

FREE STATE FIREBIRDS UPDATE



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UPDATES FROM THE FIREBIRDS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



BOYS BASKETBALL CONGRATULATIONS!

Lawrence Free State 55 - Olathe West 52

Lawrence Free State 52 - SM East 44

BOYS BOWLING CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 Sunflower League
Boys Bowling Tournament
7th Place



Boys BOWLING CONGRATULATIONS!

vs. BV West, Ottawa | 1st Place

Nate Craven | 2nd Place - 565 Series

Mike Tennyson | 3rd Place - 562 Series

Jacob Goos | 4th Place - 552 Series

GIRLS BOWLING CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 Sunflower League
Girls Bowling Tournament
9th Place



GIRLS BOWLING CONGRATULATIONS!

vs. BV West, Ottawa | 1st Place

Kaitlyn Sedich | 1st Place - 498 Series

Ashley Edwinson | 3rd Place - 459 Series

Olivia Hemker | 5th Place - 420 Series

BOYS WRESTLING CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 Sunflower League Boys Wrestling Tournament CHAMPIONS!

106 | Grayson Hagen - SUNFLOWER LEAGUE CHAMPION!

113 | Nolan Bradley - SUNFLOWER LEAGUE CHAMPION!

126 | D'onte Goodman - 3rd Place

132 | Eric Streeter - 2nd Place

138 | Ezra Birdashaw - 3rd Place

152 | Ben Mellenbruch - 5th Place

160 | Zach Shepley - 2nd Place

170 | Gabe Swoyer - 5th Place

195 | Matthew Marcum - 2nd Place

220 | Brain Lane - 3rd Place

285 | Tai Newhouse - 2nd Place

BOYS WRESTLING CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 Sunflower League
Boys Wrestling
Tournament CHAMPIONS!



GIRLS WRESTLING CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 6A Kansas Regional Girls Wrestling Tournament

138 | Madyson Gray - REGIONAL CHAMPION!



FREE STATE FIREBIRDS IN ACTION!



FIREBIRDS DEBATE CONGRATULATIONS!

Each month, there are two "National Polls" which aim to rank the top high school debate teams in the country. This month, Free State seniors John Marshall and Serena Rupp were ranked 3rd on the "National Coaches' Poll," a poll which solicits ballots from coaches all across the country to attempt to determine who the "best" is. This is the highest any team from USD497 has ever been ranked on the poll, and (I believe) it is also the highest any team from Kansas has ever been ranked!

FIREBIRDS DEBATE CONGRATULATIONS!

In addition to the Coaches' Poll, the debate team at Rowland Hall HS (UT) has developed an algorithm to use statistics (win-loss, strength of schedule, etc) to attempt to rank the top teams in the country. This month's rankings were released last month, and Lawrence Free State RM (Rupp/Marshall) are the #1 Ranked Team in the country!

FIREBIRDS FORENSICS CONGRATULATIONS!

at SM East on Friday

Emma Stammeyer

1st Place - Varsity Congress

Wendo Kimori

1st Place - Novice Congress

Gilly Falin & Gillian Sellet

6th Place - Public Forum Debate

at Washburn Rural on Saturday

Joel Harrison | 2nd Place - IX*

Gillian Sellet | 2nd Place - HI*

Isaac Godsey | 5th Place - Oratory

Joel Harrison | 5th Place - Impromptu

Nathan Peltier | 5th Place - IX

Logan Dinges & Somjai Sengchen

6th Place - Duo

**State Qualifier*

FIREBIRDS FORENSICS CONGRATULATIONS!

at SM East on Saturday

Cella Allison | 1st Place - DI *SQ

Emma Hefty | 1st Place - Oratory *SQ

Cici Hunter | 1st Place - HI *SQ

Cici Hunter | 1st Place - Prose *SQ

Ezra Joseph | 1st Place - IX *SQ

Kady Bischmann | 2nd Place - DX

Cella Allison | 3rd Place - Prose

Abbey Hossler | 3rd Place - Oratory

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Anwen Williams | 4th Place - Info

