

Free STATE FIREBIRDS UPDATE

Let's Go State!





UPDATES FROM THE FIREBIRDS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



The S.A.L.T. of the Firebirds
donated 12 “Thanksgiving in a Box”
to Lawrence School District families!

S.A.L.T. OF THE FIREBIRDS DONATE “THANKSGIVING IN A BOX!”

Thanksgiving-in-a-Box Food Items

Foil Roasting Pan
Sticks of Butter (1 Package)
Frozen Pumpkin Pie (or Frozen Apple Pie)
Dinner Rolls (1 Package - Fresh or Frozen)
Potatoes (1 5-Pound Bag or 2 Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes)
Stuffing (1 Box or 1 Bag)
Gravy (1 Jar)
Fried Onions (1 Can)
Green Beans (2 Cans)
Corn (2 Cans)
Chicken Broth (1 Can)
Cream of Mushroom Soup (1 Can)
Cranberries (1 Can)



to:
Lafayette School District
Families
Happy Thanksgiving!





Meet the October & November
Firebirds of the Week!

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Ainsley Bandy
Dance



Junior Addie Butler
Cheer

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Joon Chun
Boys Soccer



Freshman Elle Cormaney
Girls Cross Country

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Alyssa Crum
Volleyball



Senior Jet Dineen
Football

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Chaney Finkeldei
Gymnastics



Senior Andrew Henderson
Boys Soccer

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Audrey Hoey-Kummerow
Gymnastics



Junior Kayla Keane
Cheer

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Senior Logan Krein
Football



Senior Ashley Mai
Gymnastics

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Ella Marshall
Girls Cross Country



Senior Aaron Neff
Boys Soccer

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Junior Natalie Schmidtberger
Girls Golf



Sophomore Brandon Sikes
Boys Cross Country

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Senior Avery Stejskal
Girls Tennis



Senior Oscar Wheeler
Boys Cross Country

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FIREBIRDS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS!



Junior Alyx Wood
Dance



Focused
Integrity
Respectful
Excellence
Brave
Inspiring
Responsible
Determined



Free STATE FIREBIRDS in ACTION!

NEKMEA BAND CONGRATULATIONS!

Lawrence Free State had 25 students who auditioned and won 27 spots in the Northeast KMEA District Honor Concert and Jazz Bands! These students will have the opportunity to audition for the KMEA All-State Band in January. In addition, eight students were also selected by director nomination to play in a 9th Grade Honor Band. **A total of 33 band students will represent Free State at this event on Saturday, December 04 at Seaman High School!**

NEKMEA CONCERT BAND CONGRATULATIONS!

Sophomore Nina Chieu, Flute

Junior May Gao, Flute

Sophomore Evan Sanger, Oboe

Freshman Elliot Skillman, Oboe

Freshman Gayla Gao, Clarinet

Junior Annabelle Hurst, Clarinet

Sophomore Julia Kwan, Clarinet

Senior Clare Peltier, Clarinet

Sophomore Vera Platkowski, Clarinet

Sophomore Luke Rogers, Clarinet

Freshman Stephan Rubin, Clarinet

Freshman Ami Bhattachan, Alto Sax

Sophomore Steven Duan, Alto Sax

NEKMEA CONCERT BAND CONGRATULATIONS!

Sophomore Alex Godinez, Tenor Sax

Sophomore Connor Brown, Trumpet

Senior Jamie King, Trumpet

Junior Keith Popiel, Trumpet

Senior Iris Branden, French Horn

Senior Sophia Williams, French Horn

Sophomore Elliot Kastens, Euphonium

Freshman Halas Kober, Euphonium

Senior Walter Morgenroth, Tuba

Junior Arthur Benson, Percussion

Junior Michael Bido, Percussion

Freshman Anwen Williams, Percussion

NEKMEA JAZZ BAND CONGRATULATIONS!

Senior Jamie King, Trumpet
Junior Arthur Benson, Drumset

NEKMEA 9TH GRADE HONOR BAND CONGRATULATIONS!

