

**Freedom Middle School**



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October 2022



Hello and welcome to the second edition of the “*In the Middle*” monthly newsletter. Enjoy reading about all of the great things happening here at Freedom Middle School!

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## Important Dates:

Monday, Oct. 3	8th grade field trip to Tsyunhehkwa Farm in Oneida 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm
Monday, Oct. 10	MAPSS meeting 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Picture retakes 7:30 - 9:30 am
Friday, Oct. 14	6th grade field trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday, Oct. 17	School Board meeting 6:30 pm Babysitting/CPR class 3:30 pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Babysitting/CPR class 3:30 pm - 6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 20	12:30 student dismissal, PM staff inservice Pentemester 1 ends
Friday, Oct. 21	No school Conference break
Monday, Oct. 24	Pentemester 2 begins
Friday, Oct. 28	MAPSS sponsored Halloween dance 3:30 - 5:00 pm cafeteria

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## **Important Reminders:**

- ★ Masking is optional when riding the bus.
- ★ Masking is optional while in school.
- ★ School starting time is 8:00am. Ending time is 3:21pm. Students should be in their 1st hour class no later than 7:55am.
- ★ Turn in all appointment notes to the office. This will help in regards to the 5 and 10 allowable absences from the state.
- ★ Early release time is 12:30.

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**Dr. Methner**

*Hello FMS Friends!*

*September came and went in a flurry of activity! I am very proud of our students and staff establishing routines and procedures at our middle school. I am particularly proud of our students at lunchtime as we work on keeping noise levels appropriate.*

*Our Irish Hour enrichment offerings are in full swing. Students can benefit from both academic enrichment and intervention during this 30 minute period at the end of the day.*

*For those of you who are new to our school district, the middle school has a parent organization called MAPSS (Middle School Association of Parents, Students, and Staff). This group meets monthly and focuses on student and parent voices, and facilitates many great fundraisers and activities at FMS. If you are interested in joining this group, please email me at [gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us)*

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## *Counselor's Corner - Mr. Jason Bins*

Greetings Freedom Middle School Stakeholders and where did the first month of school go? Although fast, our 2022-23 school year is off to a great start. Thank you for your support and guidance thus far and as we move forward!

The middle school counseling department is working on a number of items in October to support our students and families.

First is our yearly school, peer, and self safety presentation. In this we talk about how to support each other and overall school safety. Included within this presentation is a review of the See Something, Say Something (our district's school safety reporting platform) and the Speak Up - Speak Out platform created by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. These are both great tools to report potential safety issues and to keep our schools and students safe!

We are also continuing work on rapport building with our students, but adding an emphasis on family communication and building relationships with families to support the students at FMS.

With this said, I encourage you to let me know if there are "things" going on at home which may impact your students' day at school. This could be as simple as sending me an email that says "HANDLE WITH CARE - STUDENT NAME." This will alert me that something is going on at home that could impact your student's day. It

will not be followed with questions. Just a communication of receipt and an email to your child's teachers to provide extra grace to your student. Teachers/staff have been trained to not follow up with questions to your child, but just to provide the extra grace and understanding.

Your communication could also be more detailed with pertinent information to support your child's day at Freedom Middle School. As always, this information is protected by counselor confidentiality ethics (voided by potential or current physical harm to parties involved) and legitimate educational interest law.

As I often tell students, my entire role at FMS is to support the social/emotional wellbeing of the students of FMS. Please let me know how I can support your students as they continue their path into adulthood through Freedom Middle School!

Thank you for your support of Freedom Middle School and its students and staff! Please let me know what I can do to help your student. I can be reached at (920) 788-7945 (x2288) or via email at [jbins@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbins@freedomschools.k12.wi.us).  
Water the Bamboo! -JB



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## News from Sixth Grade

Welcome to Freedom Middle School, 6th Graders! Lots of pats right on the ol' backs for these students. Way to get acclimated quickly to middle school! We know our way around now. We have been practicing and getting pretty good with our lockers. We had some fun the first day of school with getting-to-know-you activities.

