

STATE REPORT CARD RELEASE

In early August the Ohio Department of Education will officially release district ratings and test scores based on last spring's testing. Preliminary results indicate that the Firelands Schools should have exciting news to share!!! My article next month will focus on our report card results.

START OF SCHOOL

Our custodial staff was busy again this summer improving our school facilities. I invite you to stop by and check things out during our Open House (see details below). We salute our custodial staff for their hard work in maintaining the excellent appearance of our district facilities!

OPEN HOUSE – AUGUST 27 FOR ALL BUILDINGS

High School: 5:00-5:45: 9th grade orientation/open house 6:00-6:45: Grades 10-12

Elementary: 5:30-6:15: Grades K-2

6:30-7:15: Grades 3-5

Middle School: 7:30-8:15: Grades 6-8

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUGUST 28 (GRADES 1 - 12)

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN IS **AUGUST 29** (LAST NAME A - I)

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN IS **AUGUST 30** (LAST NAME J - Z)

MONTHLY MESSAGE

Webster's dictionary defines the term education as "the field of study that deals mainly with methods of teaching and learning in schools."

Reflect on the following: "What does education mean to you?" To me, education is the foundation of society. As educators, our mission is to ensure that each student achieves his/her maximum growth potential. The underlying force behind this mission is the teacher.

When I reflect on the art of teaching, the following anecdote enters my mind: An anthropologist studying the native society on a small South Pacific Island decided one day that he wanted to meet their leader.

He had become good friends with the tribe's medical healer and he asked him if he would take him to meet with the tribe's most important man—assuming that this would be their king.

Instead, the healer took him to a small clearing in the jungle where an old man was teaching a group of children.

"Is that your king?" asked the anthropologist.

"No," said the healer, "the King is the most powerful man on the island, but you said you wanted to meet the most important, so I brought you to our teacher."

As we begin a new and exciting year at Firelands, I welcome each of you to reflect on this anecdote. Education is a partnership between the school and the home. Each piece of this puzzle must rely on the other.

The Firelands Local Schools consists of great community members, parents, staff, and students. Each piece of the Falcon community worked diligently to achieve our success in the past and we are committed to the necessary steps to achieve greater successes in the future. At the start of the school year, I ask each member of the Falcon family to think of his/her responsibilities to the students of Firelands and to make a personal commitment to make FLS a better place each day. I am asking every member of the FLS community to reflect on their role in the Falcon family. Ask yourself what you can do to make Firelands the awesome environment in which students experience the best education possible.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill

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www.firelandsschools.org

The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

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2012-2013 VARIANCE FORM POLICY

As the school year approaches, many of you will be making daycare arrangements for your children. PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PROCE-DURE IN MIND TO HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN: Remember, pick up and drop off locations at the child's home address is always best, but we realize, it is not always possible. When a change for pick up or drop off is necessary, we are asking you to adhere to the following procedure: PLEASE HAVE ALL FORMS TURNED IN BY AUGUST 22, 2012 TO BE EFFECTIVE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD

Variance forms are available at the elementary and middle school offices, and can also be printed from our school website at: www.firelandsschools.org/bus/varianceform.pdf. These forms are designed for permanent or steady route changes. WARIABLE AND ALTERNATING DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED, WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IN MIND.

PLEASE HAVE VARIANCE FORMS COMPLETED AND TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL OR BUS GARAGE <u>5 DAYS</u> PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVES DATES, SO EVERYONE INVOLVED MAY HAVE PROPER NOTICE OF THE CHANGE. WE ASK THAT THE CHANGE BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THE CHANGE MUST BE WITHIN AN EXISTING ROUTE! YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

IMPORTANT!!!!!

WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR CHILD CARE PURPOSES ONLY: DAILY NOTES WILL BE ALLOWED, HOWEVER, THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT AND ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE. THE NOTES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE BUS DRIVER AS THEY ARE BOARDING THE BUS, OR THE STUDENT WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE OFFICE TO CALL HOME FOR A RIDE.

DUE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF ROUTES MANY OF THE ROUTES, HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL, WILL BE FILLED TO CAPACITY AND MAY NOT HAVE ROOM FOR EXTRA PASSENGERS. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE DRIVER OR TRANSPORTATION DEPT. WELL IN ADVANCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WILL BE ROOM ON THE BUS. IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY THAT ARISES DURING THE DAY AND NEED TO CHANGE THE PLANS YOU HAVE MADE, CALL THE FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY OFFICE AT 440-965-5381, BEFORE 12:30 P.M. TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE CHANGE. THEY WILL GET A MESSAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, TO INSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTION.

CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!

2012 – 2013 FIRELANDS BUS ROUTES

There are several routes that have changed slightly. Students that do not ride the bus to school on the first day will need to check with their teacher or the office to find the correct bus number to ride home in the afternoon. Please do not assume that they ride the same bus home as last year. You will find the A.M. routes listed by township, bus driver, drivers name and tentative bus number. If the Bus that arrives at your house is different than what is published, the driver will instruct the students of the proper number. Please remember these times are approximate and may vary especially the first week or two of school. We ask that you have your child ready ahead of time, and wait for the bus in a safe location, approximately 10 feet from the road. There will continue to be an emphasis on designated place of safety both before and after school. Even students on the right hand side need to stay back away from the bus and wait until the bus driver signals them before students approach the bus. For those who need to cross the road, please wait for the drivers hand signal before crossing and check traffic on your own.

