

Freeport Area School District 2017-2018 All-School Activities Calendar



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Our Mission... "A learning community dedicated to the success of all"

Freeport Area School District History

In 1969, the political divisions of Freeport, Buffalo, and South Buffalo merged to form the Freeport Area School District. Located along the Allegheny River at the mouth of Buffalo Creek, the Freeport Area School District is situated approximately 30 miles northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong and Butler Counties. Four schools - Freeport Senior High School (grades 9-12), Freeport Area Middle School (grades 6-8), Buffalo Elementary School (grades K-5), and South Buffalo Elementary School (grades K-5) provide for the educational needs of students from the Borough of Freeport, Buffalo Township, and South Buffalo Township. The school district encompasses a 53.4 square mile region approximately ten miles out from Freeport, in north, northeast, and westerly directions. The area provides an exceptional area to raise a family because it is far enough away from the congestion of urban areas, yet the proximity to major highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike allow easy access to surrounding cultural activities, shopping malls, and major universities.

The historical development of the district can be traced from its emergence as a river community in the late 1700's as a "Free Port" for riverboat trade. Agricultural interests increased during the early 1800's leading to the development of railroads, mining, and some industry in the 1900's, to the present state of agriculture and light industry. Now, the region is largely a bedroom community for those that commute to other areas for employment, with the community connected by quality roadways to some of the finest research and educational establishments in Pennsylvania. The growth of the Northpointe Industrial Park, in South Buffalo Township, provides promise for future expansion of local employment opportunities. These features, the naturally pleasant physical environment, and the friendly type of people already making up the community are contributing to a rapid increase of population and business opportunities.

The education program of the district is an outgrowth of the many expressed needs within a rural community that is slowly evolving into a suburban one. A commitment has been made to provide a quality education for all students. The philosophical basis upon which the program of the Freeport Area School District rests is essentially one that is comprehensive and flexible enough to provide each student with the basic tools, understanding, and attitudes to enable him/her to function successfully in our society.

Students in the Freeport Area School District are involved in a variety of activities including interscholastic and youth league sports, school-sponsored and faith-based community service projects, and co-curricular educational programs such as the Governor's School. The school district's students are recognized annually for contributing countless hours and large amounts of money to local and regional charities. Parents in the district have many opportunities to participate in school-based PTO, varsity booster clubs, and various volunteer programs. Parents are also invited to grade level parent orientations early in the year where they meet their child's teachers as well as district-wide Open Houses in each building. Parents are also invited to participate in parent advisory committees for Title I as well as district committees for Act 48 and Comprehensive Planning.

With a total enrollment of approximately 1,900 students, the school district offers a progressive educational program, giving students the opportunity to take advanced placement and honors courses. Enrichment/Gifted and special education classes are available to all students who qualify throughout the district. Overall, the students in the district score well above the state averages on the PSSA in math, ELA, and writing and Keystone Exams. There are currently 143 classroom teachers, 12 administrators/supervisory personnel, and 96 support staff in the district. Through district professional development and tuition reimbursement programs, the teachers have established an innovative, progressive instructional approach. Use of instructional technology is encouraged and supported in all classrooms.



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Fall Sports

- G 7/8 BKB** - Girls' 7th/8th Grade Basketball
- HS CC** - Boys'/Girls' High School Cross Country
- MS CC** - Boys'/Girls' Middle School Cross Country
- V FB** - Varsity Football
- JV FB** - JV Football
- 7/8 FB** - 7th and 8th Grade Football
- V GF** - Varsity Golf
- JV GF** - JV Golf
- B SOC** - Boys' JV and Varsity Soccer
- G SOC** - Girls' JV and Varsity Soccer
- JV/V VB** - Girls' JV and Varsity Volleyball

Winter Sports

- B JV/V BKB** - Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball
- B 9 BKB** - Boys' 9th Grade Basketball
- B 7/8 BKB** - Boys' 7th/8th Grade Basketball
- G JV/V BKB** - Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball
- SW** - Boys' and Girls' Varsity Swimming

Spring Sports

- B V BSB** - Boys' Varsity Baseball
- B JV BSB** - Boys' JV Baseball
- G JV/V SB** - Girls' JV and Varsity Softball
- HS TRK** - Boys' & Girls' Varsity Track
- G 7/8 VB BLUE** - Girls' 7th/8th Blue Volleyball
- G 7/8 VB GOLD** - Girls' 7th/8th Gold Volleyball
- B V LAX** - Boys' Varsity Lacrosse
- G V LAX** - Girls' Varsity Lacrosse

PLEASE NOTE:

(All sporting events listed are home events, unless identified as an away contest with the "@" symbol, and are subject to change. Visit the athletics link on the Freeport district website and follow the link to schedule star for the most up-to-date schedules)

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From left to right: Frank Borrelli, Barbara Toy-Gaydos, Dan Lucovich, Christine Davies, Melanie Bollinger, Mike Huth;
Not pictured: William Gaiser, John Marty, Frank Prazenica

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Board and Administration*

School Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the Freeport High School Audion Room 83 at 7:30 p.m. Committee meetings (agenda setting) are usually held the first Wednesday of each month. Regular meetings are usually scheduled the second Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates are posted on the district website.

How to Contact the School Board of Directors

Residents wishing to contact members of the School Board can do so at the above email addresses. Residents may also send correspondence to: School Board President, c/o Superintendent's Office, Freeport Area School District, PO Drawer C, Freeport, PA 16229.

Public Participation in School Board Meetings

The School Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment and the importance of involving members of the public in School Board meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the School Board will provide a period for public participation at every open meeting.

Right to Know

The Right to Know law requires government agencies, including school districts, to comply with the regulations as set forth by the Right-to-Know Law Act 3 of 2008. For more information, please review the Pennsylvania Open Records Law by visiting the Office of Open Records website openrecords.state.pa.us or by calling 717-346-9903. To obtain a District public record, please complete the open records form at www.freeport.k12.pa.us and send via mail to Valerie Smith, Open Records Officer, PO Drawer C, Freeport, PA, 16229, fax to (724) 295-3001, or email valsmith@freeport.k12.pa.us. Contact Ms. Smith with any questions at (724) 295-5143, ext. 1260 or contact the Office of Open Records.

