



# The Firebird Screams

“Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!” - Fred the Firebird

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## January Dates to Remember:

Jan 1 - Holiday - New Years Day - No School for Students & Staff  
 Jan 2 - Teacher Workday - No School for Students  
 Jan 3 - Lottery Opens  
 Jan 8 - Report Cards go home  
 Jan 8 - Band Booster Meeting, 6p  
 Jan 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30p  
 Jan 15 - Holiday - MLK Day - School Closed  
 Jan 16 - Board Meeting, 6:30p (if called)  
 Jan 17 - Open House, 6:30p & 7:30p  
 Jan 18 - Elementary Science Night  
 Jan 22-26 - School Choice Week  
 Jan 30 - PAC Meeting, 6p



## Winter is here!

The winter season is upon us once again. Just a brief reminder of how you'll know what's going on when Falls Lake Academy opens late, dismisses early, or closes for inclement weather – information will go out to parents via the following:

- FLA website
- Jupiter Message to parents
- Email to parents via SchoolMessenger
- Phone Message to parents
- WRAL TV Channel 5
- WTVD TV Channel 11

When there is snow or ice on the ground or in the air, we try to put out information about our opening or closing status no later than 6:00am. If possible, we will put it out earlier than that, even the night before if we can make the decision in time. But remember: we **DO NOT** close or delay just because Granville County Schools, or any other school system, closes or delays!

## Reminders

**Holiday - MLK Day – School Closed  
Monday, January 15th**



**Friday, February 2nd  
is now a Regular School Day**



## Enrollment for 2018-2019

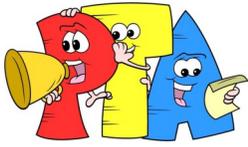
The application period for the 2018-2019 school year will begin Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Applications can be completed electronically through a link found in the Admissions tab. Email confirmations will be sent after applications are submitted. Paper applications will also be available in the school office during regular business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:15 am to 4:30pm) or may be printed from the website. The application deadline is 5:00pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Applications received after the deadline are not entered into the lottery but will be placed at the end of the grade level waiting list. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 16th at 6:30pm in our school gymnasium. Visit our admissions section for more information and links to the application. Applications are available in Spanish. Spanish speaking families that need help with the application process should contact Lily Seccia in the high school office.

## Letters on Intent

Letters of intent for current students will be distributed on February 2nd (electronically and printed) and should be returned to your child's PAA by February 23rd to secure the student's current spot at FLA. Students that do not return the letter of intent will lose their enrollment slot at FLA for the 2018-2019.



Held every January, National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for every child. The goal of National School Choice Week (NSCW) is to raise public awareness of all types of education options for children. These options include traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and home-schooling. To meet this goal, NSCW encourages schools, organizations, and individuals to hold positive events that celebrate school choice options, while drawing attention to the need for even greater opportunities for children. With 16,140 events across America, National School Choice Week 2018 (January 22-26) will be the largest celebration of educational opportunity in U.S. history. Falls Lake Academy is proud to celebrate National School Choice Week by encouraging families in our community to choose the educational opportunity that best meets their child's needs. Our students and staff are proud to be part of Falls Lake Academy, a great choice for families seeking a college preparation learning environment!



## PTA Corner

Our next General PTA meeting is Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Lanyards are for sale! Perfect of those Middle and High School student IDs.

Available in Pink, Gray, and Orange. Only \$ 2  
You can order them online and they will be delivered to school.

Science Night is January 18<sup>th</sup>! Watch your email for details and volunteer opportunities.

## Parent-Family Volunteer Hours Reminder

Families are required to have 10 hours of volunteer time at Falls Lake Academy each year. The hours should be logged online and should be for volunteer time at Falls Lake only. If you have not started logging your volunteer time, please do so as soon as possible. We will be notifying families of the remaining hours that need to be met prior to June. Need ideas for volunteer hours? Below you find a list of volunteer opportunities for parents:

- \*Collect gate fees at a basketball game
- \*Work the concession stand at home games
- \*Assist PTA with upcoming dances or fundraising opportunities
- \*Participate in Band or Athletic Booster meetings
- \*Participate in PTA meetings
- \*Volunteer during lunch
- \*Volunteer in the media center re-shelving books
- \*Volunteer to assist with grounds keeping
- \*Chaperone a fieldtrip



Okay, Firebird Family, that's it for this edition of the SCREAMER. Until next time, this is Fred the Firebird.

