

# IRISH REFLECTIONS

Freedom High School



July/August 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are sending out this newsletter to get information to you on registration and the start of school. For those of you new to the District or parents of freshmen, we send an email informing you that the newsletters are available to read on the school website. It is one of our ways of communicating with you about the things that are happening at Freedom High School.

Registration dates are Monday, **August 10**, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Tuesday, **August 11** from 1:00pm to 7:00pm and Wednesday, **August 12** from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Registration will be held in the Green Gym This is our first year registering on-line. We will have workers and computers set up here for anyone who needs help navigating through the process. Student schedules are available during these times. Students will be able to locate classrooms and check locker combinations. All students need to have their picture taken for ID cards. Pictures will be taken on the stage in the Lecture Hall. Also, at this time, school fees, lunch payments, and gym uniforms can be purchased. All students who drive to school must purchase parking stickers for their cars. These are available at registration for students already driving. A new sticker is required every year.

We have supply lists for some of our classes. Teachers may specify certain items the first few days of school also. The supply lists for certain teachers are printed in this newsletter. Lists will also be available at registration. I recommend purchasing an assignment notebook (agenda). They are helpful for keeping track of assignments, test schedules, and projects. Student Council will have them available for purchase at registration.

Free/Reduced lunch applications are available in the office and at registration. People who think they may be eligible should fill out an application. It may be

handed in at registration or turned in to the high school office. The application must be renewed each year.

Please use technology to your advantage by keeping track of your student's progress on-line. All staff members post their grades on-line for you to monitor. Please check at registration to see how you can make use of this service. You may also call Mrs. Lorge at the high school.

Included, in this newsletter is a school-year calendar. School begins on **September 1**. I look forward to a fantastic 2015 – 2016 school year and wish the best for all our students and their families.

Mr. Kurt Erickson  
FHS Principal



## 2015-2016 Mandatory WIAA Parent/Athlete Meeting

The WIAA Parent/Athlete Meeting will be held on **August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Fieldhouse. If your child will be in any sport or is considering being in any sport for the 2015-2016 school sport seasons you will need to attend this meeting. This will be the **ONLY** WIAA parent/athlete meeting of the year. Your athlete and at least one parent and/or guardian **MUST** attend.

## ATTENTION Parents & Students

The Freedom Athletic Department is looking for students & adults that are interested in working at athletic events. It requires technology and music knowledge. Contact Linda Olson at [lolson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:lolson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us) if you are interested.

## **FASD Year in Review – Moving Forward**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer greeting from the Freedom Area School District. I would like to take this opportunity to provide the Freedom Community with a brief overview of the many educational and institutional initiatives that were implemented during the 2014-2015 school year. Many of these initiatives will be the foundation of our work as we look forward to the upcoming school year.

As you know, the Freedom Area School District prides itself in providing each child the highest quality education possible. Over the past year, parents, School Board Members, educators, support personnel, and administrators in the Freedom Area School District have worked together to implement new ideas, improve existing practices, and explore future possibilities. Over the past months, we have continued with the full implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. We have also started the full implementation of the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for the 2014-2015 school year. A significant amount of work has also been started in the area of writing improvement where all staff has worked collaboratively to implement instructional practices and standard classroom assessments that meet the expectations associated with quality writing.

For the 2014-2015 school year, math teachers in kindergarten through eighth grade continued to fully implement their new math series which combined the most powerful elements of standards-based instruction with the best of traditional approaches. They continue to work with all students in using objects, drawings, conceptual language, and real-world situations to help each student build stronger mathematical ideals. High school math teachers and administration have also completed the work involved in selecting a new math text for our high school students. The new textbooks will be fully implemented in the 2015-2016 school year.

Throughout the school district, several building or district level improvements have taken place. New security cameras have been installed at FES. We have hired a part-time associate principal at FES who also works with all teachers throughout the district as the FASD Curriculum Director. We have implemented a new compensation model that encourages constant professional growth within our teaching staff while continuing to fully implement all components of the

Teacher/Principal Effectiveness Model as a means to evaluate and reflect on current practices. The district has also incorporated AESOP as an automated program to contact and obtain substitute teachers when needed. Finally, we are in the process of finalizing an electronic registration process to help our parents register their children online for school and provide an online means to pay for school lunches and various student and/or athletic fees. The online registration process will be available to parents during this upcoming fall registration.

While much discussion has been taking place at the state and local levels regarding school funding, the Board and staff in the FASD continue to make every attempt to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This past year, the Freedom Area School District Board of Education passed a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds. This fiscal decision resulted in a present value interest savings of \$222,624 to our school district. We will continue our collective efforts in trying to identify other cost savings measures while also keeping our focus on maintaining and improving quality academic and co-curricular programs and opportunities throughout our school district in these most challenging financial times.