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From left to right: Larry Robb, Ian Magness, Ryan Manzer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>July</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23/30 24/31 25 26 27 28 29</p>	<p>September</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	1	2 7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83	3	4	5
6	7 7 PM Marching Band Family Preview Night-Athletic Stadium	8 8 PM Marching Band Kennywood Parade	9 7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83	10 6:30 PM Kindergarten Summer Tour	11	12
13	14 Fall Sports Begin 6 PM 6 th Grade Orientation MS Auditorium (6 PM A-K & 7:30 PM L-Z)	15 6 PM 9 th Grade Orientation HS Auditorium	16	17 3:30 PM V GF @ Penn Hills @ Green Oaks G.C.	18 9 AM JV GF @ Armstrong @ Kittanning C.C. 9 AM V GF Armstrong	19 10 AM V FB @ Westinghouse (Scrim) 9 AM JV/V VB @ Quaker Valley (Avonworth/Beaver) (Scrim)
20	21 Teacher In-Service Day 3:15 PM V GF St. Joseph	22 Teacher In-Service Day 3:15 PM JV GF Kiski 6 PM B SOC North Hills (Scrim)	23 Teacher Clerical Day 3:15 PM JV GF Riverview 3:30 PM V GF @ Riverview @ Three Lakes G.C. 5:30 PM G SOC @ Kiski (Scrim)	24 First Day of School 3:15 PM V GF Highlands Kindergarten Orientation	25 6 PM V FB Yough (Game Zero)	26 SAT Test 9 AM JV/V VB @ Armstrong (Scrim) 9:15 AM HS CC @ Knoch (Butler County Invitational)
27	28 3:15 PM JV GF @ Hampton @ Pittsburgh North G.C. 3:15 PM V GF Burrell	29 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Leechburg 3:45 PM G SOC Ambridge (Scrim)	30 3:00 PM SH Fall Play Informational Meeting 3:30 PM V GF @ Jeannette @ Greensburg C.C. 4 PM 7/8 FB @ Knoch (Scrim) 4 PM B SOC Greensburg Salem (Scrim)	31 3:15 PM V GF Valley 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB West Shamokin 5:30 PM HS and MS School Open House 7 PM Spirit Night-Freeport Area Athletic Stadium	<h1>August 2017</h1>	

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

August

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**September
2017**

October

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29	30	31				

1
7 PM V FB Vincenian Academy (Alumni Night)
6 PM JV/V VB @ North Allegheny

2
12 PM G SOC @ Karns City
10 AM B SOC @ Armstrong

3

4 **Labor Day**
No School-Vacation Day

5
3 PM Women's Ensemble Auditions-Freepport HS
3:15 PM JV GF @ Deer Lakes @ Pheasant Ridge G.C.
3:45 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Springdale
3:45 PM G SOC Riverview
6 PM JV/V VB @ Apollo-Ridge
TBA PM B SOC @ Burrell

6
HS Picture Day-Seniors
3 PM HS Fall Play Auditions HS
3:45 PM V GF @ Leechburg @ Lenape Heights C.C.
4 PM HS CC Various (Quad County Warm-Up)
4 PM 7/8 FB @ Deer Lakes
6 PM G SOC @ Burrell
6 PM-8 PM Buffalo Elementary Open House Grades K-2
7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83

7
HS Picture Day-Underclassmen
4 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Burrell
6 PM B SOC Shady Side Academy
6 PM JV/V VB Burrell
6 PM-8 PM Buffalo Elementary Open House Grades 3-5
6 PM-8 PM South Buffalo Elem. Open House Grades K-5
7 PM "Forte!" Show Choir Auditions-Freepport HS

8
3:30 PM V GF @ St. Joseph @ Brackenridge Heights G.C.
7 PM V FB @ Deer Lakes

9
ACT Test
8:30 AM JV VB Various-Tournament
10 AM JV FB Deer Lakes
10 AM G SOC East Allegheny

10

11
3:15 PM V GF Riverview
4 PM B SOC @ St. Joseph
5:30 PM G SOC @ Valley

12
3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Knoch
3:15 PM V GF Knoch
4 PM HS CC Burrell (Greensburg CC)
6 PM JV/V VB @ East Allegheny
6 PM B SOC @ Valley

13
3:15 PM JV GF Armstrong
3:45 PM 7/8 FB Highlands
6 PM G SOC Armstrong
7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83

14
TBA G 7/8 BKB @ Mars
3:15 PM JV GF Hampton
6 PM JV/V VB Valley

15
4:15 PM V GF @ Burrell @ Hillcrest C.C.
7 PM V FB @ Aliquippa High School

16
10 AM JV FB Aliquippa
TBA HS CC Various @ Northmoreland Park (Kiski Invitational)
10 AM G SOC @ Derry
10 AM B SOC Mount Pleasant
12 PM JV/V VB Hickory

17

18
10 AM V GF WPIAL Sectionals @ Jeanette @ Greensburg G.C.
3:30 PM JV GF @ Kiski @ Vandergrift G.C.
3:45 PM G SOC Springdale

19
3:15 PM JB GF @ Knoch @ Saxon G.C.
3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Deer Lakes
4 PM HS CC Deer Lakes (Geibel)
4 PM B SOC @ Derry
6 PM JV/V VB @ Derry

20
AKV Marching Band Festival (Valley High School)
3:15 PM V GF Jeanette
5:30 PM G SOC @ Highlands
6 PM 7/8 FB Valley

21
AKV Marching Band Festival Rain Date - (Valley High School)
3:15 PM V GF @ Valley @ Buffalo G.C.
3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Highlands
3:45 PM B SOC Deer Lakes

22
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- Kindergarten
7 PM V FB Shady Side Academy (Mini Cheer Night)

23
Marching Band Trip - Cedar Point
8:30 AM V VB Various-Tournament
10 AM G SOC @ Knoch
10 PM B SOC Burrell

24

25
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 1st Grade
3:15 PM V GF @ Mars @ Rittswood G.C.
3:30 PM JV FB @ Plum
3:30 PM JV GF @ Riverview @ Three Lakes G.C.
3:45 PM G SOC Deer Lakes

26
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 2nd Grade
3:15 PM JV GF Mars
3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Riverview
3:30 PM HS CC @ Indiana (Riverview)
5 PM B SOC @ Shady Side Academy
6 PM JV/V VB Deer Lakes

27
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 3rd Grade
HS Yearbook Half Price Order Form Due
3:15 PM V GF Leechburg
4 PM 7/8 FB @ Burrell
6 PM G SOC Burrell

28
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 4th Grade
3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Apollo-Ridge
6 PM B SOC Valley
6 PM JV/V VB Apollo-Ridge

29
Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 5th Grade
Marching Band Tour to District Schools
7 PM V FB @ Burrell

30
7 PM V FB @ Burrell
10 AM B SOC @ Butler

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1	2 South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- Kindergarten 3 PM Armstrong County Band Directors Selection Meeting (Apollo-Ridge HS) 3:15 PM JV GF Deer Lakes 3:15 PM V GF @ Deer Lakes @ Pheasant Ridge G.C. TBA JV FB Burrell TBA G SOC @ East Allegheny 6 PM JV/V VB Knoch	3 South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 1 st Grade Buffalo Elementary Picture Day K-5 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Valley 3:45 PM B SOC Karns City 4:15 PM HS CC @ Shady Side Academy (Redeemer/Ellis) 6 PM JV/V VB @ Burrell	4 South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 2 nd Grade 3:15 PM V GF Northgate 3:45 PM G SOC @ Valley 3:45 PM 7/8 FB Knoch 6 PM JV/V VB East Allegheny 7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83	5 South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 3 rd Grade 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Burrell TBA B SOC @ Mount Pleasant 7 PM Armstrong County Marching Band Festival (Freeport Area Athletic Stadium)	6 Middle School Picture Day South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 4 th Grade 7 PM V FB Apollo-Ridge (Homecoming)	7 SAT Test @ FHS 10 AM B SOC Knoch 6 PM JV/V VB @ Armstrong-Tournament		
8	9 Columbus Day Fire Prevention Week Teacher In-Service Day 5:30 PM G SOC @ Springdale	10 South Buffalo Picture Day K-5 South Buffalo Parent-Grandparent Breakfast- 5 th Grade 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB @ Knoch 6 PM B SOC Derry 6 PM JV/V VB @ Valley	11 PSAT Test Grade 11 @ FHS 6 PM G SOC Highlands 7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83	12 3:30 PM G 7/8 BKB Mars 6 PM B SOC @ Deer Lakes 6 PM JV/V VB Derry	13 7 PM V FB @ Seton-La Salle (@ Thomas Jefferson HS)	14 10 AM JV FB Seton-La Salle 11 AM HS CC @ Cooper's Lake (Slippery Rock Invitational)		
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22	23 Red Ribbon Week	24	25 7 PM Freeport Halloween Parade	26 1:45 PM HS CC WPIAL Champ @ Coopers Lake Rain Date - Freeport Halloween Parade	27 End of First 9-Weeks Elementary Halloween Parties 7 PM V FB @ Valley	28 ACT Test 10 AM JV FB Valley		
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How to Obtain District Information

Information can be obtained through a variety of sources.

- The Internet - Visit the District's website at www.freeport.k12.pa.us. General information, school news, announcements, and schedule of events are just some of the items available and updated throughout the school year. Take time to visit each school as they develop their sites.
- Bee TV - Activities, events, and programs can be found on Armstrong Cable channel 205, Consolidated Cable channel 402 or can be viewed at freeportpa.peg.tv
- Communications Office - Information can be obtained through the school district's communications office by calling (724) 295-5143, extension 1260, emailing stivenson@freeport.k12.pa.us, or by requesting in writing to: Freeport Area School District, PO Drawer C, Freeport, PA 16229. Information and other school district related information are available via mail, e-mail, or telephone.



PTO Groups Contact Info

Buffalo Elementary School PTO

meetings - second Monday of month every two months

Christa Bjalobok, President - cbjalobok@gmail.com

South Buffalo Elementary School PTO

meetings - first Tuesday of month

Christy Gregori, President - cgregori76@gmail.com

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Cross Country – Jeffrey Parks – (412) 977-8441, jeffrey_s_parks@hotmail.com

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Volleyball – Paula Mason – (724) 496-1065, paulamasonfvbc@consolidated.net

(check full calendar for specific dates of all parent and booster group meetings)

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School Info*

District Time Schedules

Administration Office - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Freeport Senior High School - Teachers: 7:25 am – 2:55 pm Students: 7:38 am – 2:43 pm

Freeport Area Middle School - Teachers: 7:25 am – 2:55 pm Students: 7:30 am – 2:42 pm

Buffalo Elementary School - Teachers: 8:15 am – 3:45 pm Students: 8:50 am – 3:30 pm

South Buffalo Elementary School - Teachers: 8:15 am – 3:45 pm Students: 8:50 am–3:30 pm

School Lunch and Breakfast Prices

School lunches are provided on a daily basis in all schools in the Freeport Area School District. When purchased, students receive a well-balanced, nutritious lunch. Our cafeteria uses a point of service system to keep track of your child's account. You may deposit money into their account anytime during the school day. A positive balance is required at all times to maintain a student's account. Lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year are: High School/Middle School – \$2.75, Elementary Schools – \$2.65, Reduced – \$.40, Adults –\$4.00, Milk – \$.60. Contact the Food Service Director, at (724) 295-5143, ext. 1252 with any questions.

The district offers breakfast as part of the National School Breakfast Program. Breakfasts cost \$1.25. Those students who receive reduced lunches will receive breakfast at a rate of \$.30. Likewise, those who receive free lunches will receive breakfast at no cost as well. There will be a sit-down option as well as a grab-and-go option for students who purchase breakfast.

Participation in the National School Lunch Free and Reduced Price Program

The Federal government provides support for student lunches through the National School Lunch Program. Free and reduced price school lunches represent an important component of the Nation's nutrition safety net for children. On any given day, over 14 million meals are served in schools across the country under the NSL program.

Many may not realize that almost all state and Federal grants available to schools are tied to the school district's free and reduced lunch percentage. In an attempt to serve the neediest schools, grant proposals normally are weighed based on the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches in the school district. These grants provide funding for reading programs, computers, software, additional teachers, and many other valuable learning resources that often are beyond the financial capabilities of a school district.

We strongly encourage families who fall within the eligibility requirements for free or reduced cost lunches for their children to complete an application for this program. Failure to do so sends Federal and state dollars out of the Freeport Area School District. If you qualify for the program, there is no requirement to actually participate should you choose not to. Grant opportunities are based on the eligible percentage in the district rather than the participating percentage.

Applications are available in the office of each of the schools within the district. You may apply for this program anytime during the school year by contacting the Food Service Director at 724-295-5143 ext. 1252. Rest assured that the school will treat this information with the utmost respect for your confidentiality. Remember that your Federal tax dollars support this program. Your participation, if eligibility requirements are met, keep Federal and state tax dollars in Freeport.

Preschool Program

Freeport High School offers a two-session preschool program for district pre-school children. The program is developed and operated by the Family and Consumer Sciences Department and runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Session 1 runs October through December and Session 2 runs from March to May. Space is limited to 15 spots on a first come, first serve availability. Information on the program can be directed to Jason Crighton at crighton@freeport.k12.pa.us, or (724) 295-5143 x1547.



