



School News- October 2008

Can you find the prize?

E-mail Newsletter: After this month, the FCS newsletter will be sent to our families via e-mail or you can find it on the web at fcs-online.org. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, we are eager to add you to our address book – just send your address to fcssecretary@hotmail.com. If you want to continue to receive the newsletter through the mail, please contact the school office at 962-3247.

ALSO: Check your teacher's website at fcs-online.org. Teachers' names are listed on the left side of the screen. Click on the teacher's name and you will find important information about your student's class (forms, homework details, e-mail connections, etc.) You will find this is a useful resource for you and your student.

You Can Help! Several of you have asked how you can help the school with fundraising – since the monthly tuition per student is \$435 while the actual cost is \$701.61 per month. Here are some easy-to-use fundraising projects which cost you nothing, but benefit your school: **Goodsearch.com** – Every search you conduct using this search engine translates into money for FCS. AND...if you make your online purchases using Goodsearch as you search engine, the company will pay the school a percentage of your purchase. So, if you are Christmas shopping online (or any other kind of shopping) please use Goodsearch. *It is simple to do...go to www.goodsearch.com and type "Freedom Christian School" in the box labeled "Who do you Goodsearch for?" Then search...or go to the "shopping" tab and spend ;-)* ...and you will be supporting your student's education. For more convenience, you can also add Goodsearch to your toolbar or make it your homepage by

clicking on the appropriate buttons. If you need more information, call the school office at 962-3247.

Boxtops – Boxtops for Education will send us 10 cents for each boxtop you give us. This may not sound like much, but when everyone contributes, it adds up.

Campbell's Soup Labels – Campbell's will supply us with educational resources in exchange for their labels. Just send your labels to the school office and we will use them.

Register for Safeway, Raley's, Target, Sam's and Savemart – If you shop any of these stores, they will send a portion of your spending dollars to Freedom. However, you must register for this. So, if you have not yet registered, just call Dana at 962-3247. She will connect you with our volunteers who will help you register for these charitable donations...or come to Back to School Night and a volunteer will be in the lobby to assist you.

Godfather's Receipts – Any time you eat at Godfather's...or you get it delivered, bring the receipts to FCS. Godfather's will contribute to our organization for each pizza you purchase.

FCS Auction – Do you have a business – or do you consistently patronize a business? Ask for a donation for your child's non-profit school. The business will receive a charitable tax deduction – and the school will sell the donation at the school auction. It's a win-win proposal. *This is an excellent time to request donations since many businesses are considering their tax deductions as the calendar year ends.* For more information call Dana at 962-3247.

And here is a new and very important support effort.

Freedom Christian School Family Co-op: Enclosed you have probably already noticed the two pieces which may remind you of the delicious BLT sandwiches you have been enjoying if you are one who raises tomatoes.

First, the individual card is a promotional piece designed this summer to draw attention to the unique qualities which set Freedom apart from other schools. You might share this with someone who is contemplating a Christian school.

Secondly, the folded brochure is a presentation of the Freedom Family Co-op, a new effort just launched this fall to keep one of the finest schools in town also one of the most affordable. As you will understand from reading it, it calls for a cooperative effort on the part of school parents, grandparents, extended family and friends to share a

part of the budget load that current tuition rates do not carry, but must be picked up.

Please give this sincere and prayerful consideration.

Picture Day: Wednesday, October 15th, is Fall Picture Day. Please remember to send your order in the envelope with your student on Wednesday, or you will not be able to purchase the pictures.

ACSI Teacher Convention: On October 30th and 31st, FCS teachers will be attending the Association of Christian Schools International Convention for teachers. There will be no school for students.

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors: The practice SAT exam (PSAT) for juniors will be available on Saturday, October 18th, and the practice ACT (PLAN) test for sophomores will be available on Saturday, October 25th. If you want your student to take either of these tests, please contact the school office today.