While not inclusive, I hope this overview gives each of you a better idea of the larger educational initiatives that have taken place this school year. I would like to thank each educator in our district for their hard work and commitment to the children in our district. On a final note, we would like to thank all of our parents, volunteers, business partners, and community members for their continued unwavering support of each of our schools. Your continued support is most appreciated and paramount in our efforts to continually move our district forward.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Kilstofte, FASD District Administrator



## **2015-2016 FASD Online Registration Process**

We would like to share some exciting information with each of you regarding the rollout of the district's new online registration process that will take place this summer. The online registration process can be completed from home, or parents can come to the school to participate in our Walk-In Registration process.

**Registration (Online & Walk-In) will be completed on the computer. There will be no paper forms. Computer support will be provided for those individuals or families who may need assistance.**

It is possible to complete all forms and make payment (see instructions below) from home, but students (6-12th grade) will still need to attend Walk-In Registration for pictures and pick up of other items.

### **Walk-In Registration – Place, Dates, & Times**

All Walk-In Registration (Grades 4K-12) will take place in the FHS Green Gym and surrounding hallways at Freedom High School (\*Located just inside the FHS front doors).

### **Dates/Times:**

Monday, August 10, 2015 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 (1:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

### **Please Note:**

1. On Monday, August 10th only, sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) grade students and their parents may go to the middle school and meet with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff members to tour the school and get help with their lockers if needed.
2. School pictures for students in grades (6-12) will be taken during the Walk-In Registration Days. If you cannot attend the Walk-In Registration Days, picture retakes will be given the first Friday of school. Elementary School pictures will be taken at FES in mid-September.
3. There will be multiple staff members present at the Walk-In Registration to help anyone that may need assistance.

### **Registration Information**

1. All students (Grades 4K-12) will need to go through the on-line registration process.
2. If you completed Online Registration, Walk-In Registration is NOT needed, however, all students in grades 6 through 12 should attend Walk-In Registration

to get their school pictures and their school ID pictures taken. Schedules and locker information for Grades (6-12) will be also be available at the Walk-In Registration, or students/parents can pick these up at a school office after Walk-In Registration days have passed.

3. New students to the Freedom Area School District are required to complete the registration process at the Registration Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) in FASD District Office (Corner of Hwy 55 and County E) during regular business hours.

### **What You Need to Begin the Online Registration Process**

1. You will need to access your **Skyward** account. A Skyward username and password is necessary to begin the online registration process.

\*If you do not have (or have forgotten) a Skyward username or password, please **contact the main office** of your child's school, and they will provide you with this secure information.

2. Once you have obtained your Skyward username and password, please go to the **Freedom Area School District Website** ( [www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us) ) and click on the "**Skyward Access**" tab in the left column to open up the Skyward portal.

3. With Skyward open, click on "**Go to Online Registration for (Your Child's Name)**," and then **follow the registration processes for each page.**

### **Payment Options**

Once you finished completing the steps in registration, you will have the following two payment options:

1. Pay with e~Funds (Optional).
2. Pay with Cash or Personal Check.

### **Pay with e~Funds (Secure Online Payment Portal)**

If you would like to pay into your child's school fees and/or deposit money into your child's lunch account with e~Funds, you will need to create an e~Funds account (if you have not already done so). To create an e~Funds account, please go to the district website and click on the "e~Funds" link in the left column, and when the page opens, select the "e~Funds Instructions" link to begin creating your e~Funds account.

Note: There is a \$2.65 service fee per one hundred dollar transaction associated with the use of e~Funds for a credit card payment. If an e~Fund payment is taken from your checking account, there is a \$1.00 fee (unlimited amount) associated with the transaction. If you should chose to pay with e~Funds, it would be recommended to set up your personal e~Funds account prior to attending the Walk-up Registration.



## **School Counseling Office**

### **Skyward:**

Hello students and parents, please be sure to check Skyward to ensure that your email address listed is updated and accurate. We will communicate events, important dates, and reminders to you via your skyward account and through the email address that is listed there. We will also be regularly providing updated information on our link on the school district's website.

### **UW System Application**

The undergraduate application will be available starting September 1. You may submit your application starting September 15.

[www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu)

[www.apply.wisconsin.edu](http://www.apply.wisconsin.edu)

### **PSAT Test**

The test will be given on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

College bound Juniors must sign-up and pay their \$15.00 fee by September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Guidance Office. This test is necessary for certain company scholarships and for The National Merit Scholarship consideration. It is also an opportunity to gauge your academic progress 6 months before taking the Spring Act test. However, it is NOT required to take for college admission.

