



The Firebird Screams

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

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September Dates to

Remember:

Sep 4—Labor Day, No School
Sep 5—Board Meeting, 6:30p
Sep 13—Fall Picture Day
Sep 13—AIG Curriculum Night, 5:30p
Sep 14—Improv Semi Final Show, 7p
Sep 15—Improv Coffee House, 7p
Sep 16—Creedmoor Music Festival
Sep 19—Board Meeting, 6:30p if called
Sep 21—Parent Meeting College Athletics, 6:30p
Sept 21-22—8th Grade Wilmington Trip
Sep 26—PAC Meeting, 6p
Sep 28—Fall Band Concert, 6:30p

Time for School

Welcome back Firebird family!

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 8:15. High School students are considered TARDY if they are not IN CLASS by 8:45. Students may be dropped off for school beginning at 7:15. Please arrive with plenty of time for your student to get to class before school starts.



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
- *Proctor for End of Grade testing in May
- *Assist with weekend volleyball tournaments (See Coach Vincent for Details)

2107-2018 PAC MEMBERS

Welcome new PAC Members:

Kindergarten - Laurie Frederick
First Grade - Mandy Harris
Second Grade - Alissa Buffaloe
Third Grade - Brandi Chappell
Fourth Grade - Heather Copley
Fifth Grade - Lindsey Shedd

Sixth Grade - Liz Karan
Seventh Grade - Shannon Carroll
Eighth Grade - Liz Davis
Ninth Grade - Tracy Teal
Tenth Grade - Kelly Maxson
Eleventh Grade - Janet Vaught

DUKE TIP

The Duke Talent Identification Program is a non-profit educational organization that identifies academically talented fourth-seventh graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exam as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities.



Falls Lake Academy will have an informational meeting will be held September 26, 2017 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Students will receive an DukeTIP invitation and email. Please come if you are want more details.

This would also be a great opportunity to meet, Danielle Cunningham (AIG Specialist) and review your child's Developmental Educational Plan.



Information regarding the Duke TIP program can be found at <http://www.tip.duke.edu/>.

PRE-ACT, PSAT/NMSQT

10th Grade students will be taking the Pre-ACT on October 25, 2017

11th Grade students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT on October 25, 2017 – This is the ONLY testing date for the PSAT/NMSQT

There is no cost to students for these two college board tests. The Pre-ACT is just that, practice for the ACT. These scores can also be used as a way to qualify for the Career-College Promise Program, taking a courses at VGCC during their Junior and Senior year. The PSAT/NMSQT scores are sent to colleges and are tied to student scholarship opportunities.

Firebirds Fall Fundraiser-

The Sky's The Limit!

Falls Lake Academy is excited to announce the launch of our first annual **Firebirds Fall Fundraiser!**

At Falls Lake Academy, we focus on providing students with the best education possible. No matter where they want to excel, we work every day to make sure all of our students have the tools and resources they need to prepare for tomorrow's workforce.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the generous support from our community.

This year we would like to improve student technology at FLA. Specifically, more I-pads for elementary students, better laptop carts for middle school, and funding for graduate level online research for high school. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 this fall to invest in our student's future.

We will be putting the **FUN** into fundraising by hosting a spirit week for students and staff during the week of September 25th through the 29th. During this time, students may purchase "hat tokens" and "pajama day" tokens; we will be having a "penny war" between elementary, middle and high school; and students may purchase tickets to win a chance to "pie a teacher". The week will end with a pep rally celebrating our school spirit ... and finding out which teacher will get pied in front of students!

But that's not all!

Instead of asking parents to sell donuts, candy bars, and deliver pizzas, we are simply asking for a gift to the school. For each family who donates \$50 or more per student or \$100 or more per family, that child(ren) will be entered to win one of four \$50 Visa gift cards*. In addition, your PAA teacher's name(s) will be entered into a separate drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. To break it down, if a family with 2 students donates \$200, each student and each teacher will have **two** entries into each drawing.

Winner's names will be drawn during the Friday pep rally ... but after the teacher gets pied in the face, of course!

Donation forms will be sent home with students Monday, September 25th and the deadline for donating is 9:00am Friday morning, September 29th. We would greatly appreciate **any** amount you can contribute and all contributions will be confidential. All of us at Falls Lake Academy thank you for your continued support!

* Falls Lake Academy is a registered non-profit, so your donations could be tax-deductible. Please contact your tax advisor for more information.

Parent – Family Volunteer Opportunities



Lunch

Since our school grew in leaps and bounds this year, that means that our lunch staff is in desperate need of help with lunch! We deliver about half of the student's lunches to their classrooms in less than twenty minutes. Please consider coming out to help us feed our students! The hours you work count toward your volunteer hours. You can sign up at this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044baba82ba13-1stquarter>

Concessions

Middle School and High School Volleyball are in need of assistance with concessions help this fall season. A child of the parent/guardian volunteering can help, but is not permitted to handle money. Please help, as the concession fees help pay for coaching honorariums, facility rentals, and uniforms just to name a few. Each family is required to volunteer 10 hours at school each year. This is a wonderful way to fill these requirements, while also building school spirit. Click below to sign up -

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4FAFAD2EABFC1-concessions

Gate Fees

Middle School and High School Soccer and Volleyball are in need of assistance with gate help this fall season. A child of the parent/guardian volunteering can help, but is not permitted to handle money. Please help, as the gate fees pay for officials at our home events, School Resource Officers at home events, and facility rentals, just to name a few. Each family is required to volunteer 10 hours at school each year. This is a wonderful way to fill these requirements, while also building school spirit. Please visit the link below to volunteer - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAFAD2EABFC1-fall>

Opportunities for Student Service Hours

All Grades:

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 16, 2017!** That's the date for the Granville County Feed the Hunger food Pack-a-Thon! Together, area churches, local organizations and individuals will be accomplishing this amazing feat. The pack-a-thon will take place at **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Creedmoor NC** from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Registration and training will begin at 8:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and youth groups to do community service.

