

**Freedom Middle School**



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April 2025



Hello and welcome to 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:

Thursday, April 3	Track parent meeting 4:30 library
Friday, April 11	Summer school registration closes
Monday, April 14	Pentemester 4 ends
Tuesday, April 15	Pentemester 5 begins
Thursday, April 17	No school/staff inservice
Friday, April 18	No school
Monday, April 21	School board meeting 6:30pm

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## Important Reminders:

- ★ 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 Families!

I want to thank all who attended our 1st annual Showcase Night in January. We were so proud of our students' work and so grateful to those who were able to take time out of their busy schedules to attend.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our staff and to Mr. Wilson, our Food Service Director, for helping to put on our spaghetti fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$300 to help offset our field trip expenses.

We are already busy planning next year's Showcase Night.

Please take time ahead of our Wisconsin Forward testing to reinforce to your children the importance of this assessment to our school. We use it to gauge the effectiveness of our curriculum and we are proud when our kids achieve their potential!

I can be reached via email at [gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us), or by phone at 920-788-7945 ext. 2309. GO IRISH!!!



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YOUR PHOTOS TO THE  
YEARBOOK STAFF:**

Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code:  
**fmsyearbook**

**OR**

Go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com), enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code:  
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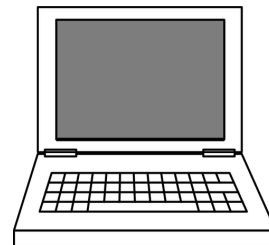
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## 6th Grade News

As the end of third quarter is approaching, the 6th grade teachers would like to give a few friendly reminders.

- check [Homework Hotline](#) for daily homework, reminders, and announcements
- check [Skyward](#) for class grades and absent/missing work
- remind your sixth grader to charge their Chromebook every night



- please ask your sixth grader if they are in need of any more supplies to end the year successfully (PENCILS, highlighters, etc.)

- Weekly locker organization continues. If you know your child needs a little extra help with organization, please stop in with them after school to help them organize.

Please help your sixth grader continue reading their personal reading book nightly. This book must be listed on their reading log. The next book recommendation is a video book talk. Students have instructions for this.



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## 7th Grade News

### 7th Grade Writing

The month of April holds the Wisconsin Forward exam. In writing class, we'll do some review to prepare for the exam the week before students take the ELA portion. After that, we'll jump into our argumentative writing unit. Students will notice some commonalities with the structure of the informative essay but some differences as well. Students will begin by learning how to write a claim, counterargument and rebuttal before seeing these come together in a sample piece regarding year-round school. As a whole class, we will research, plan, and prepare a piece on why Freedom should have a community pool. In addition, we will continue our daily work with Patterns of Power. Test #3, open notes, will cover: serial commas, fragments, coordinate adjectives, and colons. A review will be done in class prior to this test.

### 7th Grade Reading

This month, students will complete a File Folder Book Project, showcasing their creativity and understanding of their chosen books. We will continue to work on separating words into morphemes and using context clues to find the meaning of unknown words. The Wisconsin Forward Exam will have us reviewing testing skills and prepping to show what we know.

After testing, we'll dive into a new unit featuring books written in verse, exploring how authors use poetry to tell powerful stories. It's going to be a great month of reading and learning!

### 7th Grade Science

Greetings from 7 th Grade Science!

As we enter 4 th quarter, we are switching gears to focus on Ecosystem Dynamics and Biodiversity. This unit begins with students examining the interaction with palm oil plantations and the effects on the habitat and ecosystem of where this is grown. We get an appreciation for how frequent palm oil shows up in our every day lives and then connect it back to how the habitat is being altered for palm oil plantations. Along with this, students will be conducting an individual research and presentation project on an endangered species of their choice. The rubric will be coming home for this project soon and presentations will be a few weeks after that.

Bird migration is well under way. Keep your eyes open for returning swallows, sparrows and warblers. The bird of the month is the Yellow-rumped Warbler. This is typically our first of several warblers to return. It is about the size of the sparrow and can be found in most woodlands foraging on insects at the tops of trees.