College Preparation Night: If your student is in 9th-12th grade, this is an event you and your student should attend. On Tuesday, October 28th, at 7:00 pm, Mrs. Angie will provide your family with important guidance counseling and materials for college selection, and registration.

Back to School Program: Invite all your family and friends to attend the 2008 FCS Back to School program. It will be a special evening for all. Students will be performing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 23rd, and then parents are invited to visit the classrooms afterward. All K-6th grade students and 7th-12th grade performing arts students must arrive at the school at 6:30 pm dressed in "Event Dress."

Event Dress (Student-Parent Handbook, p. 22): This is the appropriate attire for all programs, awards ceremonies, or when "Event Dress" is announced. Girls are required to wear dresses, skirts with blouses (no culottes), or dress slacks with blouses (absolutely NO jeans – blue or any other color). For appropriate length of dresses or skirts, see "Dresses" above. For elementary students, tights or anklets are permitted. Boys must wear dress shirts and dress pants (absolutely NO jeans – blue or any other color – or t-shirts allowed). No students are permitted to wear shorts for "Event Dress".

FCS Sports: Come cheer on our FCS varsity volleyball team, junior high volleyball team and elementary soccer team. Call the school office (962-

3247) for sports schedules and more information. Our student athletes would welcome your support!

First Quarter Ends: First quarter will end on Friday, October 24th. NOW is the time to check your students work to insure that everything is submitted to their teachers before the end of the quarter.

Community Service: Our community service projects are impacting the community. Second quarter points are due no later than Friday, December 10th. After that, the number of required hours doubles. Community service points can be earned in advance for upcoming quarters. Now is the time to plan for second quarter. If your student still needs community service hours, they will want to do one or more of the following:

Date TBA Collecting packages for the troops. To participate, contact Mrs. Angie by *Wednesday, October 22nd*.

November 1 Loaves and Fishes. To participate, contact Mrs. April Thompson by *Wednesday, October 29th*.

November 15 Fair Oaks Park and Community Clean Up. To participate, contact Mr. Scott Moore by *Wednesday, November 12th*.

December (TBA) Giftwrapping for the Sacramento Receiving Home. To participate, contact Mrs. Anne McCutcheon by *Wednesday, November 19th*.

Science Fair: Is your student struggling with their Science Fair project? Tutorials are available before each deadline. Upcoming October and November tutorials are the following:

Science Fair Notecards and Outline—\$25

Friday, October 24th—3:30-5:30

Your student will be helped by a teacher to begin their notecards and outline. Notecards and outline are due on 11/3. Registration deadline Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.

Science Fair Research Paper—Rough Draft—\$25

Friday, November 14th—3:30-5:30

Your student will be helped by a teacher to begin their research paper. Rough drafts of research papers are due 11/24. Registration deadline Wednesday,

Nov. 12th.

Just For Your Information: Should you ever come to the school and find that the school has been evacuated, you will find the staff and students either across the street at the Sunset Medical Center or at the Raley's on San Juan. While this has never happened in the history of FCS, we want to be prepared and we want you to be informed.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

November 11 – Veterans' Day

November 18 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)

November 21 - Homecoming

November 26-28 – Thanksgiving Vacation

FCS Mission Statement: Freedom Christian School is committed to providing a biblically-based, academically excellent education in a nurturing, family environment so its students can effectively accomplish the purpose for which they were created and impact the world for Christ. The first person – parent, grandparent, or friend of the Freedom family - to read this, call the school, and say, "I will goodsearch this year," will receive two dollars on their family snack bar tab.

Something to Consider: "A determined soul will do more with a rusty monkey wrench than a loafer will accomplish with all the tools in the machine shop." Robert Hughes

Pray and Vote: The upcoming elections will shape culture and policies for years to come. The sanctity of life and the institution of marriage are two clear-cut biblical issues on which candidates and parties differ. To know various candidates' positions and voting records, you can go to www.frcaction.org. You also might visit www.protectmarriage.com.