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<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Santa Workshop Week-Buffalo Senior Pictures-Due for Yearbook</p> <p>3 PM AKV Honors Band Auditions / Kiski Area High School</p> <p>3 PM Middle School Choir Dress Rehearsal / Middle School</p> <p>3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB @ Riverview (Scrim)</p> <p>6 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ St. Joseph (Scrim)</p> <p>6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Shenango (Scrim)</p> <p>6:30 PM High School Band Dress Rehearsal, HS Auditorium</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3 PM Senior High Musical Auditions HS Auditorium</p> <p>3:30 PM B Freshman BKB Knoch</p> <p>7 PM High School Band Concert, HS Auditorium</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3 PM Senior High Musical Auditions, HS Auditorium</p> <p>7 PM Buffalo Elementary Choir Concert, MS Auditorium</p> <p>7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3 PM Senior High Musical Auditions- HS Auditorium</p> <p>3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Leechburg (Scrim)</p> <p>7 PM Middle School Choir Concert- MS Auditorium</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3 PM Senior High Musical Auditions HS Auditorium</p> <p>4:15 PM B Freshman BKB @ Shady Side Academy</p> <p>TBA G VAR BKB @ South Fayette-Tournament</p> <p>TBA B VAR BKB Various-Tournament</p> <p>6 PM HS Swimming @ Kiski</p>	<p>9</p> <p>ACT Test</p> <p>9 AM Breakfast with Santa, Freeport High School</p> <p>TBA G VAR BKB @ South Fayette-Tournament</p> <p>TBA B VAR BKB Various-Tournament</p>
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Athletic Event Ticket Prices

All District residents age 62 and older can join the District's Blue & Gold Club. Members of the Blue & Gold Club are entitled to for free admission to sporting events in the Freeport Area School District. The complimentary passes are good for life and can be obtained at each school building. Qualifying residents can obtain a Club card and show it at each sporting event in order to gain free admission to each event. Ticket prices for all sports are available on the school district website at www.freeport.k12.pa.us/Content/BlueandGoldClub.

Reserved tickets can be purchased in advance of the football season. Contact the Athletic Office with questions at (724) 295-5143, ext. 1248.

Access to District Buildings

While the Freeport Area School District recognizes that all facilities "belong" to the community, safety concerns prohibit residents from having at-will access to buildings and grounds without permission. Residents wishing to use buildings and grounds may do so during scheduled public events, designated programs, and other times the buildings and grounds are properly supervised and open.

If residents wish to use or view buildings and grounds during the school day for a specific purpose, prior approval must be given by the building principal. This procedure provides the safest environment for the school population.

Facilities Use Request Procedure

Individuals or groups wishing to use Freeport Area School District facilities may do so with prior approval of the building administrator. In order to do so, a Facilities Use Request form must be completed and submitted to the school and student events coordinator for approval. The form can be accessed at www.freeport.k12.pa.us/Content/Info#FacilitiesUse. A fee is charged for non-school related events and charges for security and janitorial services may be imposed on all groups using school facilities, when necessary.

Further information on the use of school facilities can be obtained through the building principal's office of the facility to be used.



All-Weather Track

The all-weather track is located on the Freeport High School campus and surrounds the athletic field. The 400-meter track is available for use before and after school during daylight hours on school days and during daylight hours on non-school days. Only running or walking shoes are to be used on the track; no spikes. The public is **not** permitted to use the track during **school hours, school activities, and from 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.** Violators will be asked to leave the track during those time periods. Questions on public use of the track can be answered by contacting the Athletic Director's office at (724) 295-5143, ext. 1260.

Additionally, the following guidelines have been established for public use of the track: no wheeled vehicles, no hitting golf balls, no tobacco products or alcoholic beverages, no animals/pets, and no littering or loitering.

Tax Information

Property Tax Collectors

● **Buffalo** - Carla Garia - (724) 353-1795

● **Freeport** - Lynn Chiado - (724) 295-1175

● **South Buffalo** - Valerie Smith - (724) 295-4522

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14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Teacher In-service Day - No School 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Apollo-Ridge 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB Kiski	16 Keystone Exams 3:30 PM B Freshman BKB Shady Side Academy 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Deer Lakes	17 Keystone Exams 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ Armstrong	18 Keystone Exams 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB @ West Shamokin 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ Valley 6 PM HS Swimming @ Burrell	19 Keyston Exams 3:30 PM B Freshman BKB @ Burrell 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Valley	20
21	22 Keystone Exams South Buffalo Food Drive All-Week 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Valley 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB Highlands	23 3:30 PM B Freshman BKB Deer Lakes	24 ASVAB Test 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Armstrong	25 PMEA District 3 Chorus Festival- Dubois Area HS Alle-Kiski Senior High Honors Band-Kiski Area HS 3:45 PM B 7/8 BKB @ Springdale 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic 6 PM HS Swimming @ Mount Pleasant	26 PMEA District 3 Chorus Festival- Dubois Area HS Alle-Kiski Senior High Honors Band-Kiski Area HS High School Yearbook Orders Due South Buffalo Winter Carnival 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Armstrong 3:45 PM B Freshman BKB @ Riverview 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB @ Indiana	27 PMEA District 3 Chorus Festival- Dubois Area HS
28	29 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Shady Side Academy 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB Knoch	30 Armstrong County JR High Band Festival-Armstrong Jr-Sr High School 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Yough 5 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ Shady Side Academy	31 Armstrong County JR High Band Festival-Armstrong Jr-Sr High School (Snow Date) 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB @ Kiski	<h1>January 2018</h1>		February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Student Picture Procedure

Throughout the year, the Freeport Area School District shares information with the public through news releases, slide presentations, videotaping, etc., or through publications such as "The Freeporter". District publications and promotional material (newsletters, website, calendar, etc.) and local newspapers may contain pictures of students from the various schools in the district. If parents DO NOT wish to have their child's photograph used in any publication or in the media, please submit a written request stating so to: Freeport Area School District, School and Student Events Coordinator, PO Drawer C, Freeport, PA 16229.

Parents need to submit a written request each year. Once received, the request will be kept on file for one year in the school office.

Parental Approval of Student Educational Information on Freeport's Website

The community can look up information on Freeport's website at www.freeport.k12.pa.us. Periodically, student's names, work, accomplishments, awards, etc., are published on our website. If as a parent, you do not wish to have any of your child's educational accomplishments listed on our web page, please notify your child's building principal at the start of each school year. Otherwise, names and educational information will be published for review. Please note: personal information, such as address, date of birth, social security numbers, etc., are not published information.

School Closings and Delays Procedure

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, it may be necessary to delay school, dismiss early or cancel school. District officials will make every effort to have closing/delay announcements made on the district website main page, via a *BlackboardConnect* phone message, and local media outlets:

- TV
- KDKA TV-2
- WTAE TV-4
- WPXI TV-11

Parents are reminded that the *Blackboard Connect* phone system is used as a supplement for school delay and cancellation notices. Parents are to rely on the media and district website as the official notification mechanism for school delays and cancellations.

Decisions for school closures or delays are made in the evenings or early morning hours. Be aware that the decision you may first hear (for example a two-hour delay) can quickly change based on dramatic changes in weather conditions. Please stay tuned to local media outlets for changes if weather conditions are questionable prior to sending your child to the bus stop. A follow-up *BlackboardConnect* call will be made in the instance a delay or closure status changes.

In order to keep district telephone lines open for emergency use, DO NOT call the school to obtain school closure and delay information. Also, parents are urged to provide each child with training so they will know where to go if school is dismissed early in an emergency. There may be times when school could possibly be dismissed on very short notice, so it is suggested that your child be trained about how to cope in these circumstances.