See website below for more information:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html?navid=ap-psat>

### **Wisconsin Education Fair Date and Times**

St. Norbert College

Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm.

Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am

UW Oshkosh Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00am

[www.wefs.org](http://www.wefs.org)

### **Attention College Bound Seniors and parents:**

Many of you may be asking what you can do this Summer to help the application process go smoothly in the Fall as you begin to prepare for the application process to different schools. Some private schools will accept applications (before September 15<sup>th</sup>) but the colleges in the UW system begin processing applications on September 15<sup>th</sup>. During the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, our school counseling office will conduct small group meetings before and after school to help you prepare to apply. A reminder will go out in an email to parents and students and will also be included on the announcements. Sign-up sheets for these meetings will be placed outside the counseling office and the meetings will be held in the computer lab. Once these meetings have taken place, the powerpoint used will be posted on our school counseling website for parents to refer to.

In the meantime, you should be updating your information on the wiscareers website at [www.wiscareers.wisc.edu](http://www.wiscareers.wisc.edu). If you have forgotten your password, you can email Mr. Harke or Mrs. Vander Loop and we will send it to you. If your on-line information is up to date (ie. volunteer hours, employment information, etc.) the application process will be much more efficient and smooth! Parents, please encourage your students to log on and update!

### **FHS Senior Technical College Applicants**

FVTC & NWTC will both be conducting Community Open Houses on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to visit, gather information and if you choose to apply on that date, the application fee is waived.

Fox Valley Technical College: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College: Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Time yet to be determined.

### **Conferencing for Juniors/Parents:**

Both school counselors will be conducting SPEC (Student Parent Education & Career) conferences from October through December on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All appointments will be scheduled during the school day.



## **ACT for Juniors**

This will be the second year that all high school Juniors in the state of WI will be required to take ACT plus Writing and ACT Work Keys Exams. We will administer ACT plus Writing on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and ACT Work Keys on March 2. The ACT plus Writing make-up exam will be on March 15 and Work Keys make-up will be on March 16.

To help your child with preparation for the ACT exam we again will be offering a local ACT preparatory class here at Freedom High School. This class will cost \$50.00 and will begin on Sunday, February 14 and run through February 18. On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, students will report to the cafeteria and take a practice exam. It will be scored and recorded on that day. Then on Feb. 15-18, students will attend a one hour class, from 3:30-4:30, getting instruction on science, math, reading, and English. All winter sports will have practices starting at 4:30 this week to allow for attendance of all students. The results from last year showed students who took the class scored an average of 2.1 points higher than their practice test.

## **FHS Automotive receives a \$2,500 grant to “Go Green”**

FHS Automotive will be receiving a \$2,500 grant as a result of its application to the Akzo Nobel Sustainability Grant partnering with the Collision Repair Education Foundation. Qualifying proposals demonstrate how the project improves processes in the school’s body shop (for example, by reducing, recycling or reusing materials), or improve the way the shop interacts and impacts the community (for example, by focusing on people, planet and profits). The FHS team focused on the conversion to water based paint and reducing the amount of solvent based paints used in the shop. As a result of the grant FHS will receive new state of the art water based mixing system and other needed supplies to allow the students to mix paint and become more efficient with less waste. This is a big step in updating the programs refinishing system and paint booth operations. Not only will the program receive donated tools and materials, but this will reduce cost and increase efficiency in the future!



## **Varsity Stunt Team**

The Freedom Varsity Stunt Team is looking for guys and girls to join our revamped program. WARNING – This is a very intense and competitive program. Contact Stacy Kirchner for more information at [stacy.kirchner@outlook.com](mailto:stacy.kirchner@outlook.com) or by phone at 920-205-8828.

Summer practices are Mondays and Thursdays from 6:45-9:00pm in the Elementary Multi Purpose Room.