All Firelands students in grades 6 - 12 will be transported on the High School/Middle School Routes and grades K - 5 will be transported on the elementary routes; St. Joe's students will be transported on our High School/Middle School routes A.M. and P.M., St. Mary's students will be transported on our Elementary Routes A.M. and P.M. Open Door, St. Jude's, Elyria Catholic and Summit Academy students will be transported on A.M. High School routes and P.M. will be on their own route.

All of the information listed here, as well as the P.M. routes will be available on the Firelands Website: http://www.firelandsschools.org, along with the variance form procedure and a printable variance form for your convenience.

High School - A.M. Bus #15 Driver - Mrs. Saylor - (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage, (Stops begin 6:30 A.M., on Baumhart Rd.), North on Baumhart Rd. to Russia Rd., east on Russia to turnaround (48282), west on Russia to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus Rd., north on Claus to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, north on Sunnyside to T.A. (drive by fence at marina), south on Sunnyside to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Claus, south on Claus to Cooper Foster Park, east on Cooper Foster to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd, south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #15 Driver - Mrs. Saylor - (South Amherst)

Upon return from Elyria, west on 113, pick up at Trailer Park, Approximately 8:00A.M. In the front behind office, west on Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake St. to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, east on Oakdale to T.A. (Cul-de-sac), west on Oakdale to Thompson, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to North Lake, south on North Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #19 Driver - Mrs. Horning - (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:35 A.M. west on Brownhelm Station Rd. to Highbridge Rd., south on Highbridge to Vermilion Rd. (Stops begin at 6:38 A.M.), north on Vermilion to Tomahawk, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion Rd., south on Gifford Rd., South on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #19 Driver - Mrs. Horning

From Route 113, North on Baumhart to Cooper Foster, (Stops begin at 7:40 A.M.), west on Cooper Foster Park to T.A. (Barn), east on Cooper Foster Park to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, north on Claus to T.A. (2285), south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Claus, south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge, west on North Ridge, west on Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman to White Tail Run, north on White Tail Run to Grand Oak Drive, south on Grand Oak Dr. to Portman, south on Gore Orphanage to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #29 Driver - Mrs. Tomlinson - (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:30 A.M., north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Baumhart, (Stops begin at 6:40 A.M. on Baumhart), north on Baumhart Rd. to Stick Rd., east on Stick Rd. to T.A. (49029), west on Stick Rd. to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township Line), west on North Ridge to Rice Rd., southeast on Rice to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to turnaround (first T.A. on right), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., east on Rice to the alley, Cut through Alley to Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

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Elementary - A.M. Bus #29 Driver - Mrs. Tomlinson

(Stops begin 7:45 A.M. on Rice Road), west on Route 113 to Quarry, north on Quarry to Rice, west on Rice Rd. to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to Turnaround (second T.A. on Heritage Way), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd, west on Rice Rd. to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township line), west on North Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Greystone Drive, follow Greystone Drive around to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #3 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko - (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:20 A.M., from Baumhart Rd., (Stops begin on North Ridge - 6:30 A.M.), east on North Ridge Rd. to T.A. (52720), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to turnaround (8066), south on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., northeast on Morse to Banks Rd., south on Banks to turnaround (8877), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd., south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #3 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko

(Stops begin 7:35 A.M. at North Ridge Rd.), north on Vermilion Rd. to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Banks Rd., south on Banks to T.A. (Leimbach's potato barn), north on Banks to Morse Rd., southwest on Morse to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Turnaround (52720), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (8066), south on Gore Orphanage to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd. to Tomahawk Lane, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Grills - (Camden Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M., (Stops begin at 6:30 A.M.), north on Gifford Rd. to turnaround (Bronson Rd.), south on Gifford to Austin Rd, west on Austin to T.A. (50230), east on Austin to Rowell, north on Rowell to Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 20, continue on Gifford Rd. to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield Rd. to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Grills

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, continue south on Route 511 to Route 303, (1st stop - 7:35 A.M. on Route 303), east on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson Rd. to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to Austin Rd., east on Austin to Gifford Rd., north on Gifford to T.A. (18191), south on Gifford to Austin Rd., east on Austin to turnaround (48780), west on Austin to Rowell Rd., north on Rowell to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to turnaround (48612), west on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., north on Gifford to State Route 511, west on Route 511 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #1 Driver - Mrs. Stone - (Camden Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. from 14977, north on Baird Rd. to Bates Rd., (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.), west on Bates to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, west on Betts to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #1 Driver - Mrs. Stone

North on Vermilion Rd. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Route 60, south on Route 60 to West, (Stops will begin approximately 7:35 A.M. on West Rd.), west on West Rd. to T.A. (12911), north on West Rd. to State Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715- Ornter's), north on Route 60 to Butler, south on Butler to T.A., (14202 – Kopocs'), north on Butler to Denman, east on Denman to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, south on Green to Ward, southeast on Ward to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #16 Driver - Mrs. Thomas - (Camden/Henrietta Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.) east on State Route 511 to T.A. (Gifford Rd.), west on State Route 511 to Haigh St., west on Haigh to Hawkins St., south on Hawkins to Rosa St., west on Rosa to West St., south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, south on Route 20, east on Route 20 to Plate Rd., east on Plate to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield, west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #16 Driver - Mrs. Thomas

(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. at Baumhart Rd.) West on Route 113 to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Russia Rd., east on Russia Rd. to T.A. (48282), west on Russia to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield, east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Plate Rd., cross Route 20, continue on Plate Rd. to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Bates, east on Bates to Green Rd., south on Green to State Route 20, east on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Route 511, east on Route 511 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Garfield, west on Garfield to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Huffman - (Camden / Henrietta Township)

Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:30 A.M.) east on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage Rd., south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477), north on Gore Orphanage to Betts Rd., east on Betts to Route 511, south on Route 511 to T.A. (Pitts), north on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to Green Rd., north on Green to Bates Rd., east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., west on Becker to T.A. (50811), east on Becker to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Huffman

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, (Stops begin on Route 511 - 7:40 A.M.), west on Betts to Baird, north on Baird to T.A. (Pig Farm), south on Baird to T.A. (18977 – Linn's), north on Baird to Betts, west on Betts to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477-Bacsi's), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (Township Hall), west on Route 303 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Haigh, east on Haigh to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Church, west on Church to Hawkins, north on Hawkins to Rosa, west on Rosa to West, south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. Crawford - (Florence Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin in Florence at 6:31 A.M.) north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to T.A. (10809 Ward's), east on Route 113 to Joppa, north on Joppa to Angling, northeast on Angling to Harrison, south on Harrison to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (Knott's-5518), south on Route 60 to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. Crawford

West on Route 113 to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), (Stops begin 7:35 A.M.), south on Route 60 to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Harrison Rd., north on Harrison to Angling, south on Angling to Joppa, south on Joppa to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Cable, south on Cable to Harmon Rd., east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman Rd., south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (14316), north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel St., north on Chapel to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., north on Dean to T.A. (Whispering Winds), south on Dean to Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

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High School - A.M. Bus #22 Driver - Mrs. Sayler - (Florence Township)

From West Rd., west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Main, (Stops begin on Main Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), west on Main to Fraley Rd., north on Fraley to Thorpe Rd., east on Thorpe to Stephens Rd., north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows, northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to T.A. (11817), west on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to T.A. (Nuhn's Farm), south on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #22 Driver - Mrs. Sayler

West on Route 113 to Main, (First Stop on Main Rd. at 7:40 A.M.), west on Main to Frailey, north on Frailey to Thorpe, east on Thorpe to Stephens, north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows Rd., northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FES.

High School - A.M. Bus #23 Driver - Mr. Sayler - (Florence Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. East on West Rd. to T.A. (11207), southwest on West to T.A. (Hanko's), north on West, to Harmon, west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, south on Florence Wakeman to Burr, southwest on Burr to Nash, west on Nash to Cable Rd., north on Cable to Harmon, east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield, east on Garfield to Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St., east on South St. to Chapel, north on Chapel to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd.

High School - A.M. Bus #21 Driver - Mrs. Grude - (Florence Township)

West on Becker to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Ward, (Stops begin on Gore Orphanage at 6:35 A.M.), northwest on Ward to Green, south on Green to Denman, west on Denman to Butler, south on Butler to T.A. (14319 - Hornyak) north on Butler to Denman, west on Denman to Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715) north on Route 60 to Garfield Rd, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., north on Dean Rd. (at Whispering Winds), south on Dean to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to FHS.

High School - A.M. Bus #6 Driver - Mrs. Bates - (Henrietta Township)

Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M.) north on Green Rd. to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman Rd. to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Gore Orphanage to Ward, northwest on Ward to Green Rd., north on Green to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird Rd., south on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

High School - A.M. Bus #2 Driver - Mrs. Saltis - (South Amherst)

Depart storage 6:38 A.M., north on Annis Rd. to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to South Lake St., South on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., (Stops begin 6:45 A.M.), east on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd., north on Annis to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Trailer Park, Turnaround (2nd street to right inside the park), west on Route 113 to Main St., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian and 124 E. Main), west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S. Pull into S.A.M.S., drop off 6 - 8 Grades, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS. (This Bus will go to the JVS and LCA, drop off before starting the Elementary route).

Elementary - A.M. Bus #2 Driver - Mrs. Saltis

From Route 58, west on Butternut Ridge to end of road, north around curve to stop sign, north on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., (Stops begin – 7:50 A.M. on South Lake), East on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd. north on Annis to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian, W. Main St. and E. Main St.), south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #11 Driver - Mrs. Coultrip - (South Amherst)

Depart storage 6:35 A.M. East on Route 113 to Quarry Rd., north on Quarry to T.A. (Rice Ct.), (First stop 6:38 A.M. past Middle Ridge Rd.), south on Quarry to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Leonard St., south on Leonard St. (Quarry) to Russia Rd., east on Russia to South Lake St., north on South Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., pull into S.A.M.S. Unload Grades 6-8 back door, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #11 Driver - Mrs. Coultrip

(Stops will begin -7:40 A.M.). South on South Lake to Russia, west on Russia to Quarry, north on Quarry to Fern, east on Fern to Maple, north on Maple to Route 113, cross Route 113, north on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Stick Rd., east on Stick to T.A. (end of road), west on Stick to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #5 Driver - Mrs. DeWitt - (South Amherst)

From State Route 113, North on North Lake (Pyle Rd.) to Maroy, (Stops begin on North Lake 6:35 A.M.), east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, Turnaround at Oakdale, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to Pyle, north on Pyle to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest Apts., west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's run to Redtailed Lane, right on Redtailed Lane to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Route 113, east on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., Drop off Grades 6 - 8, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #5 Driver - Mrs. DeWitt
Leave S.A.M.S. at 7:50 A.M., north on North Lake to Middle Ridge, (Stops will begin after Maroy at 7:55 A.M.), west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest, west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's Run to Redtailed Ln., East on Redtailed to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry, north on Quarry to T.A. (Rice Ct.), south on Quarry to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. Firelands Elementary School.

If your child's School begins before August 28, 2012, and will need transportation, you will need to call Mr. Sayler at 965-4105 to make arrangements.