In Science, 6th graders started building their solar ovens to test how light interacts with different mediums. They are excited to get these outside and make yummy s'mores in the process!

In Social Studies, the 6th graders are studying geography which includes learning how to locate places using latitude and longitude, the six elements of geography, how human beings impact the environment, and how the environment impacts human beings.

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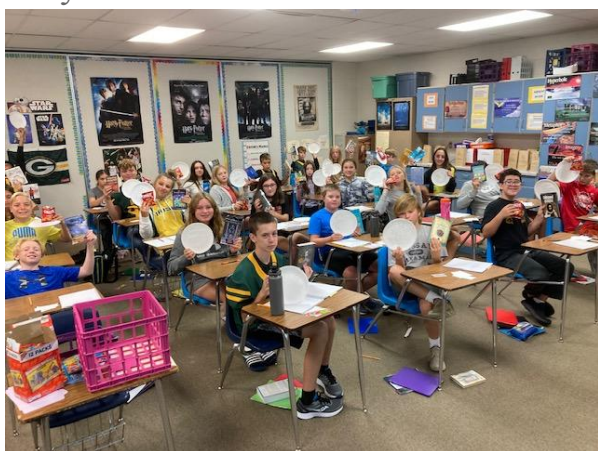
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## 7th grade

### ELA

As we head into October, ELA students will be finishing up our work in Collection 1 focusing on supporting claims/ideas with text evidence and analyzing literary terms within fictional pieces. During the second half of the month, students will begin writing an autobiography. This piece asks for students to write about the past, present, and future! Independent reading continues every month. Please ask your student about their book.



ELA students took part in a book tasting activity in September.

In science, students are in the midst of a unit covering chemistry. One important part of this unit is knowing how or if a chemical reaction occurs.

Students are studying the first Americans prior to Columbus. As a reminder, students have a President Report due each Monday.

In math, students are finishing work with proportional relationships and then applying to percentages.

In math, students learned teamwork skills while attempting to build the tallest tower.



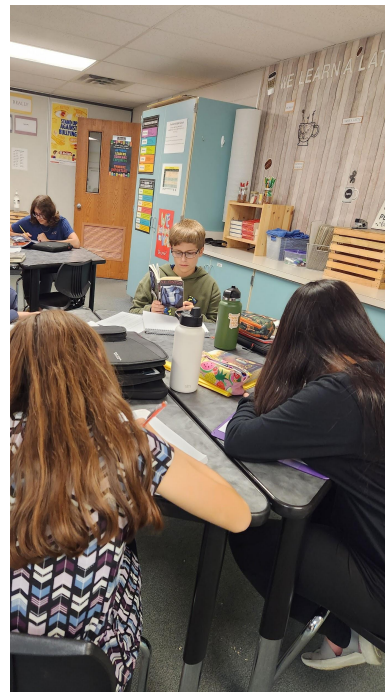
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## 8th grade

Welcome back to another school year at FMS! The 8th graders have been busy so far this year learning a variety of content. Students are doing a fantastic job being leaders and role models to the rest of the students. We are looking forward to a fabulous year!

In ELA, students have selected independent reading books based on their choice and are expected to read for 20 minutes each day. Many students have time during study hall or Irish Hour to complete this task, but be sure to ask about how their reading is going. Additionally, we started our first novel of the year. Students are reading *The Outsiders* and should be taking notes to prepare for quizzes and group discussions. Many of the literary concepts present in the novel allow students to practice narrative writing techniques as well. This practice will lead up to a realistic fiction chapter one narrative.





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## Spanish- Mrs. Zabel

Hola..... Middle School Spanish is off to a **GREAT** start! Students can ask and answer basic questions such as How are you? Where are you from? What is your name? How old are you? They are working hard on learning numbers, basic commands and vocabulary. Even though Spanish may sound like a lot of work, we also have a



lot of fun. Not only are students working hard at greetings and reviewing concepts, but they are also learning about different Hispanic cultures. Students will

learn about the Day of the Dead and will research the country of choice for our Flag Project. Our time is also filled with group activities, hands-on learning, competitions, trivia, and games.

