

# THIS IS OUR FREEDOM *Weekly Report*



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# THE CLUB LIFE AT FHS





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# COMMUNITY CORNER



## PreOrder a Nothing Bundt Cake Bundtlet!

Flavors

Pumpkin Spice

Chocolate Chocolate Chip

Lemon

White Chocolate Raspberry

Red Velvet

\$6.50  
EA.

PreOrders due by 11/3 and can be purchased online at:

<https://freedomhsptsa.memberhub.com/store>

Proceeds support Freedom High School PTSA and will be used for programs that support our school!

Product pickup details available on the order site.



**GET INVOLVED!**

Join our Student Advisory Committee!  
Next Meeting is Nov. 13th at 6pm

Click the image below to learn more about Partnering with FHS



**Partners**  
IN EDUCATION



Robert Ingersoll wrote, "We rise by lifting others." The best part of being the Principal at Freedom High School is getting to see that idea carried out everyday by our staff and students. I see teachers who are dedicated to supporting their students' academic success, teammates helping each other improve their craft, and student volunteers who serve at events to greet and make our community feel welcome. We are truly on this journey together.

I want to take a moment and share a special congratulations to a few groups who had an outstanding week. First to our Marching Band and Guard who put on a showstopping performance at the West Side Showcase. I want to give a special thank you to the cast of Rumors for an incredible production, and I want to recognize our Orchestra and Guitar programs for their fall concerts. I would also like to acknowledge our SGA students who attended the D3 conference last Saturday to collaborate with other students on ways that enhance our campus life and increase student engagement.

Our students continue to amaze and inspire, and I look forward to continuing to celebrate their accomplishments. We are Patriots, and this is our Freedom!

# WE ARE FREEDOM

*Charles France*

Principal, Freedom High School



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **No School Oct. 27th**

School will be closed on Friday, October 27th, for Teacher Professional Day.

**27  
OCT**

## **Non-College Reporting ACT Testing**

Senior and Juniors who will be testing will receive information prior to the test. Be sure to check school email for updates.

**02  
NOV**

## **Club Picture Days**

Students involved in our extracurricular events and clubs will have an opportunity to be in our club photos. Club Sponsors will communicate their times to all members.

**7&9  
NOV**

## **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.

**13  
NOV**

## **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.

**15  
NOV**

## **Thanksgiving Break - School Closed**

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

**20-24  
NOV**



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# MEET YOUR MEDIA CENTER AND TECH DEPARTMENT

## **Britt-Marie Schmidt**

*Library Media Specialist | [Britt-Marie.Schmidt@ocps.net](mailto:Britt-Marie.Schmidt@ocps.net)*



Q: In which other teacher's class would you like to enroll, even for a day? Why?  
A: My favorite subject in school was astronomy. If I could enroll in another teacher's class, I would choose Mr. Hellmund's astronomy class. Besides me finding astronomy fascinating, I know that Mr. Hellmund is an engaging, charismatic teacher who makes his lessons come alive. You can tell he loves his job (which is infectious) and creates a warm, fun, interactive learning environment.

## **Abdys Matos**

*Library Media Clerk | [Abdys.MatosPlacencia@ocps.net](mailto:Abdys.MatosPlacencia@ocps.net)*



Q: What makes a 'good day' at school?  
A: Our day begins from the moment we wake up, an established routine, and a good breakfast before going to school is very important to have a good day at school. Also have a clear mindset of your goals and focus on the good things about school is essential to have a good day at school.

## **Jonathan Shaffer**

*Technology Support Representative | [Jonathan.Shaffer@ocps.net](mailto:Jonathan.Shaffer@ocps.net)*



Q: What inspires you?  
A Getting called "Coach" by our new eSports team and assisting Coach Katz lead these teams to an undefeated season in our first year! Follow and Support us @fhspatriotesports.

## **Peter Valentin Medina**

*General Tech Support | [Peter.ValentinMedina@ocps.net](mailto:Peter.ValentinMedina@ocps.net)*



Q: What makes a 'good day' at school?  
A: A "Good Day" at school for me would be nobody calling me, emailing me, radioing me, and stepping in my office for tech issues and the school is running like a well-oiled machine with zero problems until the only thing that is left is peace and tranquility.