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 $Our\ Drivers\ do\ an\ awe some\ job\ keeping\ our\ Students\ safe!\ We\ are\ all\ looking\ forward\ to\ another\ safe\ school\ year.$

As schools across the area will be starting back up soon, please remember to observe all laws pertaining to School
Buses and their Red Lights. It takes

everyone practicing safe driving habits to ensure a safe school year.

STARTING DATES AND OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSSING ON PAGE 5.



OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:

Open Door, Elyria Catholic, St. Jude's - Bus #15 AM - Bus #6 PM

JVS - Bus #2 AM & PM

St. Joe's - Bus #6 AM - Bus #16 PM

St. Mary's - Bus #11 AM

Elyria - Bus #15 AM - Bus #6 PM

Summit Academy - Bus #6 AM - Bus #6 PM

STARTING DATES:	
8-20-12 – ED ALTERNATIVE	8-28-12 – FIRELANDS
8-22-12 – OPEN DOOR	8-29-12 – KINDERGARTEN A-I
8-21-12 - ST. JOE'S	8-30-12 - KINDERGARTEN J-Z
8-22-12 – ST. JUDE'S	9-04-12 – SUMMIT ACADEMY
8-28-12 – ELYRIA CATHOLIC	
8-27-12 – ST. MARY'S	
8-27-12 - LCJVS (Juniors Only)	
8-28-12 - LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)	



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INAUGURATION BOUND - JAN. 19-22, 2013

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The fall sports seasons have kicked off with practices in full swing. We now embark on our second year in the Patriot Athletic Conference. We were very proud of the success our student athletes achieved in our first year in the conference. It was a great experience to renew traditional rivalries with some Lorain County neighbors. Our sports teams have put in an extreme amount of work in the off-season. This hard work has helped our athletes build character, discipline, and dedication. After a full summer of off-season training our athletes are ready to display their hard work on the field of competition. I encourage you to attend as many games as possible to passionately support the effort that our coaches and student athletes have put forth.

HOME OPENERS FOR FALL SPORTS

Varsity Football: 8/24 @ 7pm

Lutheran West

<u>Junior Varsity Football</u>: 9/8 @ 10am Vermilion

7th/8th Football: 8/28 @ 430pm Brookside (8th Grade game follows

7th Grade) <u>JV/V Volleyball</u>: 8/28 @ 6pm Fairview (Varsity game follows JV)

9th Volleyball: 9/6 @ 430pm Keystone 7th/8th Volleyball: 9/5 @ 430pm Langston MS (8th Grade game follows 7th Grade)

Boys Soccer: 8/18 @ 10am Sandusky Girls Soccer: 8/18 @ 12pm Sandusky Golf: 8/24 @ 430pm Brooklyn

ALL GAMES, DATES, TIMES, AND OPPONENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

Athletic events are learning experiences for studentathletes. A ticket to a contest is a privilege to observe athletic tests of skills, not to verbally assault others or be obnoxious. Audiences may forget that high school athletes have not reached mature physical performance, so errors can be expected. Moreover, audiences who learn the rules of the sport are less likely to criticize officials, players or coaches.

- Remember that you are at a contest to sup-port and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition, not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- Remember that interscholastic athletics are learning experiences for students and that

mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

- Remember that a ticket to an interscholastic athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, fans and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games and afterwards on or near the site of the event.
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship.
- Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events where behavior is unbecoming.

FIRELANDS STADIUM AND GYMNASIUM RULES

Tobacco and alcohol are prohibited inside stadium or on school property.

Berating officials, making negative comments towards either team, displaying inappropriate behavior, and/or throwing objects will result in removal from the stadium

Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field. Authorized personnel will either be in uniform or have a sideline pass.

All media personnel (photographers,etc.) must attain a sideline pass from the Athletic Office.

UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AUTHORIZED AREAS AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE STADIUM

Air-horns, bells, whistles, and mechanical noisemakers are prohibited

Fireworks, confetti, animals, balls, skate-boards, bicycles, etc. are not permitted inside the stadium. Outside food and drinks (coolers) may not be brought into the stadium.

Kennie Searight - AD

Dear Students, Parents, Firelands Community, and Family,

On behalf of South Amherst Middle School, it is truly my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome as we prepare to begin the 2012 -2013 school year. August and September is the time of year to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends. We at SAMS are very pleased to welcome everyone to the 2012 – 2013 school year. To those students and parents who are new to South Amherst Middle School, I would like to extend my best wishes for an exciting and productive year in your new school. I hope that you will quickly feel at home and become involved in the activities our school has to offer. Check our website at www.firelandsschools.org or feel free to call me at 440-986-7021

As I begin my first year as principal at SAMS, I will work diligently with parents and faculty to foster an atmosphere that promotes a learning community characterized by child center instruction and decisions, academic excellence, trust, respect, community involvement, excellent communication, and recognition of both student and staff achievements. Academic emphasis on the core content areas of reading, language arts, math, science, social studies will remain a priority as well as providing a learning program that builds on each year to reach local and state standards. Instruction in the fine arts, technology, and physical education complete our program providing each student with the opportunity to develop areas of interest and skill.

I am committed to collaborate with you as we continue to develop and implement this shared vision. Working together as a team we will move forward our mission, this new school year, to create a nurturing, disciplined and challenging environment in which all students can learn at optimum levels. We have so much to be proud of as a staff, family, and community.