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## **7th Grade Math**

We are still working through a long chapter on "Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities". The students have been doing a great job thus far. Remind your child to make sure they are checking Skyward for missing or absent assignments. Google Classroom has each daily assignment posted if your child is absent from school. Another reminder is that students can sign up for my Tuesday and Thursday Irish Hour to get additional help in math.

## **7th Grade Social Studies**

Hello, 7th Grade Families! Although we have had some warmer weather, I am still not entirely sold on the fact that spring is here. I am hoping that by our spring break, it will be fully upon us. As for 7th grade Social Studies, we have finished learning about life after the American Revolution and have now moved on to looking at some of the struggles of our new nation. I have been really trying to connect the struggles of then to some of the same struggles we have now. If your child has shown more interest in the news or current events, I will know I have done my job successfully.

Have a wonderful spring break. Wherever you are, I hope the sun is shining.

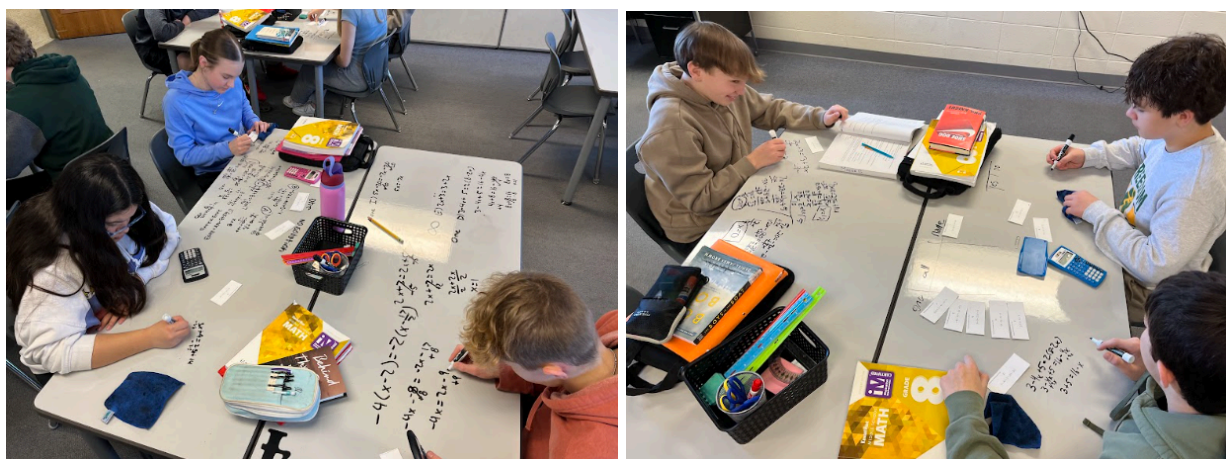


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## 8th Grade News

Math 8 students took the Unit 4 Assessment on Friday, February 28th. Unit 4 was all about solving equations and systems of equations. Since then, students have started Unit 5, applying what they know about solving equations to a new concept - functions. A function is a special type of rule that assigns one output to each allowable input. They will encounter functions in many different forms - input-output rules, tables, graphs, and equations. Students will work with verbal descriptions of a function arising from a real-world situation, identifying tables, equations, and graphs that represent functions and interpreting information from these representations in terms of the real-world situation.



Math 8 students working hard on a group activity to sort systems of equations into categories.

In Science your 8th graders just rocketed through an out-of-this-world adventure in astronomy! They've already blasted off and orbited around the solar system, navigated galaxies, and even starred in their own exploration of constellations. They learned about gravity, planets, and the life cycle of stars—and yes, they now know more about black holes than you do. Their knowledge? It's shining brighter than a supernova at this point! We're over the moon proud of how they took this astronomical journey and returned as true space cadets, which pretty well sums up most 8th graders in the spring.



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## Encore News

**Español:** Interaction with each other through teamwork is a big part of Exploratory Spanish classes. Most days, students partner up with someone to practice their Spanish-Speaking Skills or Spanish Writing Skills. We do this through learning games, practice and drill activities, daily questions, interactive conversations, flashcards, puzzles and competition. Partnered activities are a great way to get students involved in language learning in a fun, interactive way. Señora Zabel

### Exploratory Music

As the spring season arrives, exploratory music takes a turn away from composition and looks at one final instrument; guitar or piano depending on the grade. We will also tackle sub-units on how sound works as well as a short study of music history and what types of music take place outside of our school. It's a great time of year to be making music!