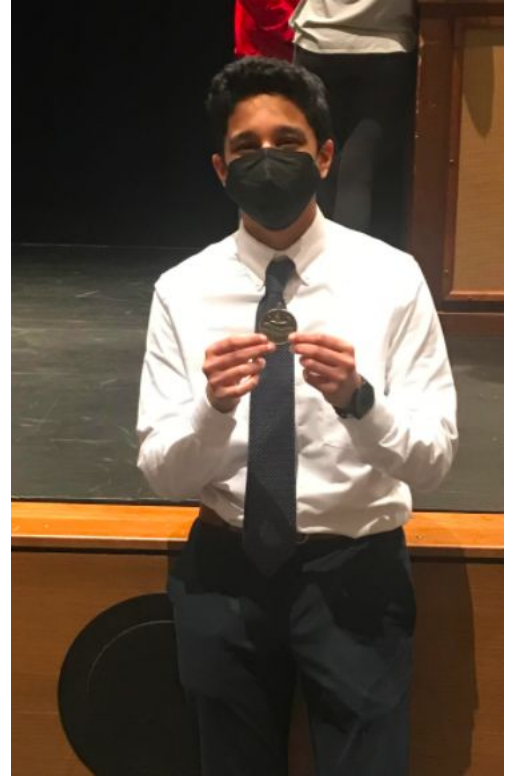
Abbey Hossler | 5th Place - Prose

Wendo Kimori | 5th Place - DX

Kady Bischmann | 6th Place - HI

Emma Holsclaw | 6th Place - Poetry

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FREE STATE ORCHESTRA CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our
Free State Orchestra students
who were selected for the
2022 KMEA All-State Orchestras!

These talented students will be
rehearsing and performing at
the All-State Convention in
Wichita February 24th-25th.



Row 1 (Cellos): Jake Chun, Maggie Li, Makayla Atherton
Row 2: Elijah Ditto (Bass), Arwen O'Brien (Violin),
Terry Mechem (Viola), Sofia Lefort, Marlena Zuo,
Aidan Ayala (Violins)

LOCAL HERO AWARD CONGRATULATIONS!



The Lawrence Lions Noon Club honored Dee Kemp, FSHS security officer, with its Local Hero Award for service projects he has led and been a part of in the community. These include the Race Education And Development (READ) project that distributes books about civil rights and Black history through Little Free Libraries. Kemp volunteers to collect school supplies, holiday meals and gifts, and other needed items for students and families. He plays San-Dee Claus during the holidays, among many other service projects.

CHAMBER SINGERS PERFORMANCE!

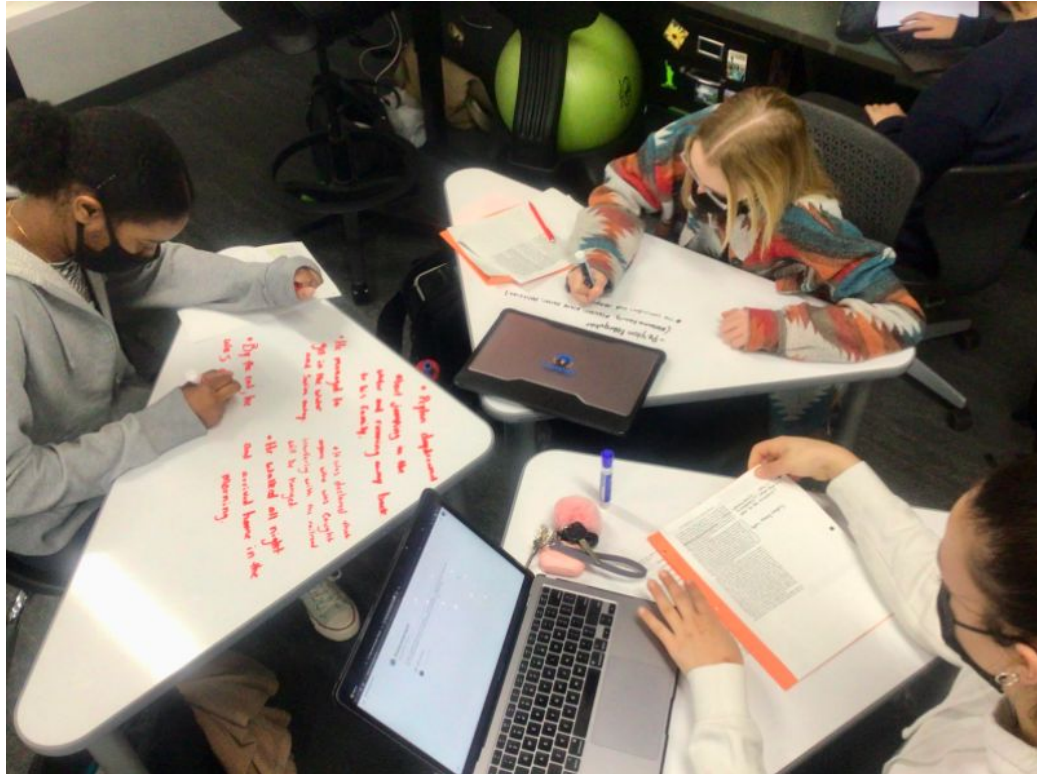
The Free State Chamber Singers performed two beautiful renditions of the National Anthem at Friday night's games!



STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER IN MRS. WOOLFOLK'S ENGLISH CLASS



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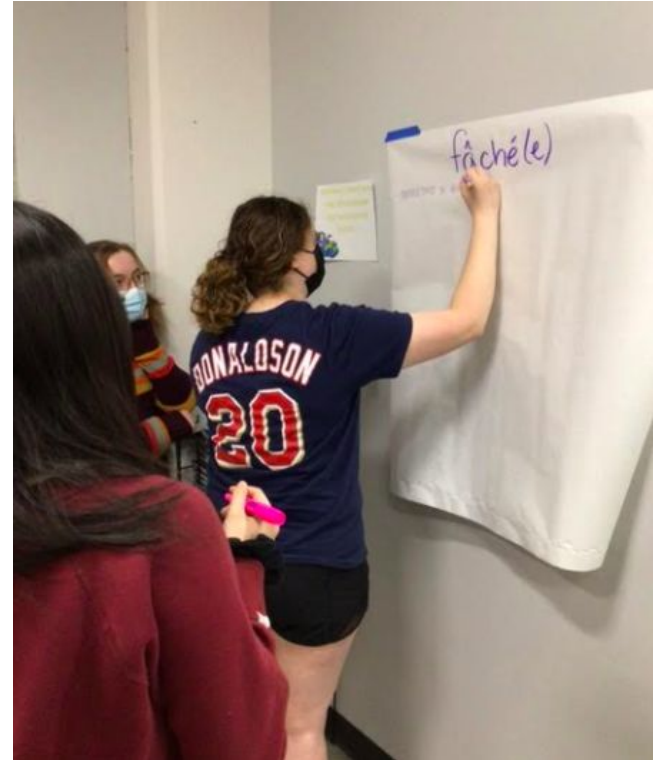


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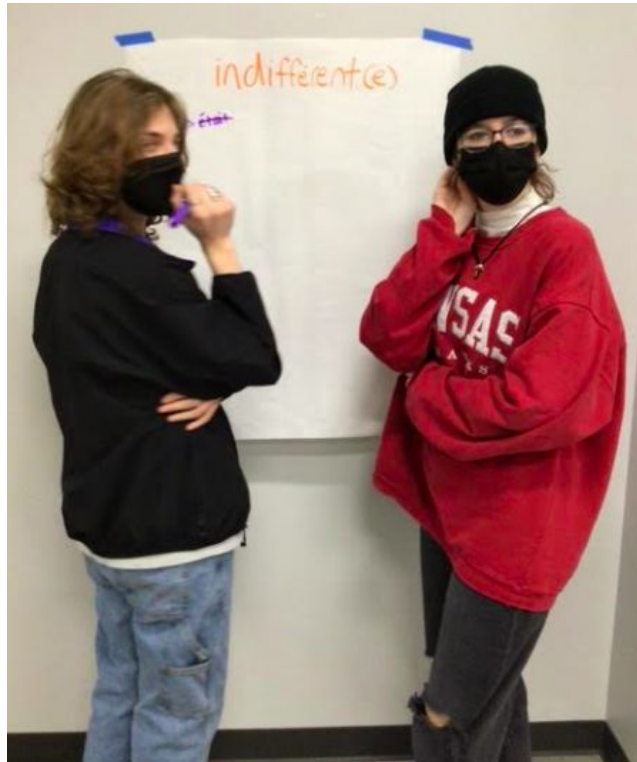