OPEN HOUSE MONDAY AUGUST 27TH

Parents are encouraged to attend SAMS Open House on Monday, August 27th starting at 7:30pm. The evening will conclude at 8:15pm. Schedule's will be made available the evening of open house, please arrive at 7:10 to pick up your child's schedule. Schedules are not available any earlier.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 28th

The school day for students begins at 7:35am and dismissal occurs at 2:30pm. If you are dropping off your child each morning you will need to enter and exit the school grounds via the North Lake Entrance. This is to avoid obstruction with the bussing, as well as providing our students a safe and secure area during the unloading of the busses. It is important that students arrive to their first period class by 7:35. Students will receive their schedules during homeroom.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 3rd - Labor Day - No School

September 28th - Waiver Day/Professional Development – No School for Students

October 1st - Interim Reports

October 3rd - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 11th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Leo Spagnola—South Amherst Middle School Principal

Zachary Box is a 2012 FHS graduate. We apologize for not having his name listed in the June edition of the Express.

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8/13/2012



Wellington, OH - On August 1st, over \$20,000 in junior fair scholarships were awarded at the county scholarship night to twenty-one junior fair participants. Seven Firelands FFA members earned many scholarships on this special evening. Attendees listened to a message about 4-H from keynote speaker and Lorain County Commissioner, Ted Kalo.

Shelby Balint, daughter of Tom & Darlene Balint of Huron attends LCCC and will transfer to OSU for Agricultural Education. She earned the Kevin N. Younglas Memorial Scholarship.

Sara Laughlin, daughter of Christopher & Connie Laughlin of Brownhelm will attend The Ohio State University for Health Administration. Sara earned the 4-H Endowment Scholarship and the Lorain County 4-H Junior Leaders Scholarship.

Jake Myers, son to Tom & Janine Myers of Oberlin will attend Hocking College, earned the 4-H Endowment Scholarship and the Louise McConnell Memorial Scholarship.

Nick Notley, son of John and Rebecca Notley of Oberlin will attend OSU Agricultural Technical Institute for Agronomy. Nick earned the Mike and Marie Yarosh Scholarship.

Gabrielle Sroka of Brownhelm is the daughter of Kenneth and Jennifer Sroka and will attend LCCC. She earned the Lorain County Junior Fair Board Scholarship and the Louise McConnell Scholarship.

Emily Teaman, daughter of Gary and Debra Teaman of Vermilion will attend Brigham Young University of Utah. Emily received the 4-H Endowment Scholarship, Lorain County Junior Fair Board Scholarship, and the Mary C. Hoertz Memorial Scholarship.

Alexander Tuggle, son of Curtis and Marisa Tuggle of South Amherst will attend OSU ATI to major in animal science and agricultural business. Alex earned the 4-H Endowment Scholarship, John W. Hostetler Memorial, Lorain County 4-H Junior Leader Scholarship, and the Beriswill Insurance Agen-

Each of these FFA graduates have worked very hard for these scholarships and have all been active 4-H and FFA members for many years.

Shanna Finnegan - Firelands High School, Agricultural Educator/FFA Advisor

Please donate blood in memory of our friend Loroy Stober. Leroy was loved and respected as a man uncommonly devoted to his family, church and community. His work as a missionary touched countless lives. He is greatly missed by all those who were fortunate enough to call him a friend.



The Leroy Stober Memorial **Community Blood Drive**

Wakeman Eagles 35 E. Main St.

Sunday, September 16 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



The community of Wakeman and all local organizations are privileged and honored to be a part of a blood donor drive in memory of Leroy Stober. Our goal of 150 units of blood is needed to replenish the blood bank Leroy used while a patient of the Cleveland Clinic ICU for over 6 months. Donors will receive a T-shirt for their donation to the blood drive.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Firelands FFA Member Moves on to National Comp

Columbus, OH - On May 4th, James Hozalski, a 2011 graduate of Firelands High School FFA Grain Crop Production Proficiency Award. The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Project (SAE), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. An SAE program is the actual, hands-on application of concepts and principles learned in the agricultural education classroom. Students are supervised by agricultural education teachers in cooperation with parents, employers and other adults who assist them in the development and achievement of their educational and career goals.

Students can compete for awards in 47 areas covering everything from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Management. Each award area has two categories, placement and entrepreneurship. Placement proficiency awards are given to those who's SAEs are related to employment, apprenticeships, or internships at an agribusiness or agriculture-related organization.

Entrepreneurship proficiency awards are given to those who's SAEs are related to ownership of an agribusiness or agriculture-related organization.

Proficiency awards are given out at the local, state and national levels.

Jimmy's SAE project is growing field corn. He started his SAE project by first renting 21 acres of land from a neighbor. He planted some of the land to corn and some to soybeans. His father also farms soybeans and corn and Jimmy helped him while growing up. This made him want to begin farming on his own. According to Jimmy, 'My dad is the one who really started me in farming. He allowed me to use his equipment to plant and harvest my crops and he gave me advice as to what seed to buy, when to plant, and what crops I should plant in each field.

Using my own savings, I paid for all of the seed, fertilizer, and other necessary items. When my first crop came off, I was able to sell the grain, and put the money into my savings account. It was very exciting to see my savings account grow and that further motivated me to continue farming to earn even more money." Three years later, he was able to rent another 22 acres of land from his grandfather which gave him a total of 43 acres to farm. He is also looking for more land to expand his supervised agricultural experience project. His passion for working on the farm and earning money has made it very easy for him to enjoy farming and makes him want to do it for the rest of his life.

Jimmy's application was revised and sent to the National FFA in late June for competition against the winners of each state, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Top competitors will receive interviews to determine national placing. Jimmy is the first state proficiency winner from Firelands High School. The advisor of the Firelands FFA is Mrs. Shanna Finnegan.





Firelands Endowment Fund Presents A Taste of Firelands

Save The Date!!