Freshman Elliot Skillman, Flute

Freshman Duffy Hackney, Bassoon

Freshman Aaron Burgess, Tenor Sax

Freshman Gilly Falin, Trumpet

Freshman Gage Monse, Trumpet

Freshman Sacia Edie, French Horn

Freshman Mallory Rogers, French Horn

Freshman Ben Jennings, Tuba

25TH ANNIVERSARY MERRIAM PARKS & REC HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST

Eight Free State High School students are finalists in the 25th Anniversary Merriam Parks & Rec High School Art Contest! Their work has been accepted into the exhibition at the Tim Murphy Art Gallery, and will be displayed from December 03, 2021-January 02, 2022. Very talented artists submitted a total of 799 entries, with 104 works accepted for the show representing 22 different schools in the Kansas City Area. An opening reception will take place Thursday, December 02 from 7-8:30pm.

25TH ANNIVERSARY MERRIAM PARKS & REC HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST



Senior Kenzie Alexander

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Junior Abby Coons

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Senior Ari Karman

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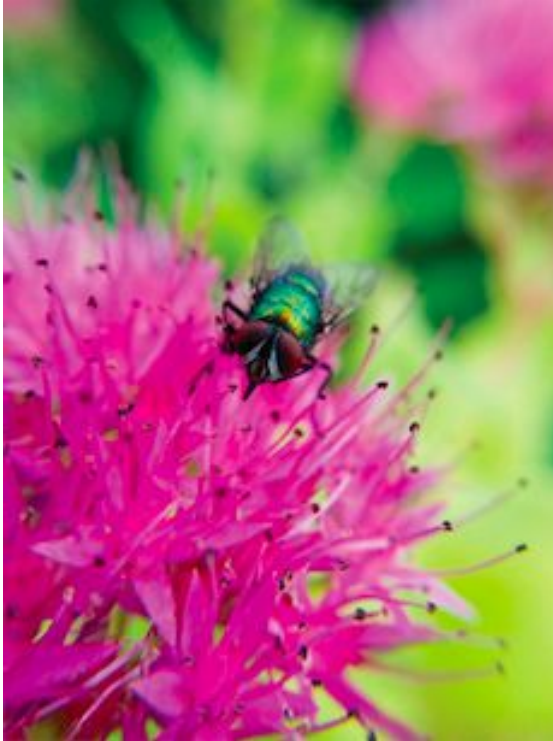
Junior Emma Liu

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Sophomore Chloe Mure-Limburg

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Freshman Elinor Russo

25TH ANNIVERSARY MERRIAM PARKS & REC HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST



Junior Franz Siepe

25TH ANNIVERSARY MERRIAM PARKS & REC HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST



Freshman Mallory Thompson

FFTDA CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to
Free State
Junior Gavin Grant,
the 2021 French
Federation of
Taekwondo and Related
Disciplines Champion!

FREE STATE THEATRE: ALL SHOOK UP!



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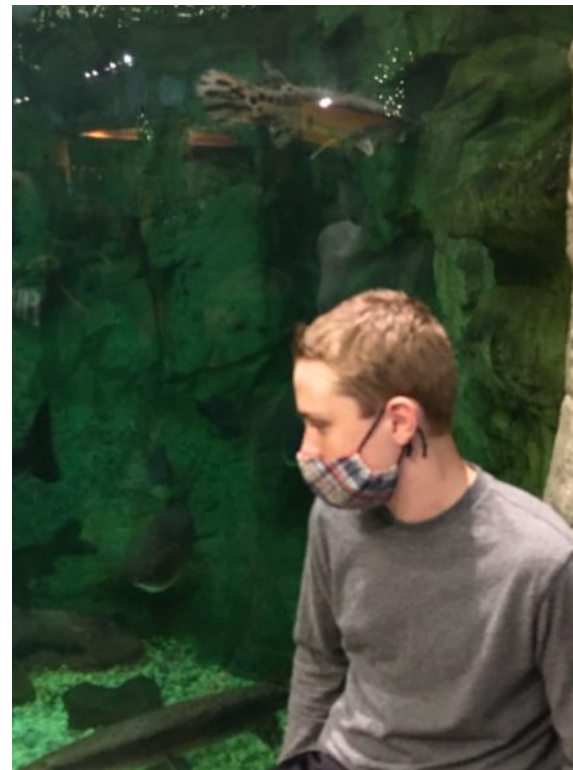
FREE STATE FISHING CLUB

The Free State Fishing club visited Bass Pro on Wednesday, November 17th in Olathe for a lure demonstration like no other. We were lucky enough to connect with a fishing professional to see the store tank being fished with varying lures and how they work. Thank you, Bass Pro!

