

Freeman Public Schools  
415 Eighth Street  
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Adams NE 68301-0259

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*\*[FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS LINK](#)\*\*\***

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Last Day with 1:00 Dismissal**

**\*Future Important Dates-**

**2024/2025 school year Free & Reduced Price Meal Program application can be Obtained after July 15<sup>th</sup> from the Elementary Office and will also be included in the August newsletter. (Households currently on the program must complete a new application every year to continue receiving benefits).**



**\*August 13, K-12 Open House**

**\*August 15, First Day of School with 1:00 Dismissal**

**\*August 19, Preschool Begins**



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am Signing Day @ FHS N Gym	2 10am-3:15pm EL Field Trip - K @ Lincoln	3 7pm Activities/Academic Awards Night @ N Gym 10am Track-JH @ JCC	4
5 MUSIC JH/HS Honor ECNC Band	6	7	8 7pm Baccalaureate  EL Fishing Day 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade-Lincoln	9 TBD Track-V @ JCC	10 5:30pm-6:30pm Elem Track & Field Camp 8:15am-11:36am FFA Petting Zoo PreSchool Graduation	11 4pm Graduation @ Freeman Public Schools
12 7pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center EL Field Day	13 1pm Early Dismissal Last Day for Students	14 No School - Professional Development	15	16 TBD Track-V @ Omaha Burke Stadium	17 TBD Track-V @ Omaha Burke Stadium	18
19	20	21 12:15pm Sftball Camp @ Adams City Park	22 8:30am-12:15pm Sftball Camp @ Adams City Park	23 8:30am-12:15pm Sftball Camp @ Adams City Park	24	25
26	27 8am-12pm Bball Camp @ N Gym	28 8am-12pm Bball Camp @ Gym	29 8am-12pm Bball Camp @ N Gym	30 8am-12pm Bball Camp @ N Gym	31 8am-12pm Bball Camp @ N Gym	



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Freeman Families and Staff:

We are down to our final fifteen days of school! We have had a great year with multiple successes. The last fifteen days will have multiple activities, including field trips, Field Day, track meets, and graduation events! We are so excited to have a fantastic end to the school year.

Congratulations are in order for two special groups of students - the Freeman class of 2024 and the Freeman class of 2037. Both the seniors and preschoolers will be graduating in May!

**Class of 2024:** Trenton Allen, Kellen Anderson, Kyla Davison, Cassidy Denney, Gabe Goes, Dakota Haner, Wesley Havelka, Ruby Hinderer, Faith Holland, Hayden Jennings, Kloey Johnson, Cassie Klein, AJ Lenners, Kolby Mahler, Brooke McPherrin, Brooklyn Podtburg, Ellah Reiss, Wyatt Richardson, Carson Robinson, Cort Schmidt, Katheryn Stewart, Talie Wilson, Cole Young

**Class of 2037:** Edward Andreasen, Charley Armstrong, Mason Dicks, Rogue Dunton, Quinn Fossler, Nikolaus Gentry, Calli Gilland, Jasmine Gramajo, Weylan Gronewold, Drew Hroch, Jaxson Lane, James Lempka, Dalton Ludwig, Arya McCaul, Lincoln Mueller, Trey Nieveen, Lucas Nyland, Kade Wiese, Madison Wiese, Aiden Young

## Calendar

The 2023-2024 school calendar is available on our school website under the District tab. Here are some important dates:

- May 10 – Pre-School Graduation
- May 11 – High School Graduation
- May 14 – 1:00 Early Out, Student's last day

Thank you for your support of Freeman Public Schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. Have a great week!

Dr. Havelka

Dr. Andrew Havelka

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## **From the 7-12 Principal, Mr. Cody Wallinger**

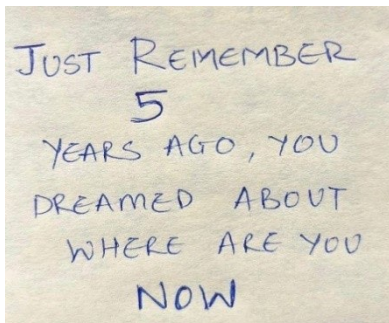
As the 2023-2024 school year quickly ends, I can't help but take a few moments to reminisce about what this last year held in store. Yes, there were long nights and busy days. I suppose that's just life, though. My biggest takeaway in all this, was just how quickly it came and went. As a parent of a toddler, I'm reminded of this reality every time I look at an old photo. Namely, the understanding that blinking holds deceit. One day it's August 10th and I'm talking to our seniors about how they are the leaders of our school. The next day it's May 14th and those same individuals are walking out our doors, for the last time, as Falcon students.