Saturday, September 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Firelands Schools Endowment Fund will host a wine tasting at Matus winery, 15674 Gore Orphanage Rd. Tickets are \$25 for 8 samples. Extra tickets will be available for those wanting additional tastings. There will also be a silent auction. Light refreshments will be served.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund are permanently invested, and only a portion of the value of the total investment is available for disbursement each year. This spending licy results in an ever growing endowment as contributions continue to accumulate

year after year.

Come join your fellow Falcons for a fun evening and help raise some money for a good cause in the process. Tickets are available from any of the Endowment Fund trustees, at the Board office or at the door.

Who: FIRELANDS STUDENTS What: BOOK COVERING EVENT When: August 28, 29, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Where: Amherst Public Library, 221 Spring Street

The Library's got you covered!



Have a stack of new textbooks you need covered right away? Students heading back to school are invited to the Amherst Public Library where they can cover their books and grab a snack after school. Stop in the library August 28 and 29, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to make use of our book covering supplies.

The library has lots of resources to keep you covered when those homework assignments start piling up including online databases, reference materials, and public access computers with a compete Microsoft Office Suite of programs including PowerPoint for those presentations and Microsoft Word for typing those term papers.

The Amherst Public Library is located at 221 Spring Street in do more information on any of the library's upcoming programs visit them online at www.amherst.lib.oh.us or call 440-988-4230.

~Cheryl Ashton, Amherst Public Library

2012 – 2013 GRADES K - 8 SUPPLY LISTS

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 box (12) of #2 Pencils Sharpened
- 2 sturdy pocket folders w/horizontal pockets
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 -Bookbag WITHOUT wheels large enough to hold supplies, library books, and folders, (bookbags with wheels do not fit in the lockers)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1- Beach towel for rest time
- 1 4 oz. Elmer's Glue-All (no gel glue)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of gallon size bags (boys)
- 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc baggies (girls)
- 1 1/2" hard cover/back 3 ring binder

FIRST GRADE

- 3 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Box of 16 or 24 crayons (every quarter)
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 Small supply box
- 4 Glue sticks (every quarter)
- 1 Box of gallon size ziploc baggies (boys)
- 1 Box of quart size ziploc baggies (girls)
- 1 Set of headphones in quart size bag w/ name clearly marked 1 – Art shirt

Pencils everyday – as needed (at least 24)

SECOND GRADE • 24 - Sharpened pencils

- 2 Pencil sharpeners with containers to catch shavings
- 2 Large pink erasers
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 12 Glue sticks
- 2 Boxes of 24 crayons
- 1 Box of wide washable Crayola markers
- 1 Box of 12 colored pencils
- 2 Highlighters
- 4 Low odor dry erase markers
- 1 5 x 8 **sturdy** supply box
- 1 1-inch heavy duty 3-ring Avery binder with pockets on the inside front and back cover
- 1 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters, and 3 holes
- 1 Set of addition and subtraction flash cards-keep home
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 Bag of individually wrapped pieces of candy
- 1 Art shirt
- 1 Set of headphones in a quart size Ziploc bag THIRD GRADE

- 1 Spiral notebook wide ruled 2 - Boxes of pencils sharpened
- 3 Erasers
- 1 Pair of scissors

- 2 White glue • 2 - Glue sticks
- 2 12" ruler with INCHES and CENTIMETERS
- 2 Boxes of crayons (no more than 16)
- 1 Box of markers
- 3 Folders: yellow, green, orange
- 1 Package of wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 Blue two pocket folder with brads
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 Supply pouch with three holes for binder
- 1 Sturdy binder (1 ½")
- 1 Set each of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division flashcards to keep at home
- Set of headphones in quart size Ziploc bag with name clearly marked
- 1 Roll of paper towels

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 Box of crayons
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Dozen #2 pencils with eraser
- 1 Red pen
- 1 12 inch ruler with both inches and centimeters
- 1 Pair of scissors • 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 2 Black or blue erasable pens
- 2 Packages of wide-ruled loose paper
- 6 Different colored 2 pocket, 3 prong folders (solid colors)
- Erasers
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 Spiral wide-lined, 3 subject notebooks to be used in Reading and OAT intervention
- 1 Small glue bottle and a glue stick
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Set of headphones in quart size Ziploc bag with name clearly marked

FIFTH GRADE

- 4 Folders with 3 prongs and 2 pockets
 - (Please DO NOT mark folders in permanent markers.)
 - *1 red for Math
 - *1 blue for Science
 - *1 green for Social Studies
 - *1 purple for Language Arts
 - *1 yellow for Reading
- 1 Package white wide-ruled notebook paper (not college-ruled paper)
- #2 pencils (enough so you don't run out –NOT mechanical)
- 1 Box colored pencils
- 1 Box of crayons
- 1 Box of washable colored markers, <u>NOT</u> permanent
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Zippered pencil pouch • 1 – Pair of scissors
- 2- Glue sticks
- 1 Ruler (standard and metric on same ruler)
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Box of Kleenex • 1 - Roll of paper towels

• These items are math only:

- *1 inch binder with pockets
- *1 protractor
- *1 spiral bound notebook *1 package large Expo low odor dry erase markers
- *1 sock

SIXTH GRADE

- 2 Three subject notebooks (Social Studies & Science)
- 5 folders w/3prongs & 2 pockets
- (Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple)
- 1 Divoga 8-Pocket Folder
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 10 #2 Pencils
- 1 Ruler with Metric & Inches
- 1 Protractor 1 Glue Stick
- 24 colored pencils
- 1 Red Pen • #2 Pencils
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- Loose-Leaf paper
- Graph paper Book covers
- Marble Composition Book (9.75 x 7.5) 200 pages
- 1 subject notebook (math)
- TI 30X IIS Calculator
- Flash Drive (at least 1 GB)