## **Girls Track**

The Freedom Girls’ Track Team finished up a very successful season culminating with a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish at the State meet. The girls’ team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Titan Indoor, Mustang, Tom Callen, Omro Under the Lights, Knight Under the Lights, Conference and Regional Invitationals and were 2<sup>nd</sup> at Raider, JV Conference and Sectional Invitationals. Every girl improved and contributed to the success of the team (undefeated in conference Varsity meets)—especially the Conference Championship in the final Year of the EVC. School records were set by Jada Helms triple jump, Lauren Peters 400 and 800, Jordan Mashlan, Meghan Peters, Jenny Miller and Jada Helms 400 relay, Jenny Miller, Meghan Peters, Lauren Peters, Jada Helms 800 Relay. Jenny Miller tied the Pole Vault record. Advancing to State and places were: Lauren Peters 3<sup>rd</sup> 400 and 800, Jordan Mashlan, Meghan Peters, Jenny Miller and Jada Helms, Lexi Liles, Jordan VanCamp 6<sup>th</sup> 400 relay Jenny Miller 6<sup>th</sup> Pole Vault, Kayla Mielke 11<sup>th</sup> Pole Vault, Meghan Peters, Jada Helms, Abby Senso, Lauren Peters, Abby Murphy, Erika Lewin 14<sup>th</sup> 1600 Relay Jada Helms 16<sup>th</sup> Triple Jump. Special Recognition goes out to Lauren Peters on being named the Post Crescent Girls’ Track Athlete of the Year. The Girls’ Track team would like to congratulate the Boys Track Team on being State Champions, Golf State Participants, Baseball Regional Champions, and Softball Conference Champions.

## **Boys Track**

The Freedom boys' track team won the final Eastern Valley Conference title, their fifth in the eight years of the conference affiliation. Sam Hinz and Collin Hofacker shared conference runner of the year honors. In tournament competition, the boys won their fifth consecutive WIAA Division 2 regional and sectional championships. Qualifying in 12 of 18 events, the boys went on to win their first-ever state title in program history. Collin Hofacker set two new Division 2 state records in the 200 (21.32) and 400 (47.76), winning both, while posting the fastest times in both events of any division, during the two-day meet. He also was the anchor leg on the victorious 1600 relay (3:21.86), along with Isaac Gonnering, Eric Schommer, and Sam Hinz. Sam won the 800 (1:54.50), also the fastest time of any division, and was second in the 1600 (4:17.93). Eric Schommer recorded a second-place finish in the triple jump (43' 11"), and Brett Schommer placed third in the 110 high hurdles (15.04). Rounding out the scoring was Adam Schommer, seventh in the pole vault (13' 0"), and Colin Willer, seventh in the shot put (51' 2"). Collin Hofacker also qualified in the long jump, along with the 800 relay (Ty Krueger, Eric Schommer, Isaac Gonnering, and Shawn Nitke), and the 3200 relay (Sean Murphy, Isaac Gonnering, Travis Reiter, and Ben Heacock). It was a fitting conclusion to a tremendously successful season, made even more memorable and satisfying by a truly exceptional group of dedicated young men, who represented their school and community with class and dignity.



## **2015-2016 High School Supply List**

### **ART Classes**

#### **Basic Design**

9x12 Sketch book

#2 Pencils

#### **Graphics**

16GB Flash Drive

#### **Drawing 1**

9x12 Sketchbook

1 set of drawing pencils

#### **Sculpture 1**

Supplies may need to be purchased during the semester

### **Mr. Laurent – Business**

#### **Intro to Business**

Basic Calculator

Large Folder

1 box of Kleenex

#### **Financial Record Keeping**

Basic calculator

Pencil

Folder

#### **Financial Planning**

Basic Calculator

Large Storage Folder

1 box of Kleenex

#### **Accounting**

Basic Calculator

Large Storage Folder

1 box of Kleenex

#### **Interpersonal Business Skills**

1 box of Kleenex

#### **A+ Computer Certification**

Storage Folder/Binder

1 box of Kleenex

### **Mrs. Helmila – Business**

#### **Google Apps/Web 2.0**

1 box of Kleenex

Folder

Pair of headphones/ear buds

**Mrs. Maves - Choir**

1 box of Kleenex  
2 pocket folder  
Loose leaf paper  
Enough sharpened pencils to last all year

**Mrs. Bolwerk – English**

Pens: blue or black and red  
#2 Pencils  
Highlighter  
1 sturdy folder *or* binder with pockets  
1 notebook  
1 composition notebook (college ruled) for journaling  
1 pkg lined index cards  
Post-it Notes  
Pencil case  
Agenda (purchased at school)

**Mrs. Westimeier – English**

English 12  
Notebook  
Pens/Pencils  
Folder

**Mr. Hoffmann-World Geography & Sociology**

1 box of Kleenex  
Pens/Pencils  
1 Box Kleenex  
Folder

**Mr. Finster -AP Statistics**

Notebook  
Pencil  
Pen  
TI-83 or TI-84 Graphing Calculator

**Mrs. Hauser – English**

English 9  
Pens (both red and blue/black)  
Pencils  
Sticky notes  
Whiteout  
1 three subject notebook for English class only  
Loose leaf paper  
File folder(s) for binder  
Highlighters  
No Fear Shakespeare--Romeo and Juliet (recommended)  
No Fear Shakespeare--Midsummer Night's  
Dream (recommended--honors only)  
Agenda (can be purchased from school)  
1 box of Kleenex  
If you did not attend Freedom Middle School:  
Binder (at least 2" 3-ring)-if you did  
Binder separators