Non-Public and Private Schools

When the District is closed, delayed, or dismissed early for inclement weather or other emergencies, all school transportation provided to non-public and private students follows the Freeport Area School District's schedule. Transportation will not be provided to non-public and private school students serviced by Freeport Area School District busing when the school district is closed for inclement weather or other emergencies, even if the non-public or private school is open for the day. When the school district is on a delay or dismisses early, all non-public and private school buses follow the school district's delay or dismissal schedule.

Extra-Curricular Activities

When school is closed for inclement weather or other emergencies, school sponsored activities and events are cancelled (i.e., practices, events, etc.). In the event of a school delay, all morning activities and events are canceled and during an early dismissal all evening activities and events are canceled. Any changes to this procedure will be communicated through coaches and advisors.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

February 2018

						1 4 PM B 7/8 BKB @ Riverview 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB @ Deer Lakes 6 PM HS Swimming @ Valley		2 Groundhog Day 4 PM B Freshman BKB @ The Kiski School 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB @ Mount Pleasant		3	
4		5 3:30 PM B 7/8 BKB Leechburg 6 PM G JV/VAR BKB Burrell		6 3:30 PM B Freshman BKB Highlands 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Derry		7 7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)		8 6 PM HS Swimming @ Greensburg Salem (Greensburg YMCA)		9 4:15 PM B Freshman BKB @ Shady Side Academy 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB @ Deer Lakes	
11		12 6 PM B JV/VAR BKB Highlands		13		14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Elementary Valentines Parties Armstrong County Junior County Chorus Festival-Freeport MS 7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)		15 Rain Date- Armstrong County Junior County Chorus Festival-Freeport MS 4-8 PM HS & MS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 PM Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 7 PM HS Swimming @ Indiana (IUP Zink Hall/Memorial Field House)		16 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-11 AM	
18		19 President's Day Teacher In-Service Day- No School 6:15 PM Marching Band Mini Camp- Freeport HS		20 6 PM HS Swimming @ Highlands (Senior Night) 6:15 PM Marching Band Mini Camp- Freeport HS		21		22 PMEA Region 2 Band Festival- West Shamokin Junior-Senior High School		23 PMEA Region 2 Band Festival- West Shamokin Junior-Senior High School	
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Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services for School Age Children with Disabilities

It is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Education to insure that all children with disabilities residing in the Commonwealth (including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities), and who are in need of special education or related services, are identified, located, and evaluated. This responsibility is required by a federal law called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Amendments of 1997 (IDEA '97). Additional question can be answered by contacting the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, Division of Compliance. A Special Education ConsultLine is available at 1-800-879-2301 (voice/TTY/TTD).

Freeport Area School District provides a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to children with disabilities who need special education and related services. Pennsylvania has adopted state laws, which conform to IDEA '97 in which school districts must follow. FAPE is provided to students who need specially designed instruction and have one or more of the following physical or mental disabilities: Autism, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Emotional Disturbance, Hearing Impairment, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment including Blindness, Early Intervention. For more information, contact the Freeport Area School District's Special Services Coordinator, Mr. Richard Burns at (724) 295-9020, ext. 2103.

Bullying Prevention Program

Bullying is defined as an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act, or a series of acts that are directed at another student or students and occurs in or related to the school settings, is severe, persistent, or pervasive and interferes with a student's education or disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to physical, verbal, psychological or relational, or cyber-bullying. The Freeport Area School District is implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program at the elementary and junior high levels. Any bullying incident as defined within the School District Policy Manual will be addressed with specific measures outlined by elementary, middle, and secondary level action plans.

Confidentiality

Each school district protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable information regarding children with disabilities, children thought to have disabilities, protected handicapped students (if not protected by IDEA '97 or Pennsylvania's Special Education Regulations) and children who are identified as gifted, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and other applicable federal and state laws, policies, and regulations. For more information on FERPA, visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>.

Early Intervention

The IDEA '97 also requires the provision of Free Appropriate Public Education to children with disabilities between 3 years of age and the district's age of beginners. In Pennsylvania, a child between three years of age and the school district's age of beginners who has a developmental delay or one or more of the physical or mental disabilities listed above may be identified as an "eligible young child."

Eligible young children are afforded the rights of school-age children with disabilities, including screening, evaluation, individualized education program planning, and provision of appropriate programs and services. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for providing programs and services to eligible young children under Act 212 of 1990, The Early Intervention Services System Act. The ARIN Intermediate Unit provides programs and services to eligible young children on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For more information, contact the ARIN Early Intervention Service Coordinator at (724) 463-5300, ext. 216.

Educational Placement

An Individualized Education Program (IEP) describes the child's present levels of educational performance, including how the child's disability affects involvement and progress in the general curriculum; a statement of measurable annual goals, including benchmarks or short-term objectives, to enable the child to be involved and progress in the general curriculum; a statement of special education related services and supplementary services to be provided to the child; an explanation of the extent to which the child will not participate with non-disabled children in the regular class; any modifications in the administration of assessments; the projected date for beginning services and modification; and, how progress toward annual goals will be measured. For each child with a disability, beginning at age fourteen or younger, a statement of transition service needs will be included. For each child, beginning at age sixteen, a statement of need for transition services for the student, including as appropriate, and a statement of interagency responsibilities or needed linkages will be included.

In determining student placement, consideration will be given to ensure that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities are educated with children who are nondisabled. Classes and services that involve removal of children with disabilities from the regular environment will occur only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes, with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

Freeport Area School District also utilizes a system to locate and identify all students within the district who are thought to be gifted, in need of specially designed instruction receive a GIEP. For more information, please contact the building principal or the Special Services Coordinator at (724) 295-9020, ext. 2103.

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<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Spring Sports Begin</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>PSAT Test - 10 Graders 7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PMEA Region II Chorus Festival- McDowell High School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PMEA Region II Chorus Festival- McDowell High School</p>	<p>10</p> <p>SAT Test Grade 10 @ FHS PMEA Region II Chorus Festival- McDowell High School</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Savings Begins</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Senior High Musical Tour to District Schools</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30 PM HS TRK Armstrong (Scrim) 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB St. Joseph (Scrim) 7:30 PM Senior High Musical- Freeport Middle School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior High Musical- Freeport Middle School</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior High Musical- Freeport Middle School</p>
<p>18</p> <p>2 PM Senior High Musical Matinee- Freeport Middle School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:30 PM HS TRK @ Knoch (Scrim) 6 PM G VAR LAX @ Plum (Scrim)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p> <p>Last Day of the Nine-Weeks 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Kiski (Scrim) 4 PM B JV BSB @ Kiski (Scrim) 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Kiski (Scrim)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3:45 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Armstrong 3:45 PM B JV BSB @ Armstrong 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Armstrong</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4 PM G JV/VAR SB @ West Shamokin 4 PM B VAR BSB @ Burrell 4 PM B VAR LAX Seton LaSalle 4:15 PM B JV BSB Burrell 5 PM G VAR LAX Penn Trafford</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3:30 PM HS TRK @ Apollo 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Highlands</p>	<p>28</p> <p>No School (tentative)– Snow Make-Up Day #3 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Leechburg 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Apollo TBA G VAR LAX @ Norwin</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No School (tentative)– Snow Make-Up Day #4 3:30 PM HS TRK Burrell 5 PM G VAR LAX Knoch</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>No School - Vacation Day</p>	<p>31</p>

Evaluation

When screening indicates that a child may be a child with disabilities, the Freeport Area School District will seek parental consent to conduct an evaluation. "Evaluation" means procedures used in the determination of whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services that the child needs. The term means procedures used selectively with an individual child and is not limited to tests administered to or procedures used with all children.