SEVENTH GRADE

- 4 Folders, with Pockets & Prongs • #2 Pencils
- Blue & Black Erasable Pens 1 Red Pen
- 1 Ruler with Metric & Inches
- 1 Glue Stick
- 24 Colored Pencils
- Compass Protractor
- Highlighter
- Loose-Leaf Paper • Graphing Paper
- 4 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 3-Ring Binder 1"
- Composition Book **Book Covers**
- Flash Drive (at least 1GB)
- 7th Grade Math Students TI-30X IIS
- Calculator
- HS Algebra Students TI-84 Silver Plus
 - **EIGHTH GRADE**
- #2 pencils
- Blue/black erasable pens
- Loose leaf paper
- Graph paper • 4 single subject spiral notebooks.
- 4 1-inch 3 prong binders (with clear pocket on outside for cover)
- TI 30X IIS calculator for 8th grade Math students
- 2 Composition notebook • Flash Drive (at least 1GB)
- TI 84 Silver Plus for HS Algebra students & HS Geometry

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER August 14 Kindergarten Screening August 22 Class Lists Posted

August 22 Class Lists Posted

New Student Orientation 9 am – FES Gym Parent Night/Open House August 27 (bring child and supplies labeled with the child's name) 5:30 – 6:15 pm Grades K-2

6:30 - 7:15 pm Grades 3-5 1ST Day of School for Grades 1-12 August 28 Kdgn. Parent Conferences (Parents Only)

August 29 First Day for Kindergarten -Last Name A-I August 30 First Day for Kindergarten -

Last Name J-Z September 3 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

September 10 Picture Day



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FHS FEES

GENERAL FEES

Duplicating/Tech Fee -\$10.00 Student Handbook - \$5.00 TOTAL - \$15.00

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Advanced Art - \$38.00 Art 1A - \$15.00 Art 1B - \$15.00 Art Fundamentals I - \$10.00 Art Fundamentals II - \$10.00 Art II - \$38.00 Art III - \$38.00 Art IV - \$38.00 Band- \$30.00

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English I - \$12.00 English III- \$12.50 Honors English I - \$10.00 Honors English II - \$10.00 Honors English III - \$15.00 English 9 - \$12.00 English 10- \$12.00 English 11 - \$12.00 OCEANS-Shakespeare-\$100.00 OCEANS - Writing - \$100.00

MATH DEPARTMENT

Algebra B - \$12.00

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Advanced Biology - \$25.00 Biology - \$25.00 Chemistry - \$33.00 GAP (Genetics) - \$32.00 Physical Science - \$25.00 Physics - \$33.00

SOCIAL STUDIES

Honors US History - \$11.00 OCEANS - Social Studies -\$100.00 US History - \$11.00

FHS FEES (Continued)

TECHNOLOGY

Multimedia Applications - \$5.00 Network Comm Tech I- \$10.00 Network Comm Tech II - \$10.00

FAMILY CONSUMER

Culinary Arts I - \$25.00 Culinary Arts II - \$25.00 Peers & Careers - \$17.00 Personal Living - \$7.00 Teen Cuisine I -\$25.00 Teen Cuisine II - \$25.00

AG SCIENCE

Ag Science I - \$37.00 Ag Science II - \$37.00 Ag Science III - \$37.00 Ag Science IV - \$37.00

SAMS FEES

SIXTH GRADE

Workbooks (4) - \$26.00 Art - \$9.00 Work & Family - \$10.00 Science Supplies - \$6.00 Student Handbook - \$6.00 Duplicating/Tech - \$10.00 **TOTAL - \$67.00**

SEVENTH GRADE

Workbooks (3) - \$16.00 Art - \$9.00 Work & Family - \$10.00 Science Supplies - \$6.00 Student Handbook - \$6.00 Duplicating/Tech - \$10.00 **TOTAL - \$57.00**

EIGHTH GRADE

Workbooks (3) - \$22.00 Art - \$9.00 Work & Family - \$10.00 Science Supplies - \$6.00 Student Handbook - \$6.00 Duplicating/Tech - \$10.00 TOTAL - \$63.00

SAMS FEES (Continued)

WORKBOOKS

Wordly Wise - Grades 6, 7, & 8 Reading Better Test Scores

- Grades 6, 7, & 8

Science Better Test Scores

- Grade 8 Math Practice Workbook

- Grades 6, 7, & 8

General Music - Grade 6

FES FEES

Kindergarten - \$15.50 First Grade - \$14.00 Second Grade - \$11.00 Third Grade - \$38.00 Fourth Grade - \$41.00 Fifth Grade - \$48.00

If your child qualified for meal assistance this school year, their same status will roll over for the first month of school for 2012-2013 or until a new form is received. Email:

jbamann@firelandsschools.org

if you have questions.