**Mrs. VanderBloomen – Family & Consumer Ed**

All classes  
1 box of Kleenex  
Notebook or small binder  
Pens or pencils  
Folder  
Nursing Assistant Class  
May need to purchase a curriculum manual/student handbook appx \$30, may be purchased from the FVTC Bookstore  
Apparel and other items necessary for clinical. (To be discussed at Orientation)

Medical Terminology

Index Cards OR use of Quizlet

**Mrs. Joly – Math/Science**

All Classes  
Scientific Calculator  
Pen/Pencils  
Notebook  
Folder

**Mrs. Keyzers – Math**

Advanced Algebra  
Notebook  
Pencil  
Pen  
TI-84 Graphing Calculator  
Calculus  
Notebook  
Pencil  
Pen  
Binder  
TI-84 Graphing Calculator

**Mr Buechler, Mr. Noel, Mrs. Wehlage**

Physical Education Classes

Students will be required to purchase a Heart Rate Strap - Cost – Appx \$11.00 to be purchased through the teacher after school begins.  
Students will be required to purchase or have school issued  
Phy Ed shorts that can be purchased at registration in August at the cost of \$10.00  
Appropriate clothing for activities throughout the year  
Students are required to have Tennis Shoes

**Mrs. Trentlage**

Scientific Calculator  
Spiral notebooks & folders for each class  
Pencils  
1 box of Kleenex  
Assignment notebook



**Mrs. Morehouse**

1 box of Kleenex

Pens

Pencils

**Mrs. Reader**

4 Notebooks

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Clorox Wipes Container

Pencils

**Mrs. Gerritts -Physical Science**

Calculator

Folder

Pencils--mechanical or #2 pencils

Pens

Notebooks (2) OR loose leaf paper and 3 ring binder

Flash drive

**Mr Dobyns – Science**

**Biology 10**

Three ring binder

Pencil

Work Ethic

Open Mind to Data

**Anatomy**

Colored pencils

Work Ethic

**CAPP BIOLOGY**

UW Oshkosh BIO 105 Textbook (must be purchased from UW Oshkosh Bookstore and BIO 105 Lab Manual UW Oshkosh Bookstore)

**Anatomy 211**

Required UW Oshkosh Bio 211 Anatomy Text (see UW Oshkosh Bookstore for current edition and ordering information)

Notecards



**Ms. King and Mrs. Porter - Spanish**

**Spanish 1**

4 - expo markers (no yellow or orange)

1 - 3 subject notebook

1 - plastic folder

1 - subscription to online book and workbook (\$20.00 to be paid at registration)

**Spanish 2**

2 Expo markers (no yellow or orange)

1 Three subject notebook

1 sturdy non paper folder

1 subscription to online book and workbook (\$20.00 to be paid at registration)

**Spanish 3**

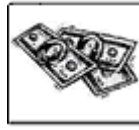
1 - AMSCO workbook. This workbook is used for Spanish 3 and Spanish 4. (\$16.00 to be paid at registration)

Recommended purchase - 501 Spanish Verbs (purchase in a bookstore or online)

**Spanish 4**

1 -1 - AMSCO workbook if purchased in Spanish 3 does not have to be purchased a second time. (\$16.00 to be paid at registration)





## School Fees 2015-2016

### Registration Fees

PreK & K	\$30.00
Grades 1-5	\$35.00
Grades 6-8	\$45.00
Grades 9-12	\$50.00

### School Owned Band Instrument Rental Per Year:

Percussion	\$35.00
Rentals	\$70.00

### FASD Athletic Activity Passes:

Student PreK-12	\$25.00
Adult	\$35.00
Family Pass	\$100.00

(College students are considered adults)

### School Lunch Prices

Grades PK-1	\$2.10
Grades 2-5	\$2.20
Grades 6-8	\$2.45
Grades 9-12	\$2.45
Adults	\$3.00
Sr. Citizens	NA
Milk PreK-5	0.25
Milk 5-12 Ala Cart	0.25

### Gym Suits:

Shorts	\$10.00
Shirts (optional)	\$10.00

### HS Sports Fee

\$40 per sport

### Student Parking Fee

\$30.00 a year