## Exploratory Music—Mr. Brandt

Greetings from Exploratory Music! We are off to a flying start this year with the 6-8th graders jumping right in. Our classes are working on so many different fun things it is hard to believe that we fit it all in.

6th Grade is learning about instrument types and getting to experience the different families of instruments.

7th Grade is taking a behind the scenes look at music through their music literacy unit.

8th Grade is working on guitars by taking them apart and learning how to restring a guitar.

Lastly, on our Friday's we are exploring different types of music, like African Drumming, thanks to an investment of **16 New Tubano Drums** into our program!

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## Band - Ms. Delany

The bands are off to a great start this year! In 6th grade band we are working hard to learn our first 5 notes! We are having fun learning new songs and playing our instruments in a group. In the 7th grade band we are reviewing everything from last year and learning some movie favorites. In 8th grade band we are hard at work learning songs to perform at the Masquerade Concert for the Elementary School. We are having a great time working on seasonal favorites and fun songs from the radio and the big screen. This is always such a fun concert!



## Choir - Mrs. Wright

The choirs are starting off the year on a great “note!” We are taking time to learn about all of the ways that we can support each other as a member of a performance ensemble. Skills such as listening, participating with our fullest effort, and exercising patience and focus as our team members work on their individual parts within the choir, are at the heart of every rehearsal. When you pass by the choir room you will hear everything from Veteran’s Day selections to Christmas and Winter songs being practiced. All choirs are working diligently on learning to sing music in multi-part harmony and we are having fun with our “Singer Spotlights” each Friday, sharing fun facts about our members, guessing who the mystery singer is and celebrating their likes and interests.

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## Middle/High Lunch Menu

Menu Subject to Change

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Student Lunch \$3.00</b> <b>Reduced Lunch \$0.40</b> <b>Adult Lunch \$4.35</b> <b>Extra Carton of Milk \$.30</b>	The Foodservice Department welcomes your questions or comments. Please call 788-7950 ext. 3301			A positive foodservice balance is required to participate <b>A la Carte Items</b> Rice Krispy Bar \$1.25 Muffin/Granola Bar \$0.75 Dbl Ch Oatmeal Bar \$0.75 MEGA Meal \$1.50 Water \$1.25 Snapple \$1.75
<b>3</b> <b>Chicken Strips OR</b> <b>Mini Corn Dogs</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>4</b> <b>Nachos OR Hamburger</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>5</b> <b>Pizza OR</b> <b>Popcorn Chicken &amp; Fries</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>6</b> <b>Brunch for Lunch OR</b> <b>Sloppy Joe</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>7</b> <b>Chicken Patty w/ Mashed</b> <b>OR Rib Sandwich</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
<b>10</b> <b>Salisbury Steak OR</b> <b>Ham &amp; Cheese</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>11</b> <b>Chicken Wrap</b> <b>OR Tacos</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>12</b> <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b> <b>OR Hot Dog</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>13</b> <b>Diced Chicken w/Mashed</b> <b>OR Pizza Boat</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>14</b> <b>Beef Enchilada</b> <b>OR Chicken Nuggets</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
<b>17</b> <b>Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> <b>OR Pizza</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>18</b> <b>Nacho's OR</b> <b>Cheeseburger</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>19</b> <b>Popcorn Chicken OR</b> <b>Salad Bar</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>20</b> <b>Bag lunch</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>21</b> <b>No School</b>
<b>24/31</b> <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs OR</b> <b>Rib Sandwich</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>25</b> <b>Tacos OR Chicken Wrap</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>26</b> <b>Brunch for Lunch OR</b> <b>Sloppy Joe</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>27</b> <b>Gyro OR</b> <b>Mini Corn Dogs</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	<b>28</b> <b>Fish Sandwich OR</b> <b>Chicken Patty w/Rice</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk