



# Friendship Insider Iss. 80 - Black History Month

February 3, 2021

Learning Model: In Person w/Remote Option

Hello Friendship Academy Families,

The month of February is the opportunity for us to acknowledge the African American contributions to American history. This is also a time where we show our scholars their value by recognizing Black Heroes and seeing themselves as someone who can make a difference.

It's not uncommon for educators to focus on slavery, segregation and other forms of oppression during Black History Month. But only teaching a Black history steeped in trauma and struggle provides a very narrow view of Blackness and perpetuates the false notion of Black people's inferiority. At FAA our goal is to widen the exploration of Black lives while also providing historical context rooted in triumph and victory to uplift all cultures so scholars will make meaningful connections in their learning to current issues. Together we can build a new narrative and together we will.

I look forward to working with you this week.  
#friendshipstrong

Dr. B. Charvez Russell  
Executive Director

## Reminders

### Fridays

Fridays are now asynchronous with no in person learning and no live classes.



## Key Dates

**February 1st-5th** - K-3 AIMSWeb Assessments

**February 4th** - K-3rd NWEA Testing

**February 5th** - 4th-8th NWEA Testing

**February 8th:** Grades 4th-5th return to in person

**February 11th** - K-3rd NWEA Testing

**February 12th** - 4th-8th NWEA Testing

**February 15th** - Presidents Day (No School)

**February 16th:** Middle school returns to in person

**February 17th** - Family Involvement Meeting

**February 19th** - NWEA Testing (4th-8th)

**February 22nd** - FAA Board of Directors Meeting

**February 26th:** Annual Wax Museum

**March 5th** - Family Conferences

**March 9th** - Virtual High School Fair for 8th grade Families

Freedom School, enrichment, and general education classes will all have assignments and scholars will have check ins with support staff. Please click the link for the **Friday Schedule**

### **Self Monitoring**

Please continue to self-monitor for any symptoms prior to leaving home. Contact the office if you choose to keep you scholar home due to symptoms.

### **Uniforms**

Starting February 1st the scholars will be expected to dress according to the uniform policy. Please refer to the **STAR Family Handbook** on page 11 for the uniform policy.

### **Water Bottles**

As a part of our safety protocols water fountains will not be used so all scholars will need a water bottle. There will be some additional water bottles available but asking scholars to bring their own if the school issued one can not be located.

### **Headphones**

All scholars are expected to have headphones to maximize their experience in class and minimize distractions. If school issued headphones cannot be located we are asking scholars to bring their own.

### **Charging Devices**

Please ensure devices are fully charged each day. This helps minimize the need to charge devices throughout the day and the misplacement of chargers.

### **Remote Learning Notification**

If a situation arises where your scholar is not able to attend in person classes please notify your teacher as soon as possible to give them time to prepare for possible remote learning.

### **Helpful Links and Information**

## **Updated School Calendar**

### **Daily School Schedule**

8:15-8:55 Freedom School Virtual Book Club

9:00 - 9:55 - Enrichment

10:00-4:15 - Core instruction

We are accepting applications in grades K-8th for the Fall 2021 so please encourage all interested families to visit

**[www.friendshipacademy.org](http://www.friendshipacademy.org)** to enroll.

**Keep it up, Minnesota!**

- 1 Wash your hands
- 2 Get tested when sick
- 3 Stay 6 feet from others
- 4 Wear a mask
- 5 Stay home when able

**STAY SAFEMN**

**Sign Into JMC**

Track Scholar Grades through JMC

Watch [this video](#) to learn how to access your scholars Grades from JMC.

**2nd Trimester Enrichment Choices Link****Coaching**

If you or your scholar have not connected with your coach please e-mail [school@friendshipacademy.org](mailto:school@friendshipacademy.org)

**Feedback, questions, suggestions, and concerns**

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**[Feedback Form](#)****Deliveries**

If you need any items delivered please contact the office or e-mail

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