FIRELANDS LUNCH PRICES

2012 - 2013

K - 5 Lunch - \$2.30

6 - 8 Lunch - \$2.70

9 - 12 Lunch - \$2.70

Adult Lunch - \$3.00

Milk for all - .50 cents

The Firelands Express

AUGUST

- 13 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Amherst Comet Invitational- 8:00PM
- 13 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Grey Hawk Invitational 4:30PM
- 14 FES Kindergarten Screening
- 15 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Pioneer Invitational 8:00PM
- 17 Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs. Clearview 6:00PM (Jamboree)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 18 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Sandusky 10:00AM
- 18 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Sandusky 12:00PM
- 20 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Port Clinton Invite 9:00AM
- 20 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Keystone Ice Breaker 4:00PM
- 21 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Buckeye 3:30PM
- 22 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Vermilion 7:00PM
- 22 FES Class Lists Posted
- 22 FES New Student Orientation @ 9 a.m. at Firelands Elementary
- 23 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Ravenna Invite at Windmill Lakes 12:30PM
- 24 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) vs. Brooklyn High School 4:30PM
- 24 Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs. Lutheran West 7:00PM
- 24 Teacher In-Service Staff ID Pictures Taken
- 25 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Lake Ridge Academy 10:00AM
- 25 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ New London 9:00AM (New London Invitational)
- 27 FES -- Open House Parent Night

Grades K-2 @ 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

- Grades 3 -5 @ 6:30 7:15 p.m.
- 27 FHS Open House
- 27 SAMS Open House 7:15 8:30 p.m.
- 27 Teacher In-Service
- 28 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Fairview 3:30PM
- 28 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Fairview -7:30PM
- 29 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Buckeye 7:00PM
- 29 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Buckeye 7:00PM
- 30 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) vs. Columbia 4:00PM 30 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Lutheran West - 7:30PM
- 31 Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs. New London 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Keystone 3:30PM
- 1 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Holy Name 10:00AM
- 1 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Avon Lake 9:00AM (Early Bird)
- 3 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL
- 4 FES Market Day Pickup at FES 5:30 6:30 p.m.
- $4\ FES$ PTG $\ Meeting\ in\ Library-7:00\ p.m.$
- 4 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Oberlin 7:30PM
- 5 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Brookside 7:00PM
- 5 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Brookside 7:00PM
- 6 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Keystone 7:30PM
- 7 Boys' Varsity Football @ Vermilion 7:00PM
- 8 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Fairview 10:00AM
- 8 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Fairview 12:00PM

SEPTEMBER (continued)

- 8 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Lorain Admiral King 10:00AM
- 8 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Brecksville Broadview Hts. 9:00AM (Invitational)
- 10 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Trinity 7:00PM
- 10 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 FES School Pictures
- 10-21 SAMS Student Council Magazine Sale
- 11 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) vs. Wellington 3:30PM
- 11 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Buckeye 7:30PM
- 12 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Columbia 7:00PM 12 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Columbia - 7:00PM
- 13 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Lutheran West 4:00PM
- 13 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Wellington 7:30PM
- 14 Boys' Varsity Football @ Fairview 7:30PM
- 15 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) vs. Norwalk Golf Invite at Eagle Creek 1:30 PM
- 15 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Keystone 12:00PM
- 15 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Keystone 2:00PM
- 15 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Tri Match at Vermilion 10:00AM
- 15 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Galion Invite at Ammans Reservoir 9:00 AM
- 17 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Trinity 5:00PM
- 17 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Black River 7:30PM
- 18 Boys' Varsity Golf @ Black River 3:30PM
- 18 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Brookside 7:30PM
- $18 \; SAMS \; PTG \; Walk-A-Thon$
- 19 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Lake Ridge Academy 10:00AM 19 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) CONFERENCE MEET TBA
- 20 FHS Tailgate @ FHS Parking Lot 5:30 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Brooklyn 7:30PM 21 Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs. Oberlin - 7:30PM
- 21 FHS Homecoming Football Game
- 22 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Oberlin 10:00AM
- 22 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Oberlin 7:00PM
- 22 FHS Homecoming Dance 7:00 10:00 p.m.
- 22 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ North Ridgeville 10:00AM 22 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Black River Inviational - 10:00AM
- 24 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) SECTIONAL MEETS w/o Sept 24 TBA
- 24 FES Market Day Pickup at FES 5:30 6:30 p.m.
- 24-28 SAMS PTG Calendar Raffle
- 25 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Clearview 7:00PM
- 26 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Lutheran West 5:00PM
- 26 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Lutheran West 7:00PM
- 27 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Columbia 7:30PM
- 28 Boys' Varsity Football @ Wellington 7:00PM
- 28 WAIVER DAY NO SCHOOL

- 29 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Black River 7:00PM
- 29 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Tri Match at Cuyahoga Hts. 10:00AM
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PAY FOR IT PROGRAM

This program will allow you to put money on your child's account, pay school fees as well as provide you with your child's lunch account balance and also a short report of what has been purchased on their account. This can be done by logging onto www.payforit.net, then follow the instructions listed. Your child's six digit student ID number is needed to set up a "pay for it" account. You can call Judy Baumann 440-965-5821 ext. 311 or your child's school office to get this number if you don't have it.

MENUS

The menus will not be published in the express for the start of school this year. Look for a copy in your child's welcome packet as well as on the school website later in August. A new meal requirement letter will be sent home with all students explaining the changes that USDA has made. All students must have a fruit and or a vegetable on their lunch tray to count as a full meal, otherwise the items will be charged as alacart. A 5 week cycle menu will be sent home after the start of school that will be used for the entire school year. If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to call Judy Baumann-Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext.

LOW BALANCE AUTOMATED CALL

We have an automated calling system that we use for students at Firelands Elementary and South Amherst Middle School. When your child's balance falls to a -\$1.00, an automated call will be placed to your home announcing this. We appreciate all negative accounts are paid when you have received this phone call.

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Where: Firelands Community Day School

11970 Vermilion Road, Oberlin

When: Sunday, August 26, 2012

Time: 4:00—6:00 p.m.

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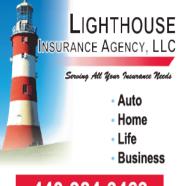
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