In Pennsylvania, this evaluation is conducted by a group of qualified professionals and the parent. The group of qualified professionals shall include a certified school psychologist when evaluating a child for autism, emotional disturbance, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, other health impairments, specific learning disability, or traumatic brain injury. The evaluation process must be completed no later than sixty school days after the district receives written parental consent and must include "protection-in-evaluation procedures" (for example, tests and procedures used as part of the multidisciplinary evaluation process may not be racially or culturally biased). Upon completion of the administration of tests and the collection of other evaluation materials, a group of qualified professionals and the parent of the child will determine whether the child is a child with disability and what the educational needs are of the child. Information obtained from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, parent input, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior will be documented and considered carefully. If a determination is made that a child has a disability and needs special education and related services, an individualized education program (IEP) must be developed for the child.

Kindergarten Screening

The Freeport Area School District conducts a screening program in the month of April for all children entering Kindergarten who meet the age requirements of the district policy. The screening, DIAL-3, occurs after the child is officially registered to attend Kindergarten. Parents may begin to officially enroll their child beginning February 1 by obtaining the necessary paperwork online at our website, or in any of the elementary offices. Once a child is enrolled, a screening appointment with the teachers will be scheduled, typically in late April.

During the screening, each child completes a series of tasks at various stations that focus on visual, auditory and motor areas. In addition, language and other cognitive areas are assessed with the intent of measuring school readiness. Classroom teachers, principals, physical education teachers, reading specialists, nurses, and speech clinicians may administer the screening program. Information gathered during the screening is used to enable our staff to create classroom environments that help children grow and learn.

Identification Activities

Parents who think their child has a disability may request, at any time, that the school district conduct a multidisciplinary evaluation. This request should be made in writing to the building principal or the special services coordinator. If a parent makes an oral request for a multidisciplinary evaluation, the school district shall provide the parent with a form for a written request.

Parents also have the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation, if they disagree with the school district's evaluation. Freeport Area School District will provide to parents, on request, information about where an independent educational evaluation may be obtained.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Freeport Area School District is an equal opportunity institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or any other legally protected classification, in its activities, programs or employment practices. Announcement of this policy is in accordance with federal and state laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Larry Robb, Director of Programs, Title IX and Section 503 and 504 Coordinator at Freeport Area School District, PO Drawer C, Freeport, PA 16229 or by phone at (724) 295-5141, ext. 1220 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. For information regarding services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by disabled persons, contact Mr. Robb.

Safe School Environment

The Freeport Area School District's goal is to establish a secure school climate, conducive to teaching and student learning that is free from threat, harassment, and any type of bullying behavior. The District expects all students and employees to act respectfully towards one another at all times. Students have the opportunity to visit the school counselor or principal and anonymously report items that may affect the safety and welfare of others or the building.

Screening and Evaluation

Screening and evaluation procedures that emphasize intervening early and often identify students who may have a disability and need specially designed instruction. The Freeport Area School District utilizes the Response to Intervention and Instruction (RtII) multi-tier models of service delivery that ensures that all students receive high-quality instruction and interventions with increasing intensity of services matched to the current level of student need.

At Tier I, grade-level teams of teachers systematically review data from all students such as grades, end of theme reading assessments, and the results of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), Developmental Reading Assessments (DRA), 4Sight Benchmark and Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) test results, for example, to make educational decisions about changes in instruction or goals. Some students may be referred to the Tier II Child Study Team which is a problem-solving team that uses academic and behavioral assessments to identify why students are not mastering the required skills at the same pace as their peers. The Child Study Team identifies specific skills that need developed and then select research-based, scientifically validated interventions to address the need. At this level, targeted instruction and additional practice time aim to accelerate learning. Students are monitored for progress frequently to measure their response to intervention so that instruction and interventions may be adjusted when necessary. *(continued on page 22)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2 No School (tentative)– Snow Make-Up Day #5	3 No School (tentative)– Snow Make-Up Day #2 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Valley 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Highlands 6 PM B JV BSB @ Highlands TBA G VAR LAX @ Hempfield	4 No School (tentative)– Snow Make-Up Day #1 4 PM B VAR LAX Knoch 7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)	5 3:30 PM HS TRK Valley 3:45 PM G JV/VAR SB @ East Allegheny 4 PM B VAR BSB @ Greensburg Salem 4:15 PM B JV BSB Greensburg Salem 5 PM G VAR LAX Latrobe 7:30 PM B VAR LAX @ North Hills	6 3:45 PM B VAR BSB @ Serra Catholic	7 Senior Trip-Washington, DC
8 Senior Trip-Washington, DC	9 Senior Trip-Washington, DC Grades 3-8 PSSA English/ Language Arts Testing 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB South Allegheny 4 PM B JV BSB @ Derry 4 PM B VAR LAX @ Winchester Thurston (Founders Field) 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Derry TBA G VAR LAX @ Shady Side Academy	10 Grades 3-8 PSSA English/ Language Arts Testing	11 Grades 3-8 PSSA English/ Language Arts Testing 3:30 PM HS TRK Springdale / Leechburg 4 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Burrell 4 PM B JV BSB @ Deer Lakes 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Deer Lakes TBA G VAR LAX @ Fox Chapel 7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)	12 Grades 3-8 PSSA English/ Language Arts Testing	13 Grades 3-8 PSSA English/ Language Arts Testing 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Deer Lakes 4:15 PM B JV BSB Yough 4:30 PM B VAR BSB @ Yough	14 ACT Test
15	16 Grades 3-8 PSSA Math Testing 3:30 PM HS TRK @ Deer Lakes (CWNC) 4 PM "One Song" Show Choir Festival Rehearsal – Highlands HS 4 PM B JV BSB @ Indiana 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Indiana 4:30 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Highlands 5 PM G VAR LAX Indiana	17 Grades 3-8 PSSA Math Testing 5 PM B VAR LAX @ CWNC	18 Grades 3-8 PSSA Math Testing PMEA State Festival/Convergence-Lancaster, PA 4 PM B VAR BSB @ Knoch 4:15 PM B JV BSB Knoch TBA G VAR LAX @ Penn Trafford	19 Grades 3-8 PSSA Math Testing PMEA State Festival/Convergence-Lancaster, PA 3:30 PM HS TRK @ Shady Side Academy (Riverview) 4 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Valley	20 Grades 3-8 PSSA Math Testing PMEA State Festival/Convergence-Lancaster, PA 4 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Greensburg Salem 4 PM B VAR BSB @ Highlands 4:15 PM B JV BSB Highlands	21 PMEA State Festival/Convergence-Lancaster, PA Jazz Ensembles @ Spring Fling Event- Freeport PA
22	23 Severe Weather Awareness Week Grades 4 & 8 PSSA Science Testing Marching Band Audition Week- Freeport HS 4 PM B JV BSB @ Greensburg Salem 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Greensburg Salem 5 PM G VAR LAX Norwin	24 Grades 4 & 8 PSSA Science Testing Marching Band Audition Week- Freeport HS 4 PM B VAR LAX Gateway 4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB East Allegheny 7 PM Alle-Kiski Jazz Festival- Plum High School (Tentative)	25 Grades 4 & 8 PSSA Science Testing Marching Band Audition Week- Freeport HS 3 PM HS TRK AIC Meet-Freeport HS 4 PM B VAR BSB @ Derry 4:15 PM B JV BSB Derry 5 PM G VAR LAX Hempfield	26 Grades 4 & 8 PSSA Science Testing Marching Band Audition Week- Freeport HS 3:30 PM G JV/VAR SB @ South Allegheny 7 PM Senior High "Music and Munchies" Concert-Freeport HS 7:15 PM B VAR LAX @ Plum	27 Grades 4 & 8 PSSA Science Testing Marching Band Audition Week- Freeport HS 3 PM HS TRK JV AIC Meet @ Shady Side Academy 3:45 PM G JV/VAR SB @ St. Joseph (@ No Off Season) 4 PM B VAR BSB Deer Lakes 4:15 PM B JV BSB Deer Lakes	28 HS Music Department Trip to Cleveland, OH
29	30 PSSA Makeup Testing 4:15 PM B VAR BSB Yough 4:30 PM B JV BSB @ Yough TBA G VAR LAX @ Latrobe		March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<h1>April 2018</h1>		May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