In the field of education, we understand that part of the job description is this very heartbreak. The fact that one day we will have to let go and trust that our efforts were not in vain. As an individual who has never been good with goodbyes, I'm entirely convinced it centers around the depth of our love. To further that bond, we have been blessed with a much longer relationship than most other institutions. As a PK-12 school, these young men and women aren't just two-, four-, or six-year interactions. Rather for many, they are double digit year relationships that force both parties to stop in their tracks. From the first encounter with an inexperienced and naïve child to our last embrace of a strong and confident young adult, we as educators, are privy to the entire transformation.

As I look for something inspirational to pass along to our seniors, I'm continuously met with a roadblock. Every famous quote I find or every encouraging bit of advice I type just doesn't seem to do justice to the message I have discovered is truly at the heart of my feelings. Namely, **you are loved.**

While you no longer get the privilege of calling yourself a student at Freeman Public Schools, you in turn get the even higher title as alumni. The honor and distinction, knowing that you've met every challenge, fear, and obstacle along the way. Understand that while fulfillment may not have been had in every situation, perfection is not a state of being. The perfect response to any situation doesn't lie in how one acts. Perfection lies in how one persists. It's a journey, as they say. So, while your trip may look entirely different from your neighbor's, take pride in the genuineness that you've all done it perfectly imperfect. You've all held true to who you are and allowed us, as teachers, coaches, mentors, and friends the opportunity to travel along for the ride, hoping to instill intangible lessons, from time to time.

The other day, this picture was shared with me, and I find it somewhat fitting to do likewise, now with you.



When May of 2029 comes knocking, my sincerest hope is that you have found peace and joy with where your dreams have taken you. My prayer for you is that you will never let life's troubles and anxieties steer your ship. Trust your Freeman education, both in and out of the classroom. Trust every interaction with the Falcon faithful who have poured their very existence into your formation. Believe, dream, and then do whatever you want. You are our future, and we couldn't be prouder.

## Communication:

If you are wondering what is happening at Freeman, here are a few ways to get connected:

- [Freeman Website](#)
  - [rSchool Activities Calendar](#)
  - [Falcons In Action](#)
  - [Facebook](#)
  - X (Formerly known as Twitter): @Freeman\_Falcons and @FreemanPS\_Supt
- Phone: 402-988-2525 Fax: 402-988-3475

Freeman Public Schools has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate, and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to students with disabilities. If you suspect that your child is struggling in school or may have a disability, Freeman Public Schools can assist you. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation, and placement into Section 504 and special education programs, please contact Freeman's superintendent, Dr. Andrew Havelka at 402-988-2525



## With the 2023/2024 School Year coming to an end...

**please remember to take care of any fees, dues, and  
or meal account balances in order for your student to  
check out on the last day of school.**

**LAST CHANCE to order your 2023/2024 Yearbook be sure to  
email orders to Mrs. Kastanek at [jkastanek@freemanschools.net](mailto:jkastanek@freemanschools.net) with  
Student Name-Grade-Number of Yearbooks Ordering.**

**Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program. The program which provides  
free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1 – 18)** may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. Visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html>

Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.



**FIELD DAY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 13**

**GAMEDAY**  
 KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE: 8:30-11:15 AM

**TRACK MEET**  
 4TH-6TH GRADE: 12:00-3:00 PM

LUNCH: 11:15-12:00 PM @ STADIUM




Families are welcomed and encouraged to attend Field Day. Please join us and cheer on our Falcons!

**Kindergarten-3rd Grade: 8:30 AM - 11:15 AM**

Kindergarten - 3rd graders are encouraged to wear **jerseys** to their GameDay field day. They will participate in 10 "GameDay" Stations with their classmates starting at 8:30 AM. At 10:30 AM, we will start running events. Students are encouraged to participate in as many running events on the track as they would like to.

