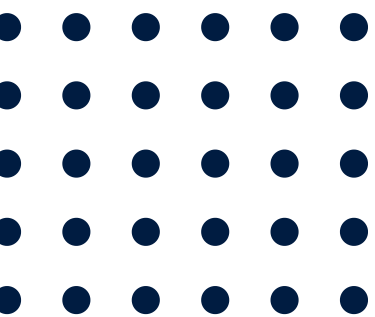


THIS IS OUR **FREEDOM** *Weekly Report*



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TOP TALENT AUDITIONS CONTINUE THROUGH FEB. 29th

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOP TALENT LIVE 2024
 A Foundation for Orange County Public Schools Event

Casting Call Extended!

Student Stars: Singers, Dancers, Musicians and More!

Now Accepting Applications thru **Feb 29!** Complete Top Talent Application at: FoundationforOCPS.org

Follow us on: @foundationforocps.org @Fnd4OCPS

OCPS Top Talent is a wonderful showcase of the best and brightest student performers across the district. Freedom High School Class of 2023 Alum, Vanessa Dominguez, claimed top prize honors in 2021 and 2023.

All interested students are welcome to apply and take part in the audition process.

Who will be the next Freedom Patriot to win the OCPS Top Talent?



Another great week is in the books for our staff and students! We continue to carry out our pillars of Honor, Excellence, and Tradition in truly remarkable ways. I am proud of the wonderful accomplishments of our students, and I am humbled by the way that each and every one of our Patriots represent Freedom High School.

Congratulations to our Robotics team who took home First Place at the Lockheed Martin Robotics competition this week. We also want to recognize the incredible efforts of our six Patriots who have been recognized as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. These academic feats are a sign of the amazing work that our staff and students dedicate themselves to on a daily basis.

This is a great school with great people doing great things. Most importantly, this is OUR school, and this is OUR Freedom!

Charles France

Principal, Freedom High School

WE ARE FREEDOM

Preorder these items for your graduate!

Deadline to order is March 31st. Products will be available at a drive-thru pick up event at the School bus loop in early May



Scan this QR code to visit PTSA'S store and preorder merchandise for your senior



MEET YOUR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Michele Fierle

Biology | Email: Michele.Fierle@ocps.net

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

A: The best days are days when my students are excited about the activity and make connections to the information they did not have before. Teachers live for those "A-ha" moments.



Ybelise Escoto

Anatomy & Physiology | Email: Ybelise.Escoto@ocps.net

Q: What's the best thing about being a teacher?

A: I enjoy teaching my subject to students that truly want to learn. I think it's a privilege to be a part of our students' learning experience.



Sheldon Smith

Chemistry | Email: Sheldon.Smith@ocps.net

Q: How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

A: Technology is both a blessing and a curse. It makes information far more accessible to the students and gives them a wide breadth of tools to analyze and record content.



Julie Singleton

Biology | Email: Julie.Liss@ocps.net

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

A: A good day is when my students are engaged, focused and inquisitive about the science we are learning in class. I truly enjoy watching them make discoveries within our content area, so lab days are usually my favorite "good days".



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SENIORS GET YOUR UNIVERSAL ORLANDO GRAD BASH TICKETS NOW

Seniors, make plans to celebrate the Class of 2024 at Universal Orlando's Grad Bash.

Online ticket sales on SchoolPay for Grad Bash are available until Friday, February 23rd.

Cash only ticket sales for Grad Bash will take place after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from February 26th until March 8th in the media center.

Tickets are \$120 each for FHS seniors only, no guests are allowed, and you must not have any obligations in order to purchase your ticket.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Congratulations to our six Freedom Patriots who were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Pictured L-R: Melissa Crespilho, Sharanya Chatterjee, Mateo Bodon, Ronit Apsingekar, Alex Zhang, and Diego Morales.

We are proud to recognize these students for their outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and the distinction of being among the highest-scoring entrants in the state of Florida.



CONGRATULATIONS!
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

We Want You to JOIN Student Government



MANDATORY INTEREST MEETING

(2/27 @ 2:30)

Rookies - 608

Vets - 612

MS. MOODY IS THE JANUARY FHS TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ms. Moody for being selected as our January Teacher of the Month.

Ms. Moody is very caring and shows her consideration by going the extra mile for her students. Her classroom is always well decorated, and she engages with all her students.

A special thank you to Jojo's Shake Bar, ClubZ Tutoring, Jeremiah's Italian Ice and Bahama Bucks for the gifts provided to the teacher of the month.



JADEN SAMUELS IS THE JANUARY FHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jaden Samules for being selected as our January Student of the Month.

Jaden is very helpful in class, and always volunteers to assist with tasks in the classroom. Jaden has excelled in the CBVE Program at Publix by learning new skills and applying the training to his work.

A special thank you to Jojo's Shake Bar, ClubZ Tutoring, Jeremiah's Italian Ice and Bahama Bucks for the gifts provided to the student of the month.