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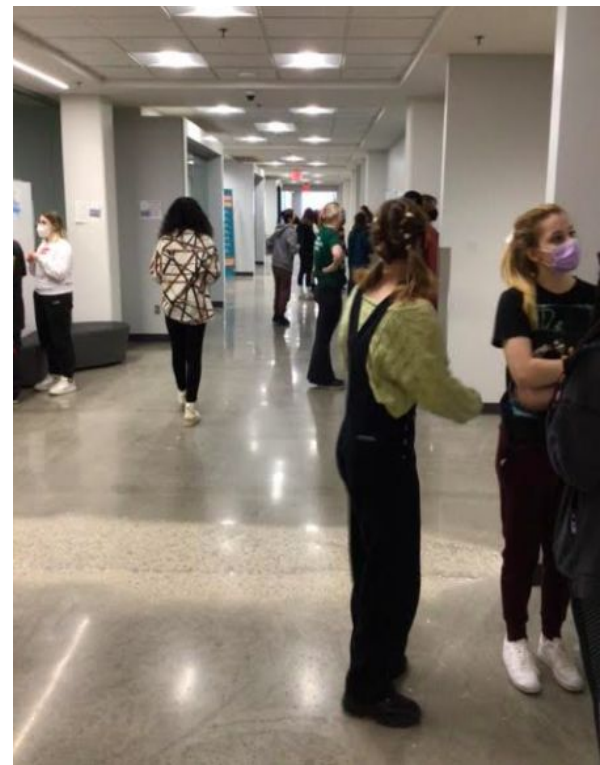
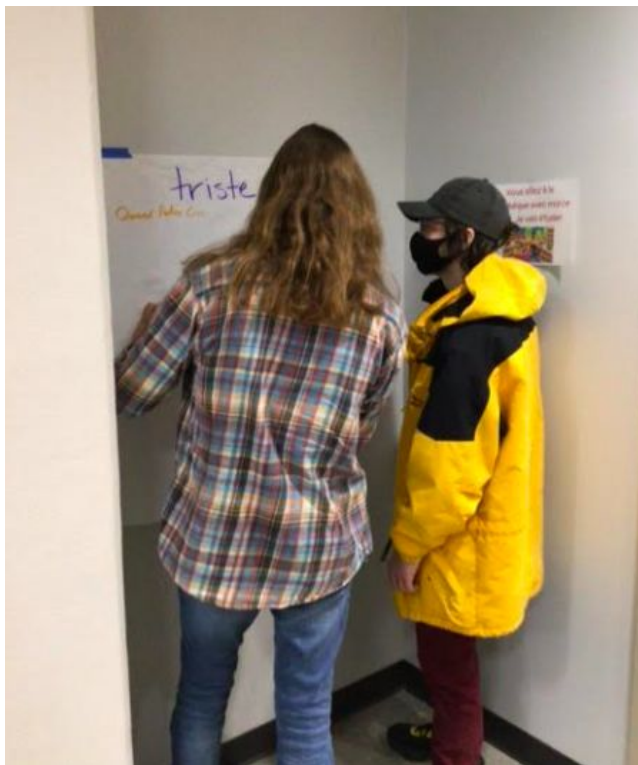
Students in Mme Gipson's French 3/4 class are learning how to express their emotions and feelings about events, by watching the movie Intouchables.



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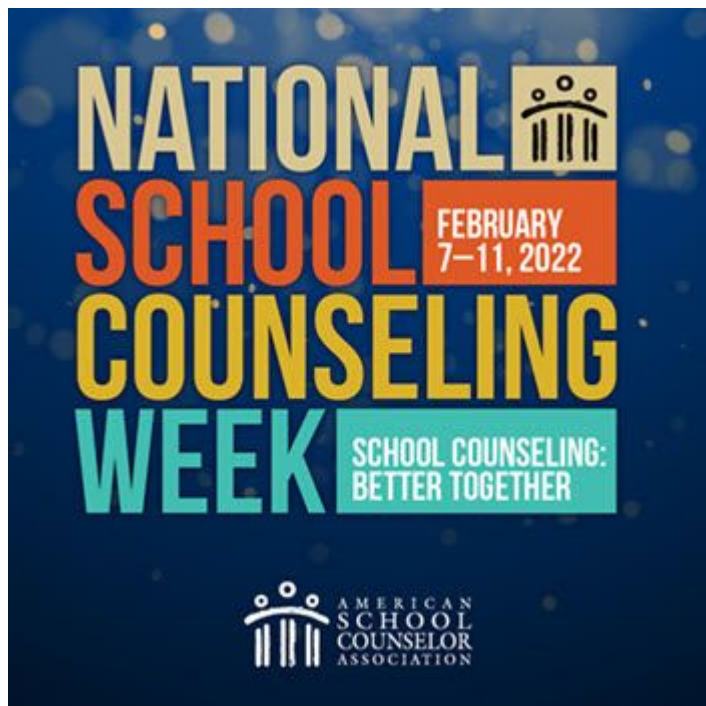




DON'T MISS THIS!



