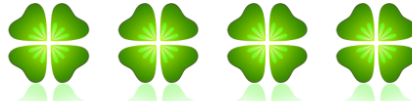


# IRISH REFLECTIONS

Freedom High School

May 2016



## From the Principal

The end of the academic year is near. Please keep monitoring your child's courses through the last weeks of classes and reinforce the importance of academics during these last weeks. "Senioritis" can be catchy and has been known to infect even underclassmen this time of year.

The next month will be filled with banquets and other celebratory activities. We want all of our students to enjoy the festivities. At the same time, we want all of our students to be safe and not take any unnecessary risks. It is especially important during graduation time for you to closely monitor your child's whereabouts.

It has been a pleasure to serve as principal to this year's Senior class and I wish them all the success in the world. Remember, "Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets." Aim high and continue to work hard class of 2016.

Mr. Erickson



## SEMESTER FINAL SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 1st

8:00-9:29am	1 <sup>st</sup> hour
9:29-9:44am	Break
Announcement	at 9:40am
9:44-11:08am	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour
11:08-11:38am	11/12 Study (report to 4 <sup>th</sup> hour)
11:08-11:38am	9/10 lunch
11:42am-12:12pm	9/10 Study (report to 4 <sup>th</sup> hour)
11:42am-12:12:pm	11/12 lunch
12:16-1:40pm	5 <sup>th</sup> hour
1:40-1:55pm	Break
Announcement	at 1:51pm
1:55-3:19pm	7 <sup>th</sup> hour

### Thursday, June 2nd

8:00-9:25am	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour
9:25-9:40am	Break
Announcement	at 9:35am
9:40-11:04am	6 <sup>th</sup> hour
11:04-11:15am	Break
Announcement	at 11:10am
*11:15am-12:39pm	8 <sup>th</sup> hour
*12:39-1:09pm	Lunch
1:09-3:21pm	Make-up exams
*Students dismissed at 12:39pm or 3:21 if staying for bus	
*If student has 8 <sup>th</sup> hour study hall, they can be released at 11:04am	
*Lunch is not mandatory	

### Upcoming Events

May 11	Senior Athletic Banquet 6:30pm Colonial House
May 15	Senior Academic & Co-Curricular Banquet 6:00pm Colonial House
May 18	Senior Class Trip – Great America
May 27	Graduation Practice 10:00am Fieldhouse
May 28	Graduation 1:00pm Fieldhouse
June 1	Finals for hours 1,2,3,5,7
June 2	Finals for hours 2,6,8
June 2	Last Day of School





## GRADUATION 2016

**FIELD HOUSE  
SATURDAY  
May 28, 2016  
1:00PM**

### Senior Athletic Banquet

**Wednesday, May 11th  
Colonial House  
6:30pm**

Seniors who have earned a letter in a sport during their senior year will be honored. We will also recognize the boys and girls Senior Athlete of the Year.



### Senior Academic Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Colonial House the Freedom Lions Club will sponsor the Senior Academic Awards Banquet where all Seniors who have received awards, honors, scholarships, and other academic recognition are recognized. The Freedom High School Jazz Band will again provide the pre-dinner entertainment. A complete listing of these awards is printed on an insert in the graduation program.



### 2016-2017 High School Registration

Freedom High School has their 2016-2017 registration dates set for Tuesday, August 16 from 1:00pm-7:00pm and Wednesday, August 17 from 8:00am-5:00pm



### S.P.E.C.s – Student / Parent

#### **Student/Parent Education & Career Conferences**

*Are a process that involves activities planned and directed by the school counselor that assists students in planning, monitoring and managing their own learning as well as their personal career development. FASD calls these conferences “SPECS”*

Parents will receive Look into Your Future, an informative letter and emails of the conferencing process and a scheduled summer home visit to introduce the student’s educational plan and transition into high school in accordance with the ACP (Academic and Career Planning).

The SPECS program will be scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Student Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> hour – High School Lecture Hall**

**(Includes St. Nick’s & St. Peter’s students)**

**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting**

**6:00 – 7:15 – High School Lecture Hall**

**June /July / Early August – Individual Home Conferences**



### UW System application date opens:

**September 15, 2016**

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

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

### Campus Visits

College bound Juniors should be taking campus tours of potential colleges this Spring! This helps immensely with the decision making process. College websites contain the information needed to set up a visit and it is typically listed under their admission’s link.



