

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



On March 15<sup>th</sup> the residents of the Firelands Local School District will have the opportunity to vote on a new, joined 6-8 and 9-12 building.

As Election Day will be quickly upon us, please consider the following items:

**Election Day is March 15<sup>th</sup> with polls open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.**

### Quick Facts Related to the Bond Issue

- ◆ The school construction project calls for a new joined 6-8 and 9-12 building. Included are a field house for student and community use and upgrades to our waste water treatment facility.
- ◆ The State of Ohio conducted a facilities assessment of each of our buildings. Based on these assessments, both South Amherst Middle School and Firelands High School were found to be beyond repair and were recommended to be replaced.
- ◆ The State is so concerned with the conditions of our buildings they are providing \$6,238,379 towards the cost of the project.
- ◆ Waiting any longer to address our facility needs will cost our district and our taxpayers more. As our buildings continue to deteriorate, more resources will need to be diverted away from instructional programs in order to address the cost of maintaining our facilities.
- ◆ The bond issue is for 5.7 mills for a period of 36 years. Included in the 5.7 mill bond issue is a .5 mill permanent improvement levy (required by law) that can only be used towards the maintenance of the new facility.
- ◆ District finances are stable and we do not expect to be on the ballot for a new operating levy until after 2020.
- ◆ Please visit the county auditor's website to determine the assessed value of your home. A home with a **\*market value** of \$100,000 will cost the homeowner approximately \$17.00 per month.

\*was misprinted in earlier edition.

### Interested in Learning More?

The following community meetings will be held to share additional information:

On the web at: [www.iamfirelands.com](http://www.iamfirelands.com)

Email: [iamFirelands@gmail.com](mailto:iamFirelands@gmail.com)

Twitter: [@iAmFirelands](https://twitter.com/iAmFirelands)

Facebook: [#iAmFirelands](https://www.facebook.com/iAmFirelands)

Phone: Contact Mike Von Gunten, Superintendent, at 965.5821

**GO FALCONS!**

Mike Von Gunten

Superintendent

FHS Class of 1995

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[@FLSDSuper](https://twitter.com/FLSDSuper)

LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Amherst Diner	Monday, February 29 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am
Camden Twp. Complex	Monday, February 29 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm
Miller's Ice Cream (lower level)	Thursday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm
South Amherst Middle School	Thursday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

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# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

AN AWARENESS PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

South Amherst Middle School

"snoop and search" starts at 6:00 pm

\*presentation begins at 6:30 pm

*Due to the nature of the materials presented,  
no youth are permitted to attend.*

*The presentation is free.*

- **Astonishing, interactive exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom**
- **Contains 150+ items which may be indicative of dangerous risky behaviors**
- **Topics include substance use, violence, eating disorders, juvenile crime, technology, risky games/challenges and more**
- **Accompanied by PowerPoint presentation and discussion**

Presented by



Assisted by  
The Lorain  
County Sheriff's  
Department



For further information contact: Firelands Board of Education-  
440.965.5821

\*The entire presentation is +2 hours in length. If you cannot arrive at  
the designated start time, join us when you can.

For scheduled dates and locations of additional exhibits, visit  
[www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org) or [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us)

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS AT FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

Firelands High School, in partnership with Lorain County Community College (LCCC), offers students the opportunity to earn college credits without leaving the FHS campus. In 2014-15, FHS was able to offer college courses in English, Mathematics, Anatomy & Physiology, US History, and Government, allowing students the ability to earn 30 hours of credit without leaving the FHS campus. Next year, in 2015-16, FHS and LCCC have expanded the offerings for our students, adding courses in the Humanities, Statistics, and Chemistry, which increases the LCCC hours offered at FHS to 47 college credit hours.

A student who would follow the LCCC Pathway to college credits could give themselves a 1 ½ year head-start on college, while potentially saving themselves \$5,561.98, given the cost of a credit hour at LCCC is \$118.34 for a Lorain County resident. These courses will all transfer to any public university in Ohio, and also transfers to many private Ohio colleges and universities. A student who would attend a four-year public Ohio university, which offers courses at \$382.30 per hour, could potentially save their families almost \$18,000 in tuition costs. This school year alone, FHS students who took or are currently taking CCP classes on campus at Firelands High School could potentially earn 817 college credit hours, which would be a total cost savings for our students of \$96,683.78, based on credit hour costs at LCCC.