**K-6 Sack Lunch @ the Stadium: 11:15 - 12:00 PM**

**4th Grade-6th Grade: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

4th grade - 6th grade will participate in a track meet. Each student will participate in one field event and at least 2 individual running events. They also have the option to sign up for one relay or another individual running event. This year we will run the 4x100 meter relay. They will sign up for their events during PE class. We will practice these events during PE.

**Track & Field Meet**

**Field Events @ 12:00 PM**

	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>Javelin Throw</b>
<b>Group 1: 12:00 PM</b>	4th Grade	4th Grade	4th Grade
<b>Group 2: to follow group 1</b>	5th Grade	5th Grade	5th Grade
<b>Group 3: to follow group 2</b>	6th Grade	6th Grade	6th Grade

**1:15 PM Running Events Start or when Field Events are finished**

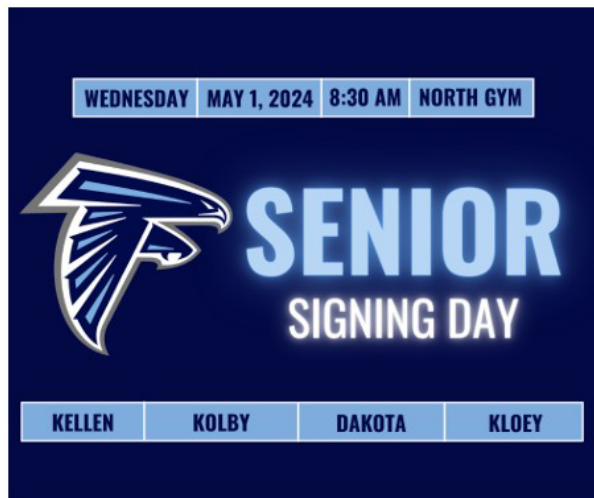
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- 100 Meter Hurdles
- 50 Meter Dash
- 400 Meter Run
- 100 Meter Dash

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- 100 Meter Hurdles
- 50 Meter Dash
- 400 Meter Run
- 100 Meter Dash
- 800 Meter Run





You are invited to join us for Senior Signing Day on Wednesday, May 1st at 8:30 AM in the North Gym.

This year Kellen Anderson, Dakota Haner, Kloey Johnson and Kolby Mahler will be signing to continue their athletic careers in college.

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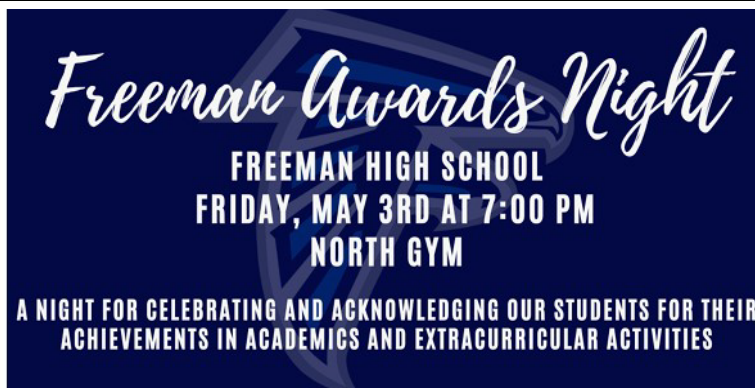
## Important dates from the Athletic Department for 2024-2025 school year

*\*\*\*\*\*If your child in grade 7-12th plans to participate in athletics during the school year make an appointment for their physical TODAY\*\*\*\*\**

- **Monday, August 5** = 1st Day of 9-12th grade Fall Sports Conditioning
- **Monday, August 5** = Physicals are due to the HS office for 7-12th grade
  - If your child's physical is not turned in before the 1st day of their practice they will not be able to participate in practice. They will not participate until their physical is turned in.
- **Monday, August 5** = Signed Activities Handbook form
- **Monday, August 12** = First day of 9-12th grade Fall Sports Practice
- **Thursday, August 15** = Activity Fee paperwork and payment

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On Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM we will have 9-12th grade Awards Night in the North Gym. This year we are combining the Honors Night and Activities Night into one evening. We will recognize students for their success in the classroom and outside the classroom. Please join us as we celebrate our students.





