present this award. And we offer a special thank you to Jojo's Shakebar and Club Z Tutoring for their generous contributions in support of our staff and students.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE



"Though this be madness, yet there is method in't". Students in Mrs. Thompson's AP Literature classes are spending December working through Hamlet by William Shakespeare. To better understand the text, the students were given the opportunity to express their creativity by acting out a scene between Hamlet and Ophelia.



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STUDENT LIFE AT FHS



TICKETS GO ON SALE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:30PM EST

\$10 PER TICKET

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT LINK TO PURCHASE
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FDCWINTERSHOWCASE23](https://tinyurl.com/fdcwintershowcase23)

December 18 - 22

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Monday | Snow Day In
Wear your holiday pajamas

Tuesday | Elf vs. Grinch
Wear green or red

Wednesday | Gift Giving
Wear bows, ribbons, and patterns

Thursday | Blizzard Day
Wear white and blue

Friday | Ugly Sweater Day
Wear your ugliest sweater

December 18 - 22 | In The Courtyard

FHS HOLIDAY CHEER

Monday | Jolly Bracelets
Build customized beaded bracelets for \$2 for your friends and have it delivered during 5th period.

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Wednesday | Arts & Crafts
Create nostalgic holiday inspired arts and crafts.

Thursday | Holiday Cards
Write a holiday card to your friend and have it delivered to their 5th period.

Friday | Delivery Day
Custom bracelets and holiday cards will be delivered!

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- 12.16 | Girls Wrestling 'Let Freedom Ring' Tournament | 10:30am
- 12.19 | Girls Soccer at Oak Ridge | 7:30pm (V)
- 12.19 | Boys Soccer vs Colonial | 6:00pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.19 | Boys Basketball at Horizon | 5pm (Fr) / 6pm (JV) 7:30pm (V)
- 12.19 | Girls Basketball vs Oviedo | 6:00pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.20 | Girls Weightlifting at Winter Park | 4:00pm
- 12.20-12.21 | Girls Wrestling at Knockout Holiday Classic @ Silver Spurs | 8am
- 12.21 | Girls Soccer vs Lake Nona | 7:30pm (V)
- 12.21 | Boys Soccer at Boone | 6:00pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- 12.21-12.22 | Wrestling at Knockout Holiday Classic @ Silver Spurs | 9:30am
- 12.22 | JV Wrestling at East River | 12:00pm
- 12.22 | Wrestling at Falcon Invitational @ East River | 12:00pm
- 12.22 | Boys Basketball at Mater Brighton Lakes | 6pm (V)
- 12.22-12.23 | Girls Basketball at Cletus Stutzman Classic @ MDCA | TBD



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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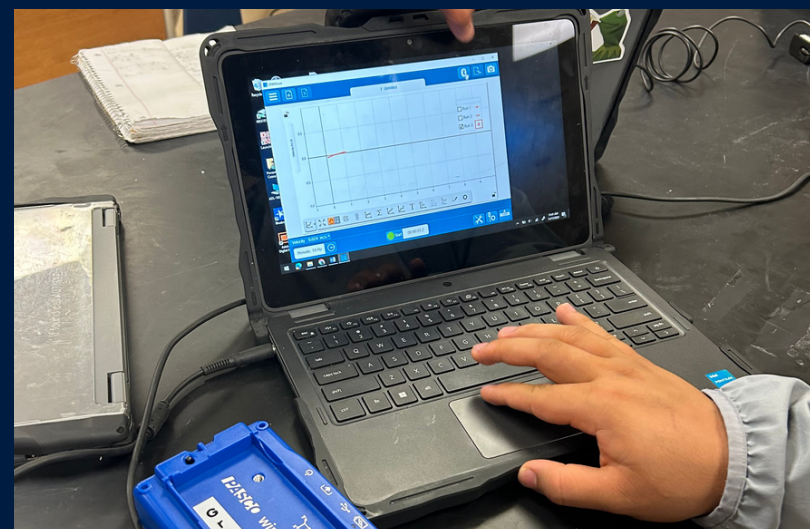
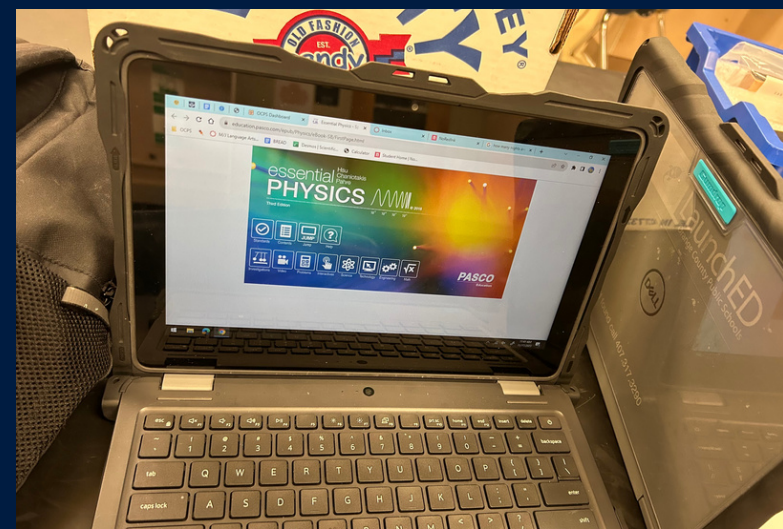
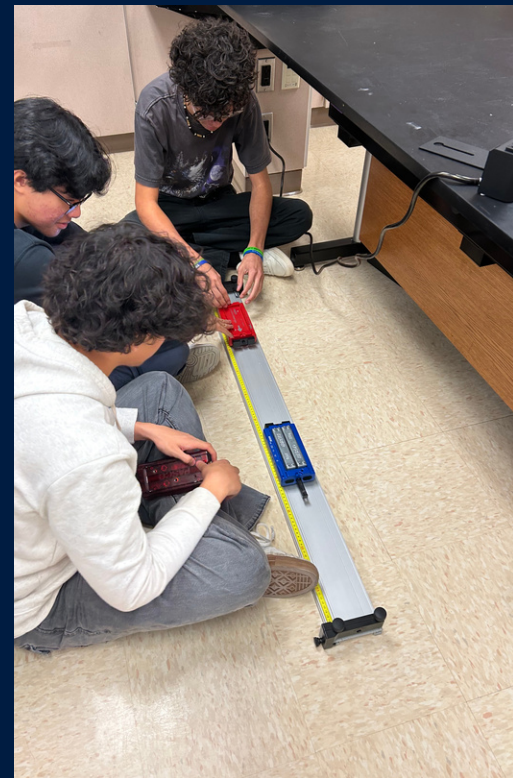
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CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: PERFECTLY INELASTIC COLLISIONS