### Wisconsin Private College Week

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> students and families are invited to tour any of Wisconsin's private colleges and universities. During this "open house" week learn more about Wisconsin's 20 private colleges and universities by talking to admissions representatives and financial aid counselors, ask questions, and enjoy guided tours. Call ahead to any campus and reserve space. A waiver of application fees is given for each campus you visit.

[www.privatecollegeweek.com](http://www.privatecollegeweek.com)  
[www.PrivateCollegeZone.org](http://www.PrivateCollegeZone.org)  
[www.GoIndependent.org](http://www.GoIndependent.org)  
[www.KnowHow2GO.Wisconsin.org](http://www.KnowHow2GO.Wisconsin.org)

### Wisconsin Academic Excellence High Education Scholarship Winners

The state of Wisconsin awards the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarships to Seniors in each public high school in the state who decide to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college/university. Because of the FHS enrollment two students will receive the \$10,000 (four year) scholarship. Raina Gerritts and Mason Van Rossum were named by the FASD Board of Education as the 2016 winners. Raina is planning on attending UW Madison and majoring in Pre-Med and Mason is attending St. Norbert and is undecided upon a major.

### Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship

The state of Wisconsin awards the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship to Seniors in each public high school in the state who decide to enroll in a Wisconsin Technical College. Because of the FHS enrollment, two students will receive the \$2,250 per year scholarship, named by the FASD Board of Education as the 2016 winners. Winners are John Kempf who is planning on attending Fox Valley Technical College with a focus in Welding, and Jacob Ambrosius who is planning on pursuing Autobody at Fox Valley Technical College.

**A reminder to seniors to notify the school counseling office of any academic awards so recognition can be made in the graduation insert. Please include the name of the scholarship when your report.**



### Transcripts

Seniors will need to send a final transcript to the college they plan on attending in the Fall. This must be done through the Parchment website. Please refer to [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) to start the process.



### Specifications for Senior Yearbook Portraits for Freedom High School

- \*300 dpi or the size of a standard wallet (JPG or TIF)
- \*Photo must be in traditional pose. (3/4" from eyebrow to chin)
- \*NO props or hands. Head and shoulder shots only.
- \*Color portrait (no sepia, black/white, etc.)
- \*Name digital file by Student's Last Name then First (ex. smith\_mary.jpg)

Ask your photographer to either e-mail, send a CD, or send a wallet size print to the following:

Mail CD/print to: John Hammond  
Freedom High School  
N4021 County Rd. E  
Freedom, WI 54130-7593

or e-mail: [jhammond@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jhammond@freedomschools.k12.wi.us)

**Deadline is September 25, 2016.**

Note: You do not have to purchase your yearbook pose. The photographer should be able to supply it to the yearbook for you. You must follow these specifications, or your photo will not be accepted.



### Lunch Payments

All outstanding lunch balances need to be paid prior to the end of the school year. Any unpaid balances may be sent to the school district's collection agency Transworld. Payments. Payments can be paid online through eFunds for Schools, sent with your student, dropped off in the school office or mailed directly to the foodservice office at N3569 County Rd E, Freedom 54913-9253



### **School Health Reminders**

If your child has a medication that is kept at school, the medication must be picked up no later than June 17, 2016. All medication, prescription and/or over the counter drugs will be disposed of after this date.

Emergency plans for next year will be mailed out in May. If your child currently has an emergency plan on file, you will be receiving one to update for 2016-2017. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

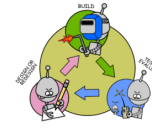
Any questions please contact Emily Wendt, RN, school nurse.

Let's keep all kids and staff healthy!

### **Musical Training Makes You Brainier**

Learning a musical instrument is like an Olympic Game for the mind. It teaches the brain to problem-solve, which is why people who've had musical training are usually better at math, science and engineering later in life. Timing is everything though: The results are better for those who start young. "Kids' minds are still forming," says Moore. "Their brains are still actively developing and being molded." The more intense the musical training, the more kids' brains will develop. "[In musical training] you're requiring a bunch of core cognitive systems to take part," says Petr Janata, Ph.D., a cognitive neuroscientist at the University of California Davis Center for Mind and Brain. "There've been studies that show these kids' verbal working memory scores increased."