# Welcome to Freeman's Booster Club!

Supporting and Celebrating Freeman Athletics, Clubs, Music and the Arts

Football--Cross Country--Volleyball--Cheer--Softball--Wrestling--Basketball--Track--Swimming  
FBLA--FFA--NHS--Quiz Bowl--One-Act-- Speech--Band--Choir

## *What is the Freeman Boosters Club?*

The purpose of the Booster Organization is to help purchase the "wants and needs" of the coaches and sponsors of the various Freeman extra-curricular programs, that exceeds the school's budget.

The goal of the Booster Club is to fund those "Wish List" items that meet the needs of the greatest number of Freeman students.

## *"Wish List" requests filled by the Boosters:*

### *2020-2021*

Striv subscription - \$500  
Band Shirts - \$1000  
Softball Pitching Machine - \$1425  
JH Fball blocking bags - \$775  
Cheer Pom-Poms - \$230  
Music dept Instrument repairs- \$1100  
Track Two Run Rockets - \$4000  
Volleyball Target Challenger - \$500  
One Act Scaffolding - \$1600  
Athletic dept training tables and heating unit - \$1500  
Athletic dept-Speaker Dante Boelhower - \$200

### *2022-2023*

Sriv subscription - \$500  
Band shirts - \$1000  
Softball pitching net - \$750  
JH Fball blocking bags - \$500  
Cheer Pom-Poms - \$585  
Music Bass Guitar - \$350

## *Who, me?*

Yes, you! If your child participates in any extra-curricular activity at Freeman, you are part of the Boosters.

## *Fundraisers:*

- Tailgate at the first home football game
- Adams Community Days breakfast
- Sports programs/rosters with ads/sponsors

## *Student Support:*

- 2 Arts and 2 Athletic Scholarships - \$500 each
- Goodie bags or bus snacks for state qualifiers
- Sponsoring homecoming floats and flowers
- Activities Banquet desserts and decorations (balloons)
- Pay student entry for Freeman hosted District games

## *We need your help!*

The Boosters can only function if we all give a little help. You don't have to do everything, but we all have different talents and interests. Please look over this list and see where you might be able to lend a hand. Consider your schedule, time, and areas of talent and also the activities your child participates in. Could you find at least one area you could volunteer? Stay tuned for more details, but please consider at least one area you could help.

Homecoming (order sashes, flowers, crowns)

Community breakfast-volunteers and supply food

Tailgate workers

Gather goodies for state qualifiers

Help pick scholarship winners

Help decide which "wish lists" request to fill or deny

Reach out to sponsors for program/roster advertising

Create awareness for upcoming events/competitions/results for the Facebook page



**MENUS** Cereal, juice & fruit are offered with breakfast. Breakfast: K-12 served 7:45-8:05. Cost for K-12 is \$2.10 Adult price is \$2.75 All meals come with one carton of milk. Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.45 each. Menu is subject to change. Purchase of an entrée only or an additional entrée will cost \$2.00 for students and staff.

**May 1-3**

Wednesday:	Donut	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter/PB, Pineapple
Thursday:	Muffin	Chicken Fajita, Softshells, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Vegetables, Applesauce

**May 6-10**

Monday:	French Toast	Falcon Hero sub, Chips, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Roll & Butter, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Pancakes	COOKS CHOICE
Thursday:	Donut	COOKS CHOICE
Friday:	Omelet	COOKS CHOICE

**May 13-14**

Monday:	COOK CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE
Tuesday:	COOK CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

<b>TOTAL MONTHLY COST</b>			
Elementary Lunch	10	\$3.10	\$31.00
JH/HS Lunch	10	\$3.40	\$34.00
Adult Lunch Price:		\$4.60	

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 1. SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; 2. Fax: (833)256-1665 or (202)690-7442; or  
 2. 3. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov) . This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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- Prepares for the next grade
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## "Adventure Awaits"

THIS SUMMER AT THE FREEMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



**When?**  
Every Tuesday in June  
from 10:00am–11:30am

**Where?**  
The Freeman Public  
School Library

**Who?**  
**EVERYONE!!**  
Infant to Adult...We want  
you to participate! All  
ages and grades  
encouraged!

**Come for Storytime,  
Crafts and Activities!**  
**PRIZES AND  
INCENTIVES FOR  
ALL AGES!!!**

**We hope to see you there!!**  
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