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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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#### BAND Music Performance Assessment (MPA)

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Come out and support the Pride of the Patriots as they perform their show Unstoppable at the MPA. They will take the field at Boone HS on Sat. November 4th at 6:20pm

### **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.

### THEATRE: WE ARE THE SEA

FHS Theatre presents the one-act We Are The Sea. Curtains go up on Friday, November 10th at 7pm. Purchase your tickets at <u>FHSBoxOffice.com</u>

### **PTSA & SAC Meeting**

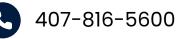
Join us in the Media Center for our next PTSA and SAC Meetings of the 23-24 School Year. PTSA meets at 5pm followed by SAC at 6pm.

### **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.

#### **Thanksgiving Break - School Closed** School will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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









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# **COMMUNITY CORNER**

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### PreOrder a Nothing Bundt Cake Bundtlet!



<u>Flavors</u> Pumpkin Spice Chocolate Chocolate Chip Lemon White Chocolate Raspberry Red Velvet

### 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.



Freedom Students and Families, as we continue to move through the 2nd quarter of the school year, I hope that you have settled in and are truly committed to this journey. At Freedom High School, students graduating is our core business and our one true product. We encourage our students to take the opportunity to utilize the resources we have available here such as Amnesty Saturdays and tutoring. There is no shortage or resources and opportunities, and nothing that will keep us from giving every student the tools needed to succeed.

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I am grateful for teachers to engage our students in unique ways and make learning enjoyable; We have a dedicated staff who looks for innovative ways to teach and inspire. I look at our great Academies programs that allow students to get hands-on experience in career fields of interest, and I am grateful for the teachers who open doors for students through career and technical training. Thank you to Loews Hotels for hosting our Hospitality and Tourism Management Students this week.

We are Freedom, and being Freedom means that we are committed to providing our students with the opportunity to choose their own future and set themselves on a path towards success now and forever.

Principal, Freedom High School



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

Click the image below to learn more about Partnering with FHS



#### FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS

BY LAURA LUNDGREN SMITH

DIRECTED BY SARA SKINNER-PROBST NOVEMBER 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM TICKETS ARE \$10 AT WWW.FHSBOXOFFICE.COM

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

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# MEET YOUR 9TH GRADE ELA DEPARTMENT



### Katie Angel

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Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school? A: Other than English, I love History. I spend most of my tv time watching documentaries and shows about archaeology or the smaller, more personal stories buried inside the bigger history. I love teaching the history and culture behind the stories we read in English because these stories reveal that personal history of those who lived it.



### Oya Mwanza

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

A: A good day at school is when the school spirit is high because students are particularly chatty. I see those days as opportunities to engage in collaborative activities that encourage discussion and build community in the classroom.



### Michael Bell

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Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school? A: This one is tough because there were a few me. Top choice would be History particularly ancient history. I found this subject wildly fascinating because it's a blend of facts and mythology. Other favorite subjects include Anatomy, Statistics and Band.

#### Bryan Mendoza

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Q: Besides the subject area you teach, what was your favorite subject in school? A: Besides English, My favorite subjects in School were History and Psychology! I remember reading my AP World History textbook from cover to cover my sophomore year of high school. And while in Mrs. Chapman's Psychology class I made my love for psychology everyone's problem!

### CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: THEORY OF ISLAND BIOGEOGRAPHY



The Theory of Island Biogeography states that the size of an island and the distance that island is from the mainland affects the biodiversity. Closer islands have more biodiversity because they organisms do not need to travel as far. Larger islands have more biodiversity because they have more resources .

Students in Ms. Fierle's AP Environmental Science were tossing four different "species" on to the different islands to see which one would have the greatest biodiversity.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: REGIONAL CHAMPION**

Congratulations to Junior Jack Sparks who took first place in the FHSAA Class 4A Region 2 Diving Championship. Jack finished with a score of 517.7 to claim the Regional Championship, and now has just one more meet left as he looks to claim his first State title.