~Mr. Brandt

## Band and Choir

There are so many things happening in the music department right now! Here are a few highlights:

Students performed at Solo Ensemble Festivals on Wednesday, March 5th and Saturday, March 8th here are Freedom High School as well as Little Chute High School. The choir students performed the National Anthem at the Herd game on Friday, February 28th and a few 8th grade band students played with the high school pep band at the **Teachers In Sneakers** charity game on Saturday, March 1st. The 8th grade choir performed with the high school choir at St. Nicholas Church on Thursday, March 13th. Our students represented themselves and Freedom beautifully at all of these events:)

All Freedom Band and Choir students that performed at Solo Ensemble received a first or second rating. We even have Brooklyn Meyer, who got a starred first on her solo, allowing her to go to State Solo Ensemble! These musicians are outstanding! All of their hard work paid off!

The band and choir students that received a first or second rating are: Kian Arndt, Madison Behnke, Makayla Christopherson, Jazmyn Cloutier, Samantha Delzer, Jesse Diaz, Addy Everson, James Fified, Calvin Geyman, Drew Glaske, Evalynn Groneman, Hayden Gulmire, Nick Hofacker, Jackson Hunt, James Laabs, Liam Lenhardt, Caitlyn Malenofski, Caleb Maufort, Dain

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McRae, Bryce Motquin, Rylee Nechodom, Zoe Pierce, Jacquelyn Reiland, Nevaeh Ruttner, Samantha Seidl, Paige Smudde, Yareli Solano Martinez, Khloe Welsing, Lauren Wiczorek, Cayden Williams, Jacobi Willis, Noa Yamry. Students will receive their silver and gold medals sometime in May.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Spring Concerts in May!** 6th Grade Band/Choir is on May 5 and 7-12 Grade Band/Choir will be at the Weidner Center on May 12! More info will be coming home after Spring Break.

## FMS Run/Walk Club

The FMS Run/Walk Club started up again on Thursday, March 13. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend practices after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students that are in other spring sports can also join; attending is not mandatory. Students will increase distance as we build endurance to run the Bellin on June 14, 2025, in Green Bay. Others not



able to participate in the Bellin are welcome, too.

Through the Kids for Running program, participants receive a discounted registration fee of \$20 for the Bellin Run. That includes your child's race bib, timing chip and official Bellin Run T-shirt. Our school code is 1850.

### Online Registration

1. Go to [www.bellinrun.com](http://www.bellinrun.com).
2. Click **Register Now Open, Register**
3. Click **Kids for Running**
4. Add your Personal Information
5. Race Distance: Unless you have otherwise discussed with your coach, please choose either 5K (In-Person) or 5K Virtual. If you child wishes to do the 10K, please discuss with your coach since our school training program will focus on the 5K.
6. Teams - Scroll down to find our school and then enter 4-digit code: **1850**

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## From the health office:

### Reminders for the school year-

- If vomiting/diarrhea- your student must be 24 hours vomiting/diarrhea free prior to returning to school/co-curriculars
- Fever of 100.4 or greater, your student will be sent home. Your student must be 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reduction medications prior to returning to school.
- All medication must be brought to school/picked up from school by a parent/guardian in its original container. This does include over the counter medications.
- Bring in your emergency medication forms and medications. If a medication is kept on person, a physician must indicate that in the letter/form.
- If there is a change in your student's health condition/diagnosis, physical restrictions, please let the nurse know. Phone is 920-788-7944.

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## Summer School

**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE** will be updated soon! Please check out the following features when starting to register your child:

- 1. Printable summer school sports flyers-** will be available on the summer school website in the near future.
- 2. All course descriptions** will be available for you to view.

**Reminders-**The session will be three weeks: **June 9 through June 27, 2025.**

### **Online Registrations**

**Window (March 20 - April 11, 2025), final day to pay course fees is Friday, April 18, 2025.**

**If your child is signed up for a course when the registration window closes, you ARE responsible for those course fees even if your child does not attend summer school.**

## **7th & 8th Grade Track**

Track season is approaching! The parent meeting will be in the FMS/HS Library on April 3 at 4:30PM. The first practice for girls is April 7, and the boys will begin on April 8. Informational packets and schedules are in the FMS office. Uniforms must be ordered by March 26th.