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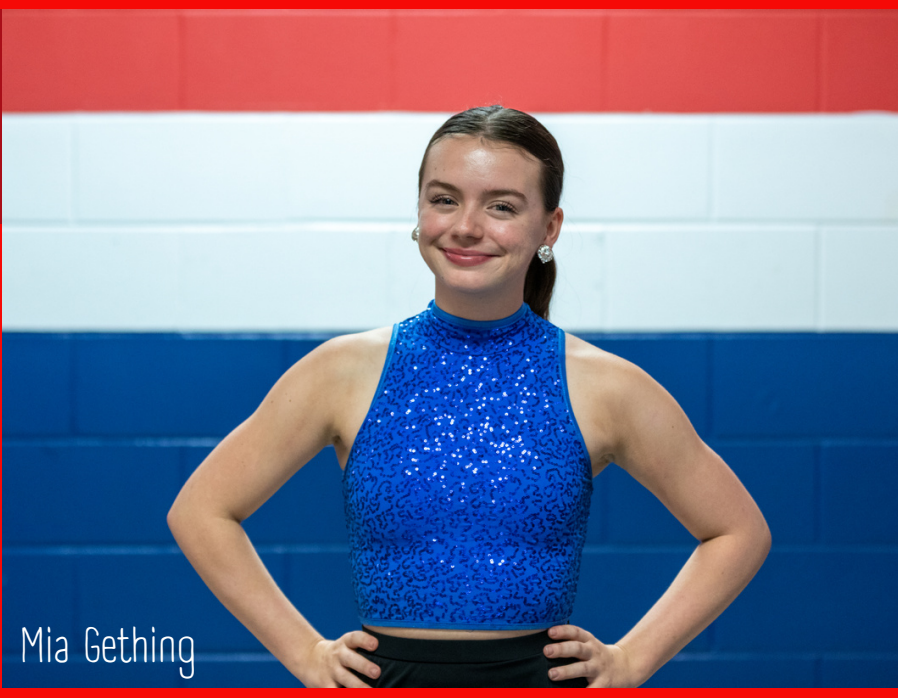


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**ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENTS:  
ALL-COUNTY DANCE**



Rut Granadillo Gomez



Mia Gething

*Congratulations to Freedom Dance Company students Mia Gething and Rut Granadillo Gomez who were selected to the All-County Dance Team.*

**ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENTS:  
IS THERE A DR. IN THE HOUSE?**



**Dr. Nicolle Boujaber-Diederichs**

**COMPLETED DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION IN LEADERSHIP**

*We would like to congratulate Nicolle Boujaber-Diederichs, Dean at Freedom High School, for successfully completing her Doctorate of Education in Leadership at the American College of Education.*

*Her dissertation was entitled, Lived Experiences of Grassroots Women Leaders Globally: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis. The purpose of her phenomenological study was to learn about the supports and challenges grassroots women leaders in Africa, Asia, and Latin America experience as they work toward improving the quality of life of individuals and families in communities.*

*We are so proud of you Dr. Boujaber-Diederichs!*

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: PERFECT SCORES



**Linuka Hewagama**

PERFECT SCORE - GRADE 10 FAST ELA READING ASSESSMENT



**Christopher Stitzer**

PERFECT SCORE - BIOLOGY I EOC ASSESSMENT



**Donovan Ashe**

PERFECT SCORE - U.S. HISTORY EOC ASSESSMENT



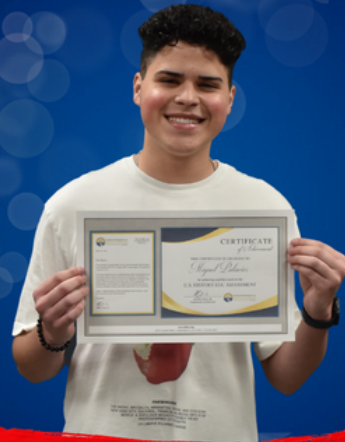
**Sarae Gallagher**

PERFECT SCORE - U.S. HISTORY EOC ASSESSMENT



**Sharanya Chatterjee**

PERFECT SCORE - U.S. HISTORY EOC ASSESSMENT



**Miguel Palacios**

PERFECT SCORE - U.S. HISTORY EOC ASSESSMENT

Congratulations to our Patriots who earned recognition from the Dept. of Education for earning a perfect score on their FSA Assessments.



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# STUDENT LIFE AT FHS

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL

## Talent Show



Have a Talent you'd like to showcase? Audition using the link below!