THANK YOU, COUNSELORS!



To our **OUTSTANDING** School Counselors -
THANK YOU for all that you do to support
our students and staff!

Katie Brandau

Marc Conover

Kat Dillon

Ken Hile

Nice Metz

Tina Mitchell

2022-23 ENROLLMENT

The enrollment process for the 2022-23 school year has begun! **Students should submit their course requests in PowerSchool by March 03rd.**

How to Enroll:

[Course Selection Instructions Video](#)

[Course Selection Instructions - PDF](#)

More Information:

[High School Course Description Book](#)

[Student Services Website](#)

[Parent Night Presentation](#)

Counselors are available to help students with course selections in the auditorium on the following dates during their ILT:

Monday, February 14th

8-8:42am & 9:45-10:29am

Tuesday, February 15th

9:24-9:45am & 10:29-10:54am

Wednesday, February 16th

8:42-9:24am

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Firebirds -

interested in becoming a member of the National Honor Society?

All Sophomores or Juniors with a 3.5GPA
or higher are invited to apply.

Application packets can be found in the
Attendance Office or in Mrs. Romero's room (#407).

All applications are due by 3:30pm on Friday, February 18th.
Current members do not need to re-apply.

All current NHS members are eligible to apply
to become an officer of the National Honor Society.
Please see Mrs. Romero for an application.

FREE STATE DECOR CLUB



Free State has a new club! The Decor Club is working hard to spruce up areas of our school to promote school pride. If your club or activity has flyers/posters to put up, turn them into the office, and we'll post them on the bulletin board areas we are creating throughout the school. No need to track down the blue painters' tape - we will do the job for you and make your advertising shine!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!



BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Happy Belated Birthday to
Keri Austin-Janousek!

February 04th



SPIRIT WEEK!



FREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEEK
2/14-2/18

Mon 14 PJ Day 

 **Anything but a Backpack** **Tues 15**

Wed 16 **Color by Grade**
Seniors: Yellow, Juniors: Blue,
Sophomores: Red, Freshman: Black 

 **Jersey Day** **Thurs 17**

Fri 18 **Free State Friday** 

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Varsity Girls Basketball | 5:30pm, SM North

Varsity Boys Basketball | 7pm, SM North

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

Varsity Boys & Girls Bowling versus Lawrence
3:30pm, Royal Crest Lanes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Varsity Boys Dive at 2022 6A Kansas State Boys Dive Prelims
4pm, Cap-Fed Natatorium

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Varsity Boys Wrestling at 6A Regional Tournament
1pm, Wichita Southeast

Varsity Boys Swim at 2022 6A Kansas State Boys Swim Prelims
3pm, Cap-Fed Natatorium

Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Lawrence | 5:30pm

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Lawrence | 7pm

One Act Plays | 7pm, Black Box Theatre

Varsity Boys Dive at 2022 6A Kansas State Boys Dive Semis
8pm, Cap-Fed Natatorium

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Varsity Boys Wrestling at 6A Regional Tournament
9am, Wichita Southeast

Varsity Boys Swim & Dive at
2022 6A Kansas State Boys Swim & Dive Meet
3pm, Cap-Fed Natatorium

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Olathe North | 5pm

One Act Plays | 7pm, Black Box Theatre



COMING UP NEXT WEEK!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

Orchestra Small Ensemble Showcase Concert
5:30pm, Commons

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Varsity Girls Basketball
5:30pm, SM West

Wind Ensemble Band Concert
6:30pm, Auditorium

Varsity Boys Basketball
7pm, SM West

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

2022 6A Girls State Wrestling Tournament
TBA, Hartman Arena-Park City

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

2022 6A Girls State Wrestling Tournament
TBA, Hartman Arena-Park City

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

2022 6A Boys State Wrestling Tournament
TBA, Hartman Arena-Park City

2022 6A Regional Boys Bowling Tournament
8:50am, West Ridge Lanes

2022 6A Regional Boys Bowling Tournament
1:10pm, West Ridge Lanes

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Olathe Northwest | 7pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

2022 6A Boys State Wrestling Tournament
TBA, Hartman Arena-Park City

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