Uniform Order Link: <https://freetrackfie.itemorder.com/>.

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**Here is a link for our brand new online interactive menus!**

**These menus can be used to filter allergens, count carbs, see ingredients, etc. - [Freedom Online Menus](#)**

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Full Student Meal is \$1.35 Reduced is \$0.30 Extra Milk \$0.35				
Freedom Middle & High School Breakfast: April				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar  Variety of Cereals	2 Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich  Variety of Cereals	3 Banana Bread  Variety of Cereals	4 Belgian Waffle & Cheese Omelet  Variety of Cereals
7 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty  Variety of Cereals	8 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar  Variety of Cereals	9 Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich  Variety of Cereals	10 Banana Bread  Variety of Cereals	11 Belgian Waffle & Cheese Omelet  Variety of Cereals
14 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty  Variety of Cereals	15 Frosted Cinnamon Roll  Variety of Cereals	16 Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich  Variety of Cereals	17 No School - Staff Inservice	18 No School - Happy Easter
21 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty  Variety of Cereals	22 Frosted Cinnamon Roll  Variety of Cereals	23 Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich  Variety of Cereals	24 Banana Bread  Variety of Cereals	25 Belgian Waffle & Cheese Omelet  Variety of Cereals
28 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty  Variety of Cereals	29 Frosted Cinnamon Roll  Variety of Cereals	30 Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich  Variety of Cereals		



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Full Student Meal is \$3.00 Reduced is \$0.40 Extra Milk \$0.35				
Freedom Middle & High School: April Lunch Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 (1) Mini Corn Dogs w/ Potato Wedges  (2) Chicken Tenders (3) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	2 (1) Baked Potato Bar  (2) BBQ Pork Sandwich (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	3 (1) Beef Tacos  (2) Spicy Chicken Sandwich (2) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	4 (1) Strawberry Parfait & Granola  (2) Pizza Dippers (3) Cheese & Pepperoni PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables
7 (1) Teriyaki Chicken w/ Egg Roll & Fried Rice  (2) Cheeseburger (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	8 (1) Chicken Alfredo w/ Breadstick  (2) Chicken Tenders (3) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	9 (1) French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links  (2) BBQ Pork Sandwich (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	10 Buffalo Chicken Dip w/ Tortilla Chips (2) Breaded Chicken Sandwich (3) Cheese & Pepperoni PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	11 (1) Fish Sticks & French Fries  (2) Pizza Dippers (3) Cheese & Pepperoni PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables
14 (1) BBQ Riblet Flatbread Sandwich  (2) Cheeseburger (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	15 (1) Sloppy Joe Sandwich w/ Tator Tots  (2) Chicken Tenders (3) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	16 (1) Chicken & Waffles  (2) BBQ Pork Sandwich (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	17 No School - Staff Inservice	18 No School - Happy Easter
21 (1) Boneless Chicken Wings  (2) Cheeseburger (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	22 (1) Broccoli Cheddar Soup w/ Garlic Bread  (2) Chicken Tenders (3) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	23 (1) Chili Cheese Hot Dog  (2) BBQ Pork Sandwich (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	24 (1) Beef Tacos  (2) Spicy Chicken Sandwich (2) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	25 (1) Popcorn Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes  (2) Pizza Dippers (3) Cheese & Pepperoni PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables
28 (1) Chicken Nuggets & Soft Pretzel  (2) Cheeseburger (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	29 (1) Spaghetti & Meatballs  (2) Chicken Tenders (3) Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables	30 (1) French Toast Bake w/ Sausage Links  (2) BBQ Pork Sandwich (3) Cheese & Sausage Pizza PB&J Grab & Go Lunch Assorted Fruits and Vegetables		

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, two (2) vegetable side dishes, one (1) fruit side dish, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include skim white, 1% white and non-fat chocolate. Menu subject to change. Please contact Logan Wilson, Director of Dining Services 284-5570 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.