<https://tinyurl.com/FHSTalentAudit2324>

**AUDITIONS OPEN!**

November 15th



PTV YouTube CHANNEL

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# PATRIOTS TV

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

SUBSCRIBE TO

OUR  
YouTube CHANNEL



[tinyurl.com/PTVYouTubeChannel](https://tinyurl.com/PTVYouTubeChannel)



## WINTER SPORTS BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Boys Basketball  
Head Coach Todd O'Neal  
Email: John.Oneal@ocps.net

Competition Cheer  
Head Coach Sara Graham  
Email: Sara.Graham@ocps.net

Boys Soccer  
Head Coach Juan Baquero  
Email: Juan.Baquero@ocps.net

Wrestling (Boys/Girls)  
Head Coach David Bush  
Email: David.Bush@ocps.net

Girls Basketball  
Head Coach Rob Caraballo  
Email: Robert.Caraballo@ocps.net

Girls Weightlifting  
Head Coach Kristy Kline  
Email: Kristy.Kline@ocps.net

Girls Soccer  
Head Coach Melanie Longstaff  
Email: Melanie.Smith@ocps.net

Special Olympics Basketball  
Head Coach Susan Scheuer  
Email: Susan.Scheuer@ocps.net



## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

10.28 | Girls Weightlifting Preseason Invitational | 8am

10.30 | Girls Soccer Preseason vs Mount Dora | 5:30pm

10.30 | Boys Soccer Preseason vs Lake Buena Vista | 5:30pm

11.02 | Boys Soccer Preseason vs Horizon | 5:00pm

11.02 | Girls Soccer Preseason vs Davenport | 7:00pm

11.03 | Football at University | Kickoff at 7pm

11.04 | Swim & Diving Regionals at Plantation Aquatic Ctr. | 9am

## Fall Sports @ FHS

Football  
Girls Volleyball  
Cross Country  
Swimming and Diving  
Cheerleading  
Bowling  
Golf

Athletic Director  
Robert Rego

Email: Robert.Rego@ocps.net



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# BE A PART OF THE ACTION.



**WRESTLING**  
**BOYS & GIRLS**  
TRYOUTS BEGIN OCT. 30TH | 2:20-4:00PM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL DAVID.BUSH@OCPS.NET



**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
*Tryouts*  
OCTOBER 30TH-31ST  
5:30-7:45PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
EMAIL ROBERT.CARABALLO@OCPS.NET OR  
SIGN UP AT TINYURL.COM/FREEDOMGBB2023



**FREEDOM**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**TRYOUTS**  
OCTOBER 30TH-31ST | 2:30-5:30

EMAIL JOHN.ONEAL@OCPS.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION  
SIGN UP AT TINYURL.COM/FREEDOMBASKETBALL2023



## INTEREST MEETING

Tues. Oct. 31st  
2:30pm | Room 309

Questions?  
Email Gina.McFerren@ocps.net

**WATER POLO**  
*Interest Meeting*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST  
START OF A & B LUNCH  
10:25-10:30 AND 11:20-11:15



# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: GENWOW CONFERENCE IS A HIT



*Our GenWOW students attended the GenWOW Conference at Horizon High School on October 19th. Students from each of the OCPS High Schools joined together to be inspired, learn, and build meaningful connections with like-minded students. Generation WOW focuses on inspiring a generation of women and girls by promoting mentorship, networking, and developing leaders.*

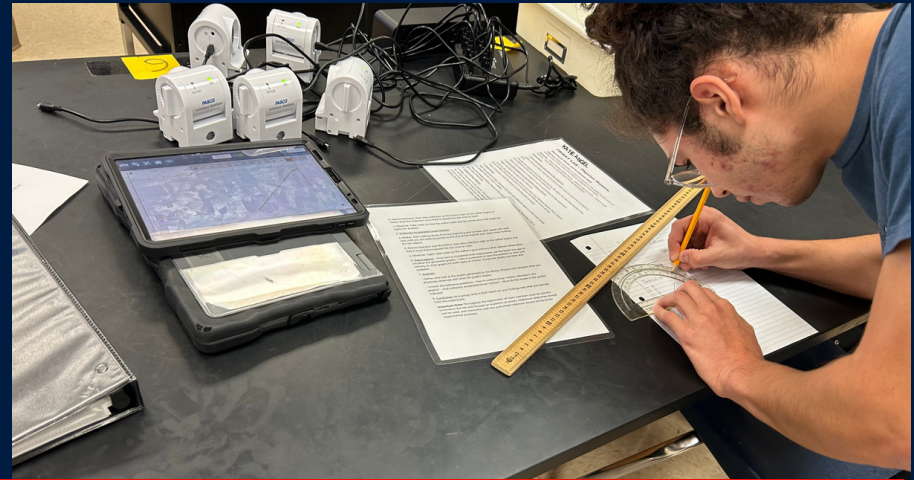
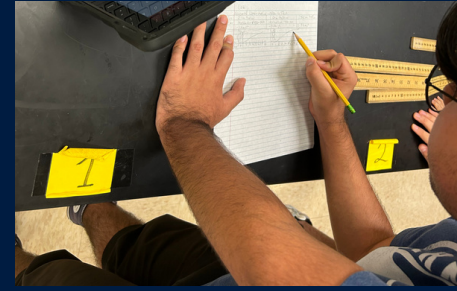