(Screening and Evaluation, cont. from page 20)

Students whose needs extend beyond what may be successfully provided for within the general education core curriculum with supplemental programs may be referred by the Child Study Team for a multidisciplinary evaluation for consideration of special education services and more intensive interventions including specially designed instruction (Tier III).

The extent of special education services and the location for the delivery of such services are determined by the IEP team and are based on the student's identified needs and abilities, chronological age and the level of intensity of the specified intervention.

Parents who suspect their child has a disability may request a multidisciplinary evaluation of their child at any time through written request to the school principal or the Office of Special Education. Services for school-age students with disabilities include the annual development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan. The extent of special education services (Itinerant: 20 percent or less, Supplemental: less than 80 percent but more than 20 percent, and Full Time: more than 80 percent) and the location for the delivery of such services are determined by the IEP team and are based on the student's needs.

Parents are encouraged to contribute during the evaluation and individual planning of their child's educational program. There are signs of developmental delays and other risk factors that parents can look for that could indicate their child has a disability. More importantly, there are also strategies and resources that can help. To learn more about the early signs of developmental delays and learning disabilities, please contact the Special Services Coordinator at (724) 295-9020, ext. 2103.

Services for Protected Handicapped Students

Students who are not eligible to receive special education programs and services may qualify as protected handicapped students and, therefore, be protected by other federal and state laws intended to prevent discrimination. The school District must insure that protected handicapped students have an equal opportunity to participate in the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate for the individual student.

In compliance with state and federal law, the school district will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodation which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities, to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school-age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in, or access to, an aspect of the school program.

These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" may be distinct from those applicable to disabled or thought-to-be disabled students. The school district or the parent may initiate an evaluation if it is believed a student is a protected handicap student.

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provision of services for protected handicapped students, parents should call the building principal. (Please note that this is a regular education service and not one required by IDEA '97 or Chapter 14.)

Sexual Harassment Policy

Freeport Area School District is committed to assuring equal educational opportunities without discrimination on the basis of sex. Furthermore, this district is committed to maintaining an educational environment for all students which is free of any type of sexual harassment/abuse/misconduct. This policy is based upon Section 703 of Title VII the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Final Amendment to Guidelines on Discrimination because of sex promulgated by the Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Title IX of The Education Amendments of 1972 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 5 (A) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, as amended 43 P.S., Section 951 et seq, the implementing guidelines on Sexual Harassment promulgated by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and case law. For information regarding this policy, contact Mr. Larry Robb, Program Director, at (724) 295-5141.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Freeport Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the pest problem and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points and physically removing pests. From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Applications will be made only when people do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. This can be done by notifying the building principal in writing. Please note that because it is updated annually, parents must submit a letter to the school every year if they wish to be placed on this registry. Include your name, your child's/children's names(s), address, telephone number, and email address. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-contained baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids. If you have any questions, please contact the Maintenance Office at (724) 295-5141 ext. 1251.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2018

1
PSSA Makeup Testing
4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Burrell
7 PM B VAR LAX Indiana

2
PSSA Makeup Testing
4 PM B VAR BSB @ Indiana
4:15 PM B JV BSB Indiana
TBA G VAR LAX Shady Side Academy
7:30 PM School Board Committee Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)

3
PSSA Makeup Testing
3:30 PM G JV/VAR SB @ Deer Lakes
4 PM B JV BSB @ Knoch
4:15 PM B VAR BSB Knoch

4
No School – Prom
6 PM JR/SR Prom-Syria Mosque

5
SAT Test

6

7
4:15 PM G JV/VAR SB Knoch
TBA G VAR LAX Fox Chapel

8 National Teacher Day
7:00 PM South Buffalo Elementary Choir Concert-Freeport MS

9
AP English Lit
3 PM Middle School Band Dress Rehearsal-Freeport MS
4:15 PM B JV BSB Shady Side Academy
4:15 PM B VAR BSB @ Shady Side Academy
7 PM G VAR LAX @ Indiana
7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS Audion Room 83 (Tentative)

10
3:45 PM B JV BSB @ Hampton
4:15 PM B VAR BSB Hampton
7 PM Middle School Band Concert-Freeport MS
7 PM G VAR LAX @ Knoch

11
Buffalo Elementary Family Picnic

12

13 Mother's Day

14
Keystone Exams
AP Biology
6:30 PM Elementary Band Dress Rehearsal-Freeport MS

15
Keystone Exams
AP Calculus AB and BC
6:30 PM High School Band Dress Rehearsal-Freeport HS

16
Keystone Exams
6:30 PM District Art Show-Freeport HS
7:00 PM Senior High Band Concert-Freeport HS

17
Keystone Exams
AP World History-AM
AP Stats-PM
7 PM District Wide Elementary Band Concert-Freeport MS

18
Keystone Exams
7:00 PM Tri-M Talent Show-Freeport MS

19

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21
Keystone Exams
3 PM High School Choir Dress Rehearsal-Freeport MS