Students in Mr. Correa's Honors Physics class took part in a showcase of hands-on learning at its best. The lesson delved into the fascinating world of 'Perfectly Inelastic Collisions' using two high-tech Wireless Smart Carts from PASCO. These carts are not just cool gadgets; they are powerful learning tools that connect to the Spark Vue app.

This setup allowed our students to measure and analyze key physics concepts like velocity, momentum, and kinetic energy in real-time. As the carts collided, students could see the immediate impact on these values, visually represented through graphs over time.

It was a perfect blend of technology and education, providing a clear, interactive view of physics principles in action. This experiment was not just about observing; it was about understanding the dynamic nature of physics in a way that was both engaging and enlightening.





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APPLICATIONS DUE BY: December 22, 2023

Website: <https://www.ucf.edu/>

Application: [Common App](#) or [Apply UCF](#)

Are you planning on applying to UCF but haven't completed the application yet?

Do you want the best opportunity to be accepted to UCF?

Have you completed the UCF Portal?

(Link available in email after application is submitted.)

- SPARK
- Send Official SAT or ACT Scores
- Florida Residency
- Other Required Items



UCF Representatives recommend submitting your UCF application by December 22, 2023!

Need Assistance? Register for a date and time: <https://tinyurl.com/FreedomFAFSA>

FAFSA UPDATE FOR SENIORS + PARENTS:

All seniors and one parent should create the FSA ID, which serves as the electronic signature for the FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

- The parent will use the same FSA ID for all children. If you need help recovering your FSA ID that was used with another child, call 1-800-433-3243.
- It takes 5 business days to process. Please create the FSA ID by 1/1/2024.

FAFSA: When are you starting college?

STUDENT IS STARTING COLLEGE IN SUMMER (JULY)

- **Create the FSA ID (Electronic Signature) NOW**
 - Takes 3 Days to Process
 - Student needs an FSA ID
 - Parent needs an FSA ID
 - **The parent will use the same FSA ID for all children and self.**
- **Complete the 2023-24 FAFSA Form NOW**
 - This will cover financial assistance from August 2023-July 2024
 - Complete Student AND Parent portion
 - Use prior prior year taxes: 2021 W-2 & 1040
- **Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA Application in JANUARY**
 - This will cover financial assistance from August 2024-July 2025
 - Attend a workshop for assistance (Dates coming soon!)

STUDENT IS STARTING COLLEGE IN FALL (AUGUST)

- **Create the FSA ID (Electronic Signature) NOW**
 - Takes 3 Days to Process
 - Student needs an FSA ID
 - Parent needs an FSA ID
 - **The parent will use the same FSA ID for all children and self.**
- **Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA Form in JANUARY**
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FAFSA WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DATES FOR FSA ID (& Other Items):

Dates: January 16th, 23rd, & 30th

○ Time: 6:00-8:00pm

○ Location: Media Center at Freedom High School

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FreedomFAFSA>

College & Career CORNER

NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS!

The Valencia Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children Program is a scholarship, college readiness, and mentoring program in Orange County, Florida. Applications are open now through February 1, 2024 for eligible 9th graders & April 1, 2024 for eligible 8th grade students who are enthusiastic about pursuing their education after high school!

Apply now!



Students Receive:

- ✓ A Mentor
- ✓ A College Success Coach
- ✓ College & Career Readiness Resources
- ✓ Personal & Leadership Development
- ✓ A 2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship that can be used at any public university, college, or vocational/technical school in Florida



Contact us at HorizonScholars@valenciacollege.edu or 407-582-3008

*Students must reside in Orange County & attend a public high school. OCVS & FLVS students are welcome to apply.

Orange Technical College SENIORS APPLY NOW!!

For Fall Admission

Website: <https://www.orangetechcollege.net/>

Apprenticeship Programs
Earn while you learn!

Career Certificates
Get certified & go to work!



Application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ApplyOTC>

Seniors Complete the interest form and an OTC team member will contact you with more information.

HS STUDENT Interest Form

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- BOYS STATE IS THE PREMIER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN FLORIDA.
- THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE IS A SUMMER LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, WHICH FOCUS ON EXPLORING THE MECHANICS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.
- IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MRS. DOTSON: JILL.DOTSON@OCSP.NET



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- Anxious?
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- Bullying?



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FREEDOM PRESS

2 Weeks Until Winter Break!

December 11th, 2023 - Issue 8

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**ROOM 620
DECEMBER 15 AT 2:30**

DISCUSS BURNOUT AND PACING YOURSELF

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER WITH GAMES, MUSIC, AND SNACKS!

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Read more in "Mental Health Club Emerges at FHS!"



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