



The Firebird Screams

“Ask not for whom the Firebird screams, he screams for you!” - Fred the Firebird

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December Dates to Remember:

Dec 2-Dec 6 - NJHS Giving Tree
Dec 2 - PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
Dec 3 - Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Dec 3-6 - Santa's Holiday Shop
Dec 4 - T. Arts Firebird Café Variety Show Dress Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Dec 5 - Reindeer Games
Dec 5 - Band Booster Meeting, 6pm
Dec 5 - T. Arts Firebird Café Variety Show, 6:30pm
Dec 6 - Barnes & Nobel Book-fair, 5pm
Dec 9 - High School Band Concert, 6:30pm
Dec 10 - Middle School Band Concert, 6:30pm
Dec 12 - Kindergarten Field Trip
Dec 12 - Grades 1-2 Music Concert, 6pm
Dec 12 - FLA Art Meeting, 6:30pm
Dec 13 - NJHS Meeting, 7:40am
Dec 16-19 - HS Exams
Dec 20 - Early Release Day
Dec 23-Dec 31 - No School, Christmas Break

Dear Parents,

Are you interested in becoming a board member at Falls Lake Academy? Please see the message below from our Board of Directors.

Dear Prospective Board Members:

I'm pleased to share with you some information on Falls Lake Academy and invite you to apply for an open position on our Board of Directors. As a member of the Board at FLA, you will be directly involved in ensuring that the mission of one of Granville County's most successful schools stays aligned to our strategic plan.

Since opening in 2013, Falls Lake Academy has grown from a K-8 school housed in mobile units to Granville County's first and only K-12 public charter school now occupying two facilities on a 25 acre campus in Creedmoor, NC. We opened our brand new high school building and gym in August of 2018 and graduated our first class of seniors in June of 2019.

Falls Lake Academy is a Project Based Learning School. All grade levels engage in projects that reflect real life problems and solutions that allow for student voice and choice, and involve a public audience for presentations of learning. Falls Lake Academy is also accredited by AdvancEd.

The duties of charter Board members are to oversee all matters pertaining to the governance and operation of Falls Lake Academy. The Board of Directors meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Our business meetings usually last two hours or less. Committees meet as needed before the monthly meetings and comprise the agenda of the business meeting. Terms are three years in length beginning in March.

Candidates who want to leverage their strengths and talents to ensure that we continue to create mission aligned strategies that support and nurture the success of our students and staff at Falls Lake are encouraged to apply.

Interested candidates that are familiar with and support our mission and strategic goals should email a cover letter expressing why they are interested in serving on the board along with a resume to Samantha Dale at samanthadale@fallslakeacademy.com. Interviews will begin in January. Thank you for your interest in serving as a Board member of Falls Lake Academy.

Sincerely,

Jill L. Pike, FLA Board of Directors.

REMINDERS...



*December 20th - Early Release for Staff & Students (NO FAST)

*December 23rd-January 1st - Christmas / Holiday Break

*January 2nd & 3rd - Teacher Workdays

Students return to school on Monday, January 6th.



Reindeer Games

December 5th

from 6:00pm-8:00pm



Santa's Holiday Shop

December 3rd - 6th

Polar Express Night

Barnes and Noble at Brier Creek on Friday, December 6th.

Come get some holiday shopping done and support FLA at this Firebird tradition.

Includes a nationwide Polar Express Night (wear your PJ's!) at 7 p.m., an FLA Band concert in the store at 6 p.m., and student art on display. **25% of purchases at B&N made comes back to the school!** If you've never come out, you should totally make it a night! It's a lot of fun!

After Polar Express night, B&N will be providing mini-cups of hot cocoa and little sugar cookies for the little ones, a small craft, and a letter to Santa for them to fill in. Friday night is also the Lighting of the Brier Creek Christmas Tree from 6-8 p.m. - featuring Santa, Carriage Rides, Trackless Train, Face Painters, DJ Daniel Jordan, and the Brier Creek Merchant Tree Decorating Competition.

The Barnes & Noble logo, consisting of the words 'BARNES' and '&NOBLE' in a white, serif font on a dark green background.

*** Can't make it? You can even shop online on Friday-Monday at BN.com - just make sure put in our Bookfair ID (12581328) when you are checking out.

FALLS LAKE ACADEMY'S NJHS
PRESENTS OUR 1ST ANNUAL

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Project provides gifts for needy children to help them know the joy that the season brings.



Look for the Giving Tree starting on Monday, November 25th, 2019.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Take a TAG from the tree and register your Tag #.
2. Purchase your gift(s)!
3. Return your unwrapped gift(s) to Mrs. Moore with your Tag attached.

All gifts are due by Monday, December 9th, 2019.

Thank you for being a blessing!

8TH GRADE

Field Trip

To Fort Caswell, NC on May 13th

Payments are now being accepted for the 8th grade field trip to Fort Caswell, NC, on May 13, 2020. This is a day trip where students will be exploring the beach and its surf zones, using nets to sift and sort organisms, examining the shores for treasures, and investigating the importance of the wildlife and ecosystems in marshes. **The non-refundable price of this trip is \$100 per person. The deposit is \$30, due by December 13th.** The remainder of the payment will be due by March 20. Chaperones are welcome and cost the same price. Charter Pay is set up to accept payments for the trip.

First and Second Grade Music Concert

December 12th is the First and Second Grade music program. The concert will be held in the Elementary/Middle School gym at 6:00pm. This will be a smaller concert than last year. All are welcome. We hope to see many families there.

If you have a first or second grade student and have not replied to Mrs. McWatters previous questionnaire, please use this link ASAP:
<https://forms.gle/WJPqE4ZiWFK9RdQk7>



Congratulations to Mrs. Landis for being December's teacher of the Month. Mrs. Landis was recognized by the State as a Teacher of Excellence for the Exceptional Children's Division. Way to go Mrs. Landis. We are very proud of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -Fred the Firebird