22
Keystone Exams
3 PM Middle School Choir Dress Rehearsal-Freeport MS
7 PM High School Choir Concert-Freeport MS

23
Keystone Exams
7 PM Middle School Choir Concert-Freeport MS

24
Keystone Exams
3 PM Marching Band Mandatory Memorial Day Rehearsal-Freeport HS
7 PM Buffalo Elementary Choir Concert-Freeport MS

25
Keystone Exams
Buffalo Elementary Field Day
South Buffalo Elementary Family Fun Day

26

27
1:00 PM Baccalaureate-Freeport MS

28 Memorial Day
No School – Vacation Day
9:30 AM Freeport Memorial Day Parade

29
Middle School Games Day
7 PM Senior High Awards Program

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12:45 PM Middle School Awards Assembly
Marching Band Mandatory Informational Meeting-Freeport HS (Tentative)

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Transportation System

The Freeport Area School District transports approximately 2,200 students daily on 32 school buses and vans. Two transportation contractors, Valley Lines and W.L. Roenigk, provide bus and van service to the school district's K-12 public school population and to the school district's non-public and special school students. Valley Lines operates a bus garage at 1395 Sarver Road in Slate Lick and W.L. Roenigk operates a garage at 798 Ekastown Road in Sarver. Questions can be directed to the transportation office at (724) 295-5143, ext. 1260 or stivenson@freeport.k12.pa.us. After 4:00 p.m., contact the bus garages directly - Valley Lines at (724) 295-9150 or W.L. Roenigk at (724) 353-1515.

Bus Safety

Safety of all students and the driver is the chief concern in the daily transportation of students who ride Freeport Area School District provided transportation. Through effective cooperation of all students and parents/guardians, the safe delivery of all students to their destination can be successfully achieved.

Parents should discuss safety issues with children and encourage them to be safety minded at their bus stop and during the bus ride. Parents and students should keep the following bus safety issues in mind:

At the bus stop:

- Students must arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time; always walk to the bus stop, even when late-never run; stand off the roadway while waiting, not pushing, shoving or engaging in horseplay; respect other people's property; and wait for and get off the bus only at approved stop locations.

During loading and unloading:

- Always stay away from the 12 foot "danger zone" around the bus, except when directed by the driver to get on or off the bus; NEVER pick up an object that you drop under or near the bus-ask the driver for help; always be sure that the driver can see you; make sure that clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that could catch in the handrails or bus door; when you see the bus coming, stand at the stop and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop; always wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross the road and/or load into the bus; when crossing a traffic lane, always look left, right, and then left again: cross only if approaching traffic has stopped; never walk behind the bus; and only board your assigned bus, unless other arrangements are approved by your school.

During the bus ride:

- Always follow the driver's instructions; never distract the driver from driving unless there is immediate danger to you or others; remain seated in your assigned seat and keep the aisles clear; eating, drinking and chewing gum are prohibited; never bring unsafe or unauthorized items into the bus; never create distracting behavior and loud noises; and allow the driver to perform his/her job without disruption unless an emergency arises.

Bus Stop Change Requests

Parents requesting school bus stop changes should contact the school district's bus contractors (see contact information above). Requests will be reviewed with the school district and parents will be contacted with a decision. Parents are asked to be patient with a response to their requests at the beginning of the year.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child's safety getting on/off the bus daily. Bus stop requests will not be considered based on lack of parent supervision at the bus stop (i.e. child not visible from house).

Bus Stops Five Days Per Week

Bus stops either in the morning or afternoon **must be five days a week**. Students can have a different stop in the morning than afternoon, but each must be five days a week. This change will allow teachers and bus drivers to know what stop each child is scheduled for, ensuring their location on a daily basis. Students needing to be dropped off at a different stop will be on a note only basis approved by the school office.

Unauthorized Bus Entry

Act 65 of 1998 makes it a third-degree misdemeanor to board a school bus without proper authorization and with the intent to commit a crime, disrupt or interfere with the driver, or refusal to disembark from the school bus after being ordered to do so. To fully protect all students riding school district buses, all residents and parents are asked to abide by this law.

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1
Last Day of School
7 PM Graduation-Freeport Area
Athletic Stadium

2
SAT Test @ FHS

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Teachers Clerical Day

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6
7:30 PM School Board Committee
Meeting HS Audion Room 83
(Tentative)

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ACT Test

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13
7:30 PM School Board Meeting HS
Audion Room 83 (Tentative)

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Flag Day

ACT Test

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Father's Day

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21 **First Day of Summer**

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dedicated to the success of all*

The Class of 2017

Graduation Plans

- 87%-Attending post-secondary education
 - 73% plan to attend a 4-year college
 - 11% plan to attend a 2-year community (7% of student plan to attend a 4-year school after community college)
 - 3% plan to attend a 2-year other post-secondary school
- 4% - Entering the military
- 3% - Entering the workforce

Honors

- 147 members of the Class of 2017 graduated with honors
 - 57 graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA and higher)
 - 35 graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.5-3.99 GPA)
 - 8 graduated Cum Laude (3.25-3.49 GPA)

SAT Statistics

- 1100 - Total Mean Score
- 561 - Evidence Based Reading/Writing
- 538 - Math

Finances

2016-2017 Operating Budget

- Local Revenue	\$16,414,755
- State Revenue	\$12,848,668
- Federal Revenue	\$ 326,616
- Use of Fund Balance	\$ 1,188,359
Total Budget	\$30,778,398(total expenditures)

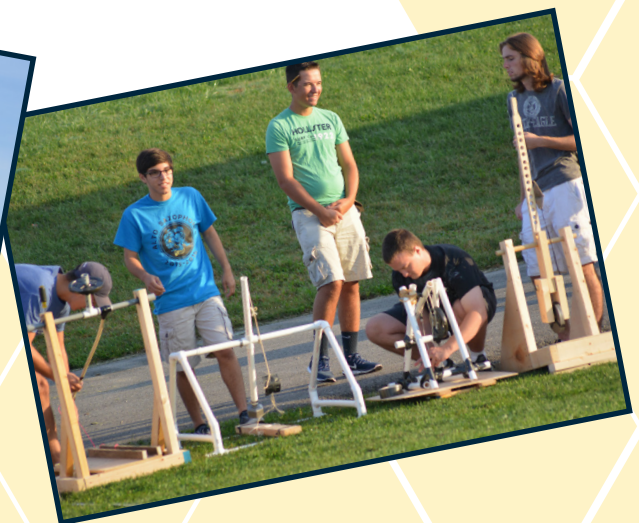
Millage Rate

Buffalo - 142.6 Mills

Freeport and South Buffalo - 62.4 Mills

Staff and Faculty

• Administration/Supervisory	- 12
• Faculty	-139
• Support Staff	- 96
Total	247



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