## GUITAR RECEIVES OCPS GRANT

*Congratulations to Mr. Perez and our Guitar students. Mr. Perez was the recipient of an OCPS Foundation Teacher Impact Grant which will go towards the benefit of this incredible program.*

*The Teacher Impact Grants are designed to provide teachers with the resources they need to implement innovative projects that will engage students and improve learning outcomes.*

# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: LET'S GET PHYSICAL



Students in Mr. Correa's Physics classes engaged in an interactive experiment using the Motion Wireless Device. This activity allowed them to explore and compare constant motion versus accelerated motion. With the assistance of the sensor, they were able to detect motion in real-time.

Using the Sparkvue application, students were able to generate real-time graphs showcasing "position vs. time" and "velocity vs. time" as they moved closer to and farther away from the sensor. This sensor emitted waves that detected the distance of the person from it, giving them a tangible experience of these essential physics concepts.

## ENGINEERED FOR SUCCESS



Students from Mr. Houck's Engineering & Robotics classes took part in the Manufacturing Design and Build Challenge at the Orange County Convention Center on Tuesday. The students build a sophisticated Rube Goldberg as their entry in the challenge.

The event also included an expo featuring top engineering universities and employers who shared information with the prospective students.



# A SHOWSTOPPER AT THE SHOWCASE



Our Pride of the Patriots Marching Band took the field at the West Side Showcase hosted by West Orange High School this past Saturday, and put an tremendous performance in front of a crowd of 3,000. The performance of their show *Unstoppable* drew a thunderous ovation from those in attendance. The Showcase is an opportunity for area bands to fine tune their shows before the Music Performance Assesment on Nov. 4th at Boone.



# RUMORS HAS IT



The FHS Theatre Department production of the play **Rumors** by Neil Simon took the stage this past weekend for a three-night set of performances. The show was an absolute hit with the audience who enjoyed plenty of laughs with this outlandish comedy. Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Rumors* on an incredible run. We look forward to the next show - *We Are The Sea* - on November 10th at 7pm.

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS



# On the Sea

BY LAURA LUNDGREN SMITH

DIRECTED BY **SARA SKINNER-PROBST**

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM

TICKETS ARE \$10 AT [WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM](http://WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM)

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

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# SGA SHARES THEIR PATRIOT PRIDE AT D3



*Our Student Government Association Students attended the D3 Conference at Windermere High School this past Saturday. D3 brings SGA students from across the state together for an opportunity to share and learn about unique and innovative ways to impact school culture and expand student involvement.*

*This unique collaboration is a great way for our SGA leaders to better serve and support Freedom High School and our community.*



# FOLLOW YOUR HEART

*Students in Ms. Escoto's Anatomy and Physiology Classes have been learning about the Cardiovascular system, and they were given a much closer look at the body's strongest organ during a recent lab.*

*Students worked in groups to dissect a preserved pig heart to learn about how blood is pumped through the heart, and be able to identify the intricate details of the heart anatomy.*



# College & Career CORNER

## Four Year Applications

1. Complete the Application (Common App)
2. Check personal email for a link to the college portal.
3. Complete all items on the checklist on the college portal. This may include a Self-Report (SSAR or SPARK), claiming Florida Residency, and Self-Reporting Test scores.

**\*\* All of these items are due by the deadline - November 1st. Plan ahead!!\*\***



## SCHOLARSHIPS

[Big Future Scholarship on College Board](#)  
for Juniors & Seniors

Scholarships, Tuition Assistance, Paid Training (Student Access Only): [Scholarships & More!](#)

More Scholarships: [OCPS Scholarship Bulletin](#)



## FAFSA

Seniors could qualify for \$7,395 in grant (FREE) money for college

Application opens in December

The Senior and Parent will each need to complete a portion of the FAFSA for it to be complete.

Workshops will be available for assistance in December



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# THE FREEDOM 4-1-1

Pre-Calculus tutoring online and in person

When : Monday and Tuesday

Who : Any PreCalc student

Where : Online on Teams (QR Code above)

or room 540

Time : 2:45- 3:45



## ALGEBRA 2 AFTERSCHOOL TUTORIALS

Who: *Algebra 2 Students*

When: *Mon/Thurs , 2:45-3:45pm*

*Online - TEAMS*

Where: *Face-to-face: Rm. 625*

To join TEAMS:  
Scan the QR code,  
or use **4m1zju**



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