The food that is packed will go to schools and orphanages in Haiti.

High School Student Volunteer Opportunity:

Gorman Ruritan Club (www.gormanruritan.com) is reaching out to all the high schools around the area about volunteer hours. They are a non profit organization that needs some help about once a month. The work is not hard, but they could use some more hands to get everything done. Each student that volunteers can be recommended for our scholarship program in June. But they must work at least 1 evening. Below is a link to sign up if your interested. Students sign up sooner rather than later (we only have slots for about 15-20 students each month.

<http://gormanruritan.com/sign-up.php>



Yearbook

The Yearbook is happy to announce there will be three different yearbooks this year, one for each school. Each book will have its own unique theme, cover, design and layout.

This year you can buy personal ads to show your love and support for your children. We are offering full page, half page, quarter page, or eighth of a page (business card size) all in full color.

The deadline for ordering Personal Ads is October 9, 2017.

Full Page - \$200 provides up to 14 pictures and personalized text

Half page - \$120 provides up to 5 pictures and about a small paragraph of personalized text

Quarter page - \$80 provides up to 2 pictures and small amount of personalized text

Eighth of a page (business card size) - \$50 provides 1 picture and a small amount of text

We are also doing Business Ads. Deadline for Business Ads is October 9, 2017.

Prices are the same as Personal Ads.

To order and pay for Personal or Business Ads go to www.jostens.com then search the school you would like the ad to appear:

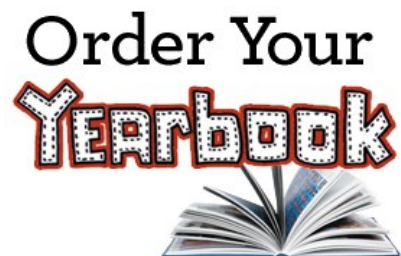
Falls Lake Academy Elementary School
Falls Lake Academy Middle School
Falls Lake Academy High School

Once you have paid for your ad, please email pictures and text you want to Ms. Bond at lavinabond@fallslakeacademy.com with Yearbook Ad and which school as your subject.
Exp. (Yearbook Ad - Elementary)

Yearbooks are available for purchase online ONLY at www.jostens.com.

When ordering yearbooks make sure to select the school your child is in.

Falls Lake Academy Elementary School
Falls Lake Academy Middle School
Falls Lake Academy High School



Contact Ms. Bond with questions at lavinabond@fallslakeacademy.com

PTA Corner

1 - Join the PTA

Want to join the PTA! Visit our website at <http://www.ptafallslakeacademy.com/join.html> to complete the form and pay your dues!



By joining the PTA you are not only staying in the know about your child's school, from events to volunteer opportunities, but you are a voice and by just simply joining you are making the voice of the PTA even louder!

2 - Like us on Facebook at Falls Lake Academy PTA



3 - MemberHub

MemberHub is used by the PTA for membership and communications. You can access MemberHub on our JOIN page. There are many hubs that you can join. Joining the right hub means you get the right communications! Please join a hub today!

4 - SignUpGenius' \$5,000 Genius Tech Giveaway



I nominated FLA...can you? SignUpGenius is giving us the chance to power up FLA in SignUpGenius' \$5,000 Genius Tech Giveaway. Nominate FLA today for a chance to win big!

Remember to nominate FLA daily through September 15, and share with friends to increase your chances of winning.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/about/2017-back-to-school-technology-giveaway.cfm>

5 - Dates to Remember

11th Annual NC Hot Sauce Contest
26th Annual Creedmoor Music Festival
Fall Festival

Sept 9
Sept 16
Oct 28

FLIGHT CREW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please come on 9/12/17 to meet our new athletic director Mrs. Kate Wright at the Flight Crew meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 in the library and we will have time set aside to introduce and allow people a chance to talk with Mrs. Wright.

We will also be electing officers at this meeting. Here is a brief description of our officer's duties.

- 1) President- presides at all meetings of the booster club, oversees all fundraisers, liaison with school administration and athletic director, helps prepare agenda for meetings.
- 2) Vice President- acts as aide to the President, acts as President in the absence of President, assists in fundraisers, helps Treasurer.
- 3) Treasurer- maintains the checking account, checks post office box at school regularly, balances bank statement, makes deposits to bank, keeps records of all billing invoices, maintains change box for concession stand, reports monthly statement at Flight Crew meetings.
- 4) Secretary- records minutes of all booster club meetings, distributes minutes via email, keeps records of all past minutes.
- 5). Member at Large- attends regular meetings, assists wherever needed, helps operate fundraisers

Currently the ballot appears as such:

President-Jeff Teal

VP- Sandy Fletcher

Treasurer- Brandi Ross

Secretary-Ily O' Sullivan

Members at large(2 positions)-Michelle Griffin, Tonia Teasley

If you would like to add your name to the ballot please email Jeff Teal (jeffteal1@gmail.com).

Next dine out night is 9/13/17 at Pizza Mia.



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