



The Firebird Screams

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

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August Dates to Remember:

Aug 3-9 - Teacher Workdays
Aug 3 - Board Meeting, 6:30p
Aug 5 - Open House, 1st-5th Grades
Aug 6 - Open House, 6th-12th Grades
Aug 9 - Kindergarten
Aug 5-6 - Senior Portraits
Aug 10 - First Day of School for Students
Aug. 13 - Welcome Back Event for ES and MS Students
Aug 17 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm (if called)
Aug 24 - PAC Meeting, 6:00pm
Aug 25 - Senior Cap & Gown and Class Rings
Aug 28 - NJHS - Adopt a Hwy

Time for School

Welcome back Firebird family!

First Day of School for students is **Tuesday, August 10th!**

School Hours:

Elementary Hours: 7:45am - 2:45pm

Middle School Hours: 8:00am - 3:15pm

High School Hours: 8:15am - 3:40pm



Reminder! Elementary students are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 7:45. Students in Middle School are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 8:00. High School students are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 8:15.

Students may not be dropped off before 7:15am. **High school students may not be dropped off before 7:45; HS students will not be allowed into the ES/MS building, they must report to the HS building.** Please arrive with plenty of time for your student to get to class before school starts.

First Day:

Attendance on the first day of school is mandatory!



Open House Hours

Kindergarten Open House - Monday, August 9, 2021, scheduled Times

1st - 5th Open House - Thursday, August 5, 2021, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Middle & High School Open House - Friday, August 6, 2021, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

During open house please make sure to stop by the gym for information about Athletics, PTA and outside Afterschool Vendors.

Intake/Open House Forms

All intake forms will be emailed to parents during the first week of August and must be completed no later than **Friday, August 20th.**

The following forms must be completed for each student:

Student Data Sheet
Medical History Form
Family Income Data Collection Sheet
Occupational Survey
Military Connection Form
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Emergency-Pick-Up & Check-Up Authorization Form

Please make sure to fill out every form regardless if no changes are being made.

2021-2022 PAC Members

Our PAC members from last year will stay on for the 2021-22 school year. The only grades that need a representative are Kindergarten and First Grade. The voting ballots will be handed out during open house to the families in Kindergarten and First Grades. All ballots must be turned in to your students PAA/Teacher by August 13th to count!



Senior Portraits Day

When: August 5th & 16th

Location: HS Gym

Information was mailed out!

Contact our high school office if you have any questions.



New Carpool Process

This school year we will be using a new carpool system called safe dismissal. Therefore every family with students in grades kindergarten thru 8th grade must pick up a carpool tag during open house.

Morning Drop Off:

Students in grades 4th and up will only be allowed to drop off in the north parking lot.



HOT LUNCH

Ordering window opens August 16th and closes on August 27th at 12noon. Serving dates are September 7th –30th.

All lunch orders must be placed online using the website order form. To place a lunch order, go to www.orgsonline.com and enter code 313FLANC.

All students must bring a packed lunch from August 10th through September 2nd!!!



Student Parking

Student can purchase their parking spots on the following dates: Student must bring Copy of Driver's License, a Copy of vehicle registration for every car he or she may drive to school, and an application filled out (application must have parent's signature). Parking Fee must be paid using CharterPay after application has been submitted.



Seniors August 5th 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm
(fee is included with Senior Dues)

Juniors August 6th 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm
(First come first serve!)

At this time Sophomores will not be allowed to purchase parking spot!



New Athletic Directors

We are excited to announce that we have two new Athletic Directors at FLA.

Weston Pearson is the new Athletic Director for our high school. Coach Pearson attended Western Carolina University and Milligan College. He played baseball at Milligan. Since then he has been assistant coach for football at Southern Vance and head baseball coach at Southern Vance. Pearson came to FLA in 2017 as our elementary PE teacher. He then transitioned to high school PE. He has been our softball coach for four years. Coach Pearson loves sports, especially baseball and enjoys coaching.

Karen Teague is our new middle school Athletic Director. Mrs. Teague has been a part of FLA since we first opened our doors in 2013. She has taught 1st grade, 4th grade math/science, elementary PE, and is currently a middle school PBL Coach. Sports have always been a part of Mrs. Teague's life. She has always loved sports and played softball all through high school and as an adult has played on church softball teams. Mrs. Teague has coached softball and girls basketball here at Falls Lake. Even when not coaching, you can find Mrs. Teague on the field or in the gym watching our kids play. She loves seeing them do what they enjoy.

Immunizations Reminder

North Carolina law requires that all children entering in grades Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade in the state to receive certain immunizations. Records are checked when children begin/return to school. A copy of your student's immunization records must be turned into their PAA during open house or before the 30th day of school.

Kindergarten:

State law requires that every child entering kindergarten in an N.C. public school receive a health assessment. The assessment must occur within 12 months prior to entering school. The medical provider, parent or guardian must provide a completed health assessment form to the school on or before the child's 30th day of attendance. Kindergarten students are also required to have completed immunization. If you have not turned in these forms at the time of registration, please provide a copy of their completed immunizations and health assessment to Mrs. Seccia at the front office.

7th Graders:

Adolescents should be up to date on all the vaccines required for kindergarten entry. In addition, adolescents rising to the 7th grade need one dose of Tdap vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

12th Graders:

All Rising 12th graders should be up to date on all of their vaccines and receive their second dose of the Meningococcal Vaccine in order to graduate from high school.

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 at <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/falls-lake-academy> and should be for volunteer time at Falls Lake Academy only. Money donations do not count towards parent volunteer hours.

Need ideas for volunteer hours? Below you find a list of volunteer opportunities for parents:

- *Collect gate fees at games
 - *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
 - *Help in the classroom as requested by the teacher
 - *Assist with weekend volleyball tournaments (See Coach Wright for Details)
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Supply lists have been updated and can be found on the website at www.fallslakeacademy.com

UPCOMING SENIOR INFORMATION:

Mark your calendars:

On August 25th during Firetime

Josten's will be on campus to take orders for:

Senior Cap & Gown and Class Ring (Juniors)

Bye for now.....until next time.....-Fred the Firebird

