



Freshwater Weekly Bulletin

August 31st, 2026

August 31	EARLY DISMISSAL –1:30 p.m.
September 1	FCC (Freshwater Community Club) MTG. – 6 p.m. – Conference Room
September 2	FEF (Freshwater Education Foundation) MTG. – 6 p.m. Conference Room
September 4	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY (WEAR SPIRIT GEAR) LEGO/GAME NIGHT – 6-7:30 – Cafeteria
September 7th	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
September 8th	BOARD MTG – 6 p.m. – Room 22
September 10th	PICTURE DAY
September 11th	COMMUNITY CLUB POT LUCK – 5:30-7:00 – Black Top by Ball Wall
September 14th	EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:30 p.m.
September 17th	PARENT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION – 6:30 p.m. Conference Room
September 18th	NO SCHOOL/STAFF DUTY DAY

ATHLETIC GEAR: Hello there Freshwater athlete and parents. Want to represent Freshwater Athletics at school or around town? Check out the catalog link below. Part of the proceeds will go to support Freshwater Athletics. Feel free to share with friends and family.
<https://freshwater2026.itemorder.com/>

CROSS COUNTRY REMINDER: To participate in Cross Country competitions, athletes must have ALL athletic paperwork completed, turned in, and verified by our Athletic Director before competing. Forms are available at the front office, or via download from the school website at <https://www.freshwatersd.org/programs/athletics/> . Uniforms will be provided prior to our first competition. Please email Athletic Director, Clyde Carrick, at ccarrick@freshwatersd.org , with any questions. The [Cross Country Schedule](#) runs competitions beginning on September 22nd.

MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES:
Freshwater School District Board Policy 5131.8, Mobile Communication Devices, governs the appropriate use of mobile communication devices and defines the progressive levels of support that the school must take when a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner while at the school site or under the supervision and control of a district employee.

Students have been informed and reminded of our policy for the first two weeks of school. We thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to implement the policy with more fidelity at this time.

Policy Expectations

- **School Hours & Storage:** Mobile communication devices brought to school by students shall be powered off and stored away.

- **Applicable Times:** This policy is in effect during school hours from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. This policy shall also be followed while students are off campus for school-sponsored field trips during school hours, unless special permission has been granted by a district employee. If a student attends the After School Program, the policy reinstates when the student has checked into ASP and must be followed until pick-up.
- **Privacy Rights:** Smart phones and other mobile communication devices shall not be used in any manner which infringes on the privacy rights of another person.
- **Device Confiscation:** When a policy violation occurs, a district employee shall temporarily confiscate the device and store it in the front office with administration. The front office will notify the parent/guardian, and the device may be picked up at the end of the school day by the parent/guardian.

FRESHWATER CHORUS: Freshwater Chorus starts Wednesday September 9. Students from grades 4-8 are eligible to join. Please look out for an information sheet and sign up form coming home with your child's weekly packet this week.

FRESHWATER SCHOOL COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Join us ***Friday, September 11th from 5:30–7:00 PM*** on the Freshwater School blacktop for a fun evening of food, games, music, and school spirit! Bring any dish you'd like to share: salad, entrée, side, or dessert. Community Club will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. Meet other Freshwater families and staff, connect with our school community, and kick off the new school year together! Everyone is welcome! Please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA9AE2BABFCCE9-65107716-allschool#/>

SHORT TERM INDEPENDENT STUDY: Did you know that Senate Bill 153 has changed the Independent Study law to provide students more access to their curriculum, allow families to earn back their absent days to prevent any attendance review issues, and provide additional funding to schools? You can help your student and our school by participating in Short Term Independent Study for any absences up to 15 total absences for the year. Paperwork can be signed at any time, even after the absence!!! Please take advantage of this opportunity, we are ready to accommodate participation!

SAFETY FIRST: Thank you for your patience during this first month of school as new families will be learning the drop off and pick up routines at Freshwater School. At times, the traffic gets backed up on Greenwood Heights Drive and we also have cars coming quickly down the hill and entering our school zone which can create a traffic hazard. **For the safety of our students, please remember to drive slowly and be patient when you are dropping off and picking up your child(ren) before and after school.** If everyone exercises caution and extends courtesy, our parking lots will be safe for our students and families. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our students and families safe when entering and exiting our parking lots.

ABSENCES AT FRESHWATER SCHOOL: When your child is ill or absent, please take time to contact the school office **in the morning** to let us know. It saves us making many phone calls to verify these absences each day. Thank you!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: *After School Program: Parents of ALL AGE GROUPS should plan to park in the gym lot off of Freshwater Road and enter the new gates on the left of the gym for pick up from the program. 1st-4th Graders will be in the main building, TK/K students will be in Room 5, and 5th-8th Graders will be in Room 11. We are looking forward to welcoming our families and students back!*

FRESHWATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION MTG.

The Freshwater Educational Foundation is seeking more volunteers and new board members. FEF is a nonprofit volunteer group helping to support Freshwater School with extra educational opportunities with a STEAM focus (science, technology, engineering, arts and math). Our non-profit group is made up of parents and staff volunteers. FEF brings LEGO game nights, teacher grants, science assemblies and the dolphin discount card to our school. Help keep bringing these S.T.E.A.M. activities, programming and learning opportunities to our school. ***Join us September 2nd at 6pm*** in the staff lounge to get involved. Check out our webpage

<https://www.freshwatersd.org/about-us/fef/> Or contact fefdolphins@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUB MTG.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the first **Community Club Meeting** being held on ***Tuesday,***

September 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Freshwater School Meeting Room. No fees are charged to be a member of FCC. We welcome you to join us and learn about the events sponsored by the Freshwater Community Club, and allow us to share about the activities we have scheduled for the remainder of the school year. Any questions, please contact Rose Glass, Community Club President, at roseglass987@gmail.com