



The Firebird Screams

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

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October Dates to

Remember:

Oct. 3 - Ring Sale, Juniors Only, 12p-1p
Oct. 3 - Board Meeting, 6:30p
Oct. 4 - Bike/Walk to School Day
Oct 4-6 - 3rd Grade CoGAT Testing
Oct. 5 - AIG Annual Review Night - Elementary, 5p
Oct. 5 - AIG Annual Review Night - Middle & High School, 6p
Oct. 10 - End of 1st 9 weeks
Oct. 10 - 7th Grade Renaissance Fair Field Trip
Oct. 10 - Booster Club Meeting, 6p
Oct. 11-13 - Fall Break/Intersession
Oct. 17 - Anti-Bulling Assembly, 10a
Oct. 17 - Board Meeting, if called, 6:30p
Oct. 19 - PTA Meeting, 6:30p
Oct. 19-20 - 4th Grade Mountain Field Trip
Oct. 20 - Report Cards go home
Oct. 21 - Quiz Bowl Practice Competition
Oct. 23-27 - Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25 - PSAT/NMSQT, 9a
Oct. 26 - Picture Make Up Day
Oct. 26 - Quill Regionals
Oct. 26 - Fall High School Show, 7p
Oct. 26-27 - 5th Grade Washington DC Field Trip
Oct. 27-28 - Theatre Arts Field Trip, HS Drama Club
Oct. 28 - Fall Festival
Oct. 31 - Halloween Assembly, 2p
Oct. 31 - PAC Meeting, 6p

Friendly Message from our Finance Department

When paying for a background check please pay with a Check or Money Order only. No cash payments please. Make checks payable to Falls Lake Academy.

When making any type of check payment, make checks payable to Falls Lake Academy, in black or blue ink only.

Thank you!



Order Your Class Ring

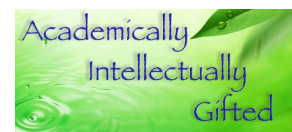


Junior Ring Sale

Jostens will be on campus to take ring orders on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 12noon-1pm. A minimum deposit of \$60 is required.

Information packets were sent home on Wednesday, Sept 27th.

AIG NIGHT



Parenting a gifted child is a rewarding, yet challenging task. Research shows that families play an important role in helping gifted students reach their potential (Neihart, Reis, Robinson, & Moon, 2002). Families and teachers must work together to meet the needs of these gifted children. Join us on Oct. 5 for AIG night. This will be the parents opportunity to sign their child's Developmental Education Plan. The times for the event are:

Elementary/ Middle School 5pm-6pm

High School 6pm-7pm

If you are not available to attend the event, please contact daniellecunningham@fallslakeacademy.com to set-up a time to sign your yearly paperwork.

LUNCH ORDERING

This quarter's delivered lunches end on Tuesday, October 10th. So it's not too early to start thinking about 2nd quarter lunch ordering! The window opens on September 30th and closes on October 13th at 12noon for those wishing to order catered lunch deliveries for the 2nd quarter. Go to www.orgsonline.com and enter code 313FLANC to order and pay for 2nd quarter lunches to be delivered at school.

Lunches began with a BANG this year! Our lunch staff would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with lunches so far this quarter! We could NOT do it without you! If you are interested in volunteering for the next quarter, please visit the Sign-Up Genius at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044baba82ba13-2ndquarter>

And please remember to inform Heather Cudak at (919) 702-2784 if you are unable to work your shift so replacement arrangements can be made. Thank you in advance!

Remember: order 2nd quarter lunches between September 30th and October 13th for delivery at school October 16th through December 19th!

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are available online only at www.jostens.com.
Order before the prices go up.

Elementary Yearbook \$25
Middle School Yearbook \$45
High School Yearbook \$80



Prices go up on November 28th.

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

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A CLUB?

We have students in 5th and 6th grade who would like to have an Equestrian Club, if any parent is interested in hosting this club please contact Mrs. Seccia in the high school office.



YOUR INVITED...

FLA Thespians will be presenting their production of "This is a Test" on October 26th at 7pm in the Gym. Donations will be accepted at the door. Come support our theatre department before they head out to compete at the NC High School Theatre Festival!



Make Up Picture Day

Make Up Picture Day will be on Thursday, October 26th.



Middle School Monster Mash Halloween Dance will be held on Friday, October 20th, 6:00-9:00pm. Admission \$8.00 - tickets will be sold starting October 2nd during Lunch. Last day to order ticket for \$8.00 will be on October 19th, so be sure to buy your tickets early! Tickets will cost \$10 at the door.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required. School dress code also applies.

If you have any further questions, please see Miss Siegfried.
Hope to see you October 20th at 6pm in the FLA Gymnasium!

Shout Out to FLA Civics and Economic Students!



Mrs. Simmons would like to thank her Civics students for working so hard on their first Project Based Learning Assignment of the school year. Her classes are providing a great service to the school by drafting the very first ever Student Government Association Constitution. Special thanks to all the Team Captains for Quarter 1. Second Quarter they will be presenting their work to SGA for debates and ratification. Enjoy fun shots taken during PBL Workshop.



I'm so tired...



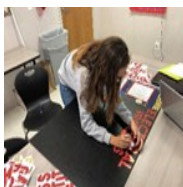
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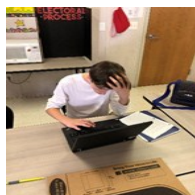
Roll up your sleeves.



We got a plan! Yes!



Must be perfect...



Why???.!!!!!!



What are your thoughts?



Team work!

Congratulations Falls Lake Academy SGA Senators 2017-2018



Class of 2019 Junior House

Senator Jordan Moore for District Decker-Speaker of the House

Senator Anna Kathleen Spitler for District Allen

Senator Beth Vaught for District Lever

Class of 2020 Sophomore House

Senator Devlan Brantley for District Criswell-Speaker of the House

Senator Sydnie Averette for District Criswell

Senator Haley Walker for District Johnson

Senator Ariana Glenn for District Johnson

Senator Steven Kearney for District Yarbrough

Senator Sara Vaught for District Yarbrough

Senator Andy Salazar for District Simmons

Senator Kamarion Moore for District Simmons

Senator Olivia Kluttz for District Frederick

Class of 2021 Freshmen House

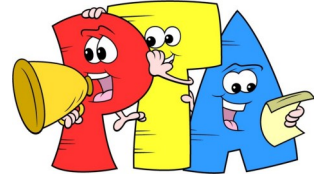
Senator Julianne Biggs for District Bond-Speaker of the House

Senator Kristia (Tia) Monroe for District Bruno

Senator Maggie Bass for District Bruno



PTA Corner



– Next general meeting: October 19th

– What would you like for the PTA to accomplish\do this year? If you have a suggestion please send us an e-mail via the website. We want to hear from you.

– Fall Festival (flyer attached)

I'm not sure if you have heard of the Fall Festival...but it is big! Last year we had close to 2000 visitors. It is open to FLA students and family as well as the surrounding community. This year the fall festival has gotten bigger and better (fingers crossed). As a result we need more...the festival is on October 28th this year, 5-9p. We will have Trunk or Treat 6-8p, hosted by our very own NHS Club.

We need volunteers, donations and decorations!

We have 17 games, 1 haunted house, 1 zombie run, 1 spooky hayride and 10 cars for trunk or treat.

We need bodies! We are asking that 8th, 9th, 10th, 11TH grade students, parents and \or grandparents volunteer. This is a great way to get those volunteer hours checked off. Plus it is a lot of fun. Our signup genius links are on our website and Facebook page.

We need decorations! Do you have decorations or props you want to get rid of...we will take them!

We need sweets! We are asking for Little Debbie type snacks for the Goblin Dance and candy for Trunk or Treat. If you can donate please bring them in on Friday, 10-27. Our signup genius links are on our website and Facebook page.

To help with the lines this year we are doing pre-sales on our website, starting October 2nd. There will be a pre-sale pick-up line at the Fall Festival on October 28th. Please print your confirmation page and bring it with you at pick-up!

DON'T MISS THE BOOSTER CLUB'S SPECIAL **EVENTS COMING SOON TO FLA!**



Concession help needed for FALL FESTIVAL EVENTS
FLA concession stand 10.28.2017, 5:00-10:00
Parents and supervised students needed!!

Holiday Vendor Event

FLA Gym 11.18.2017, 10:00-3:00

\$25.00 booth fee for 10 x 10 Area

Come join us as vendor, volunteer, or shopper!

Shop for the holidays with over 40 vendors and win a raffle gift



Boston Butt Event

FLA Parking lot 11.18.2017, 2:00-3:00

\$30.00 butt with homemade sauce cooked and ready to eat

Tickets are available for purchase

Volunteers needed to distribute food and clean up of 13 large grills

Great way to earn Volunteer Hours!!!



Sports Season PASSES Available!!!

\$75.00 for all home games for the year

Fall Festival night - Concession Stand

Or contact any Booster Club Officer



CALLING all Sponsors!!!!

FLA Booster Club needs your help in supporting our athletes and the athletic department. Contact Jeff Teal, BC President

Next Booster Club Meeting will be held on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM in FLA Media Center



Your Library Staff

Meet your new Library Teacher: Lisa Pienkosz has joined us in the Falls Lake Library as our Library teacher for grades K-5. She is an experienced Language Arts teacher who brings with her a love of reading, books, and information to our students. Elizabeth Doerfler is still your School Librarian, so feel free to talk to either of us. We're a team!

New Look

We're getting a face lift! So far, we have new shelves and a new layout. A new rug is on its way. We're a work in progress, so check in often to see how changes!

New Program

We're also changing the computer program we use. Starting this week, the website to get to our card catalog is fallslakeacademy.follettdestiny.com. Of course, you can get to it by going to the Falls Lake Academy web site and clicking on Links.

Library Fines Starting

As a part of learning about libraries, responsibility, and to keep our books in the best shape we can, we will start charging fines for overdue books.

Grades K-5 will have a 14-day checkout period. They will have a \$0.05 fine per day that the book is overdue, with a maximum fine of \$2 per book, as long as it is returned. If a book is lost, students will be charged the replacement value.

Grades 6-12 will also have a 14-day checkout period. They will have a \$0.10 fine per day that the book is overdue, with a maximum fine of \$10 per book, as long as it is returned. If a book is lost, students will be charged the replacement value.

Students/parents will receive notices about fines, either by email or by Homeroom or both.

Got books?

With the new program, every student has a "Clean Slate"! Any books that they had checked out before Ms. Pienkosz started on Sept. 18th do not count for fines. However, please look through your shelves and see if you have any straggling Falls Lake Library books. If you do, please send them in.

Book Donations

More than 85% of our library has been filled by the generous donations of our Falls Lake families. We are so grateful for the books! And we do have an awesome collection! We have most of the Newberrys and most of the Caldecotts and multiple copies of our most popular novels. Areas that we are lacking are Informational and Non-fiction texts appropriate for children and young teens. We would welcome more of those donations, but for the immediate time being, please hold onto your fiction donations. We just don't have the processing time right now.

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