Jack Sparks will compete at States on Friday, Nov. 10th at FAST in Ocala, FL. Boys Diving will compete at 1:30pm



## **STUDENT LIFE AT FHS**

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### SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN JANUAR **Boys** Track

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

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

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

### Winter Sports

**Boys Basketball** Girls Basketball **Competition Cheer** Girls Weightlifting Boys Soccer Girls Soccer **Boys Wrestling Girls Wrestling** Special Olympics Basketball

Boys Lacrosse Head Coach Patrick Williams

Girls Lacrosse Head Coach TBD Email: TBD

Head Coach Joshua Katz Email: Patrick.Williams@ocps.net Email: Joshua.Katz@ocps.net

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

Tennis (Boys/Girls) Head Coach Rob Caraballo Email: Robert.Caraballo@ocps.net

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

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

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

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

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## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- II.03 | Football at University | Kickoff at 7pm
- II.04 | Cross Country Districts at Osceola | 7:30am(Girls) / 8:20am(Boys)
- II.06 | Girls Soccer at Mt. Dora | 5:30pm(JV) / 7:00pm(V)
- II.06 | Boys Soccer at Oviedo | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- II.07 | Girls Soccer vs Harmony | 5:30pm(JV) / 7:00pm(V)
- II.08 | Girls Weightlifting vs Timber Creek / Colonial | 4:30pm
- II.09 | Boys Soccer vs Lake Nona | 6pm (JV) / 7:30pm (V)
- II.IO | Swim & Dive 4A State Championships at FAST (Ocala)















### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AFTER SCHOOL IN ROOM 402







FOR MORE INFO EMAIL COACH LANGTEAU AT JOHNLANGTEAU@OCPS.NET



One of the favorite traditions towards the end of marching season, is the Trunk-or-Treat. Its an opportunity for our families and team of dedicated parent volunteers to have a little bit of fun after a long day of rehearsing.

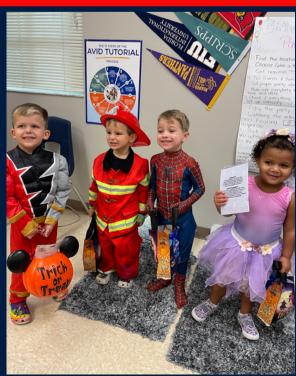
Following the last evening rehearsal of the season, the trucks lined up in the bus loop waiting for our musicians and guard members to make the big decision of the night... "trick or treat?"

A special thank you to the volunteers who gave of their time and their trunks to make this a spooky good time for our Patriots.













### **FREEDOM FRIENDS GET A SWEET TREAT**

*Our Freedom Friends - students of our Early* Childhood Daycare program were in for a special treat on Tuesday as they got to go trickor-treating around campus. Our Freedom Friends wore their costumes and visited our staff for their favorite treats.

Thank you to Mrs. Longstaff and Mr. Bautista Babb for putting this together for our Freedom Friends, and thank you to our staff who welcomed the tiny knocks at the door and had candy ready for the Trick-Or-Treaters.

### GOING BEHIND THE SCENES AT LOEWS HOTELS







The leadership team from Sapphire Falls Resort welcomed students from Ms. Franklin's Hospitality & Tourism Management classes for a special visit on Monday, October 30. The morning started with a brief introduction from the General Managers at Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, Loews Royal Pacific Resort, and Universal's Aventura Hotel. Next, the students participated in a property tour and had a behind the scenes look at the front of the house and back of the house of each property. After the property tour, the students enjoyed a complimentary lunch at Aventura's food hall. Lastly, the students learned about the different career opportunities in the industry. Student walked away with great insight in the hospitality industry, and one lucky student even left with a job interview for a position with Loews.

## **E-SPORTS IS E-LITE**



In its first season, the Patriots Esports team continues to top the leaderboards in several titles. Through week 6, the team is ranked 2nd in Splatoon 3 and 4th in Rocket League. The Smash Ultimate teams also exhibit dominance, and are currently ranked #1 in the District and State with impressive undefeated records.

Catch the matches on twitch live at 4 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



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### Four Year Applications 1. Complete the Application (Common App)

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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

<u>Big Future Scholarship on College Board</u> for Juniors & Seniors

Scholarships, Tuition Assistance, Paid Training (Student Access Only): <u>Scholarships & More!</u>

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



# THE FREEDOM 4-1-1

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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

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# AFTERSCHOOL TUTORIALS

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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 **4m1zjju** 



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November is FLORIDA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

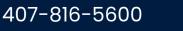
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## Daylight Saving Time

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TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS SUNDAY, NOV. 5





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