Congratulations to the Girls Wrestling Team on a strong performance at Regionals, including the who punched their tickets to the State Championships.

Congratulations to Miabella Lopez, Maite Coutinho, Isabel Duarte, Alissa Brown Washington, Sky Athey and Rotchiva Clermont on punching their tickets to the FHSAA State Wrestling Championships March 1-2 at Silver Spurs Arena.

GIRLS WRESTLING PUNCH THEIR TICKET TO STATES



A VISIT TO SPECIAL HEART FARMS: POST HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION SITE TOUR



On February 6th, a group of students with intellectual disabilities took a tour of Special Hearts Farm in Winter Garden.

Special Hearts Farm is an OCPs Transition Site school. Students that have met the graduation requirements have the option to remain in school and continue at a transition site. Special Hearts Farm is one of several sites that help students gain the skills and knowledge that they need for employment.

All of the students had a great time and some of them are very interested in attending after they graduate.



FHS STAFF SHOWS OFF PATRIOT PRIDE AT OCPS ANNUAL SCHOOL SPIRIT RUN

Several of our FHS Staff hit the ground running at the 3rd Annual OCPS Foundation School Spirit Run. This event raises support for the OCPS Foundation and celebrates the OCPS community by bringing everyone together for a fun run through Sea World.

A special thank you to Mr. Singer, Mrs. Kraemer, Mr. Harkins, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Kline, Mrs. Caliarì, Ms. Natalia Caliarì, and Mrs. Duarte for representing Freedom High School.



FHS TAKES 1ST AT LOCKHEED MARTIN ROBOTICS COMPETITION



Congratulations to the Freedom High School Robotics team who took home First Place in the Lockheed Martin Robotics Competition on Thursday, February 22nd. Coming in first place at this prestigious event is an incredible accomplishment for the Robotics team.

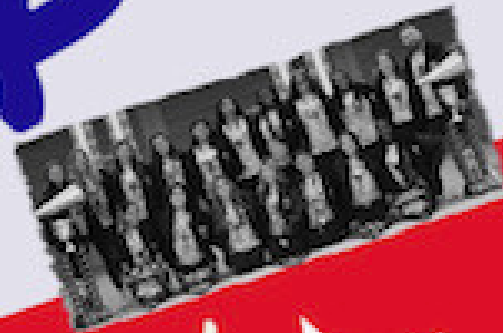
A Special Thank you to our Teacher of the Year, Mr. Michael Hellmund, and our brilliant team on representing Freedom High School with excellence.

**FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

**REGISTRATION:
\$100/ Per Person
AGES 5-12yrs**

**2 DAYS
OF FUN
FOR THE
KIDS**

**AND
KIDDIE
CHEER
CAMP**



Sign Up Now!

April 19-20

Friday 5:30pm - 9pm

(Cheese Pizza Party Provided)

Saturday 10am - 2pm

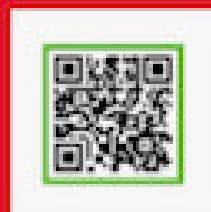
(Parent Show Case 1:30-2pm)

**LEARN CHEER STUNT,
SIDELINE CHEERS,
JUMPS, PLAY GAMES,
TEAM BONDING**

Pay through School Pay to secure your spot. Please make sure to include your child's name.



SCHOOL PAY



BAND

To stay updated about this event please click the QR code and follow us on the BAND app or email Coach Graham for additional questions
Sara3graham@gmail.com



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STUDENT LIFE AT FHS

HOUSE OF PATRIOTS

A campus organization and branch of SGA, that helps students obtain volunteer hours, through school events.

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Sponsor: Ms. Amanda
Read
Room 522
Contact:
Amanda.Read2@ocps.
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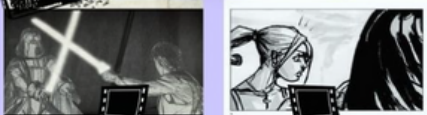
Instagram: fhs,houseofpatriots
Sign up to volunteer today:
www.volunteersignup.org/HBJLP

Need Help t-shirts (orange) are \$5
cash. Please wear these shirts
only when volunteering for House of
Patriots

STORYBOARD MEETING
IN ROOM 527
FEBRUARY 28TH



*Film
club*



We will be
storyboarding our
short film scripts!!!

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF OUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER "FREEDOM PRESS"](#)

FREEDOM PRESS

One month until Spring Break!

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Photo By: Raymond Arbaje

Joaquim Petegrosso signing his Letter of Intent to play

volleyball at St. Thomas Aquinas College



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ATTENTION SENIORS!

OTC PROGRAM FAIR

Learn about the career and technical training programs offered throughout Orange Technical College.

February 28, 2024 – 6 to 8 PM

OTC – South Campus (Launch Site)

2900 W. Oak Ridge Rd, Orlando, FL 32809



Students! Scan QR code
to RSVP

Parents and guardians are welcome

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