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/features/5-ways-music-helps-the-mind>



### **Are you interested in Robotics, Engineering, or Technology?**

Freedom High School and Tech Ed teacher Mr. Rupiper has some exciting news for students, parents, and area businesses. We are currently in the process of creating a FIRST Robotics team!! (not sure what this is check it out <http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc> ) This great news will allow students (grades 9-12) to be part of a competitive robotics team that will focus on the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. It is also great news for parents and area companies as they can also be part of or help support this great program for our upcoming generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday May 10th at 6pm in Mr. Rupiper's classroom (Room 153 @ FHS). The meeting will last about an ½ hour, it will give a scope and sequence of what FIRST Robotics entails, Mr. Rupiper's personal experience with FIRST Robotics, questions and answers about the program, and we will also compile a list of interested students, parents, and business for this fun, exciting, and rewarding extracurricular program. Any questions feel free to contact Mr. Rupiper at [jrupiper@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jrupiper@freedomschools.k12.wi.us)

### **FHS Dress Code**

As a reminder with warmer weather Freedom High School students are prohibited from wearing clothing or attire that, in the opinion of school authorities, is contrary to limits imposed related to health, safety, cleanliness, distractions, indecency, or offensiveness as defined by Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(1).

Students must wear shoes/appropriate footwear. No tank tops of any type or style; no backless/strapless or spaghetti strap garments will be permitted. Shoulders must be covered. Cap sleeves are fine; see-through and swim attire are also prohibited. Cleavage exposure and midriff should be concealed at all times.

Shorts, skirts, and dresses must not be too short or too tight. Mid thigh or longer is appropriate.

Students who do not comply will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

## Start Dates for Fall Sports

### Football

August 1<sup>st</sup> – equipment issue

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice

### Girls Golf

August 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice

### Boys Soccer

August 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice

### Cross Country

August 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice

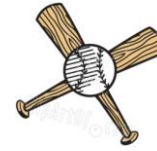
### Volleyball

August 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice



## Girls Track

Girls' Track is off and running this season. The team is comprised of 33 girls and is a very well balanced group. The team recently won the 16 team Mustang Invitational as well as the 8 team Omro "Under the Lights" Invitational. Everyone has been a contributor to the team's success. We have multiple girls pushing each other on a daily basis. The team would like to thank the community for all their support at the away meets. It is fun to see students, faculty, family and friends supporting us. Continued success to the Boys' Track, Baseball and Golf teams as well as the Girls' Soccer and Softball teams!!!!



## Baseball

The Freedom Irish Baseball team took on the preseason #8 ranked team in the state, The Spartans from Luxemburg-Casco. In game one the Irish pounded out 15 hits and held the Spartans to only one-hit in an 11-1 ten run rule shortened game. Parker Rudie, Josh Kuntsman, and Dakota Brockman all pounded out 3 hits apiece in the victory. Tanner Brockman added two hits. On the mound Charlie Jadin was excellent as he pitched a complete game one-hitter. He needed only 81 pitches to pick up the win. In game two of the double header Seth Rehreauser scattered only 3 hits and the Irish again won 8-2. Rehreauser struck out 3 and did not allow a walk. Dakota Brockman and Parker Rudie had two hits apiece in the game while Cole Evers, Josh Kuntsman, and Tanner Brockman all blasted doubles for the Irish. The Irish did not commit a single error in the double header.

On Monday, April 25th the Irish rallied from a run down to defeat the Vikings from Denmark 8-6. It was the 8th straight win for the Irish who currently are tied with Waupaca and Marinette at the top of the conference standings at 6-1. It was the Josh Kuntsman show as he was 3 for 4 with a triple and he picked up the win in relief giving up only one hit in 3 innings. Dakota Brockman had a huge hit with two outs in the bottom of the 6th when he hit a single to tie the game and the Irish went ahead on a throwing error.

After falling in their first two games of the season the Irish have won 8 straight games. During that stretch the Irish have hit .401 as a team and they are currently hitting .346 overall as a team. Leading the way at the plate are Cole Evers at .577 (15-26), Dakota Brockman .429 (12-28) Parker Rudie .429 (15-35) Josh Kuntsman .417 (15-36) Noah Taege .364 (8-22), Sam Erickson .333 (11-33), Tanner Brockman .333 (11-33) and Seth Rehreauser .310 (9-29).

On the mound Rehreauser, Parker Rudie, and Charlie Jadin lead the team with 2 wins. Jadin leads the team with 19 strikeouts, while Rehreauser is right behind with 18 strikeouts. Defensively, frehsman Noah Taege has 64 putouts while Rehreauser has 46. Dakota Brockman leads the team with 21 assists.