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DON'T MISS THIS!

Free STATE BADMINTON CLUB!



Firebirds – join the Free State Badminton Club!
Tuesday Mornings from 7–7:45 AM in the Small Gym

Questions?

See Senior Eli Hansen or Mr. Graber



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS week!

BIRTHDAY WISHES!



Melanie Smith | November 22nd

Josie Clark | November 24th

Patrick Dipman | November 24th

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND -
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**



Fall Break | No School

CHRISTMAS-GRAM" MUSICAL TREAT BY FREE STATE ORCHESTRA

Dear Fellow Holiday Cheer Fanatics & Lovers of Music -

This Holiday Season, please consider giving the gift of music to those you treasure. The students of the Free State Symphonic Orchestra have been preparing a wide assortment of musical treats ("Christmas-grams") that they will deliver on Friday, December 03. For a small donation, a string ensemble from Free State will visit your loved one at work, the grocery store, the daycare, at home, or at school. We play for young and old, friends and family, and we look forward to bringing a bit of festive holiday cheer to someone you hold dear. Please complete the Google Form below by Monday, November 22, 2021 to guarantee your "Christmas-gram" performance. Be sure to follow the instructions on the form for submitting your payment and officially reserving your "Christmas-gram".

Google Form Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/PD1ZRysfqaBmux6x9>



LOOKING AHEAD AT NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

Chamber Singers Open House | 7pm, Auditorium

State Night Winter Sports Assembly | 7pm, Main Gym

**STATE NIGHT
HOSTED BY STUCO!**

JOIN US FOR...

***STATE
NIGHT***

NOVEMBER 29 7-8:30

@ THE MAIN GYM

FOR BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGES,
FUN CONTESTS, RAFFLES AND
MORE!!



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Marching Firebirds Color Guard informational Meeting
3:30pm

Marching Firebird Colorguard



Do you LOVE to perform?

Are you active, energetic, & like to learn new skills?

Do you like to travel, perform with peers, or bust a move?

We are visually impacting and inspiring.

We will teach you everything that you need to know!



Marching Firebird Color Guard

Informational meeting-What does the color guard do?

Tuesday, November 30

3:30pm

Let's Spin

Tuesday, December 7 & 21

6:00-8:00pm

If you have any questions contact Mrs. Smith: masmith@usd497.org
Mrs. Smith is available to talk on Mondays & Tuesdays during Mods 16 & 17

Wednesday, December 01st

Varsity Boys Swim & Dive vs. Lawrence, Leavenworth, SM South
330pm, LiAC

Firebirds Wrestling Green & Black Season Kickoff Event
6pm, Main Gym

Lady Firebirds Softball Head Coach Meet & Greet
6pm, Auditorium

Site Council Meeting
6pm, Room 232

FIREBIRDS WRESTLING GREEN & BLACK SEASON KICKOFF EVENT!



FREE STATE WRESTLING

2021 SEASON KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 6PM

FREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



GREEN AND BLACK DUAL

CHALLENGE MATCHES, EXHIBITIONS, AND MORE!

**COME OUT FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH
WRESTLING EXCITEMENT, PRIZES, AND FUN!**

SUPPORT THE GREEN AND BLACK!!!



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 02ND

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Great Bend at Hays City Shootout
630pm, Hays Middle School

Varsity Boys Wrestling vs. Holton, Olathe East
6pm, Olathe East

FRIDAY, December 03RD

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. TBD at Hays City Shootout
445pm/630pm, Hays High School/Hays Middle School

Varsity Girls Wrestling vs. Lawrence, SM West
7pm, SM West

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 04TH

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. TBD at Hays City Shootout
TBD, TBD

Varsity Boys Wrestling at Leavenworth Challenger
9am, Leavenworth

Varsity Girls Basketball
1230pm, Pembroke Hill



First Semester Final Exam Schedule

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Monday, December 20

1 A/B | 8-8:54am

2 A/B | 9-9:54am

3 A/B | 10-10:54am

4 A/B | 11-11:54am

No Lunch

Tuesday, December 21

5 A/B | 8-8:54am

6 A/B | 9-9:54am

7 A/B | 10-10:54am

8 A/B | 11-11:54am

No Lunch



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