FHS encourages our students to look into College Credit Plus, as it helps our students prepare for college, while potentially saving families thousands of dollars in tuition fees. Please call the FHS School Counseling Office at 440-965-5335 for more information on how this program fits into the needs of your student.

## Do You Know What We Know?

Are you staying up-to-date with everything that is going on within our community?

I know that it is difficult to stay connected in this busy age. Information comes at us from all directions, 24/7. The good news is, we have multiple options that lets you choose how to receive your material. Our traditional newspaper, The Firelands Express, is sent to mailing addresses within our district. If you need to make an address change, or would like to start receiving the **Firelands Express**, please contact **Mrs. Linda Seman** at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1010. For **electronic media**, you can log on to our webpages at: [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org). Our blog runs current stories and can be pushed to your inbox. Visit or sign up to receive

blog notifications at: <https://ffalcons.wordpress.com/>. Lastly, follow us on Twitter! Our official **Twitter** account is **@Firelandsfalcon**. You may wish to include **@Firelands\_Update** as well.

Do you have information to share? Do you have an update on alumni or news of an event that you would like shared? Please contact me and I would love to let our community know about all of the great things that are happening in and around Firelands!

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## Firelands Athletics Update

Reminder: Spring sports will be starting soon: HS Baseball & HS Softball on 2/22/16; HS Track 3/7/16; & MS Track 3/9/16. In order to participate student's must have on file a current OHSAA Physical, Emergency Medical Form, Insurance Waiver, & Concussion Form.

### OHSAA Tournaments

BBK – 2/23/16 @ Holy Name (Parma) – 7pm  
Bracket: <http://brackets.myohsaa.org/bracket.aspx?t=6487&ts=15379&not=11>

GBK – 2/13/16 – HOME – Buckeye – 1pm  
Bracket: <http://brackets.myohsaa.org/bracket.aspx?t=6413&ts=15185&not=12>

WR – Sectionals - 2/20/16 @ Brookside;  
Districts – 2/26/16 & 2/27/16 @ Fostoria;  
State – 3/3/16 to 3/5/16 @ Columbus

### Season Updates

The FHS bowling teams have completed their regular season schedule in the North Shore Bowling Conference's Division 2. There are 9 Division 2 teams and 7 Division 1 teams. We bowl against all of them. The girls varsity were 3rd, boys varsity 5th, girls jv 2nd and the boys jv 3rd. The girls varsity finished 3rd in the conference tournament on 1/31 – ONE pin behind 2nd place Keystone. The Division 2 Sectional Bowling Tournament was held in Medina on 2/7. The girls were in 9th place out of 12 teams after the first round of games. The team rallied over the next 3 rounds of bowling to take the 3rd qualifying spot for the district tournament. All girls bowled well after that first game with Brianna Krieg having a top 5 series. Millie Harris' total was 13th and Lyndsey Cornwell had the 7th high game of the day. The district tournament will be held Saturday Feb 20th. The boys team finished 9th in the 12 team boys tournament. Philip Saylor's 3 game series total led the FHS boys and was in the top 20 for the tournament.

The Varsity wrestling team capped a successful Patriot Athletic Conference Dual Meet season, January 28, finishing 8-0 and claiming a division and conference championship for the first time since 1996. The Falcons will look to win the individual tournament championship, at Oberlin High School, February 6. Key performers throughout the season have been, Connor Eckman (106) 21-10, Miguel Morell (120) 23-9, Jason Norwood (132) 23-12, Patric Keown (160) 31-6, DJ Childers (170) 15-3, Tyler Bennett (195) 17-17, and Sean Lipscomb (285) 26-6. Other valuable contributors include seniors Israel Bowen and

David Vaugh, Juniors Bailey Cromer, Kyle Hieb, and Maxhertensteiner, Sophomores Ryan Hoffman, Owen Cogar, Colin Ransom, and Freshman Charlie Yonts, Michael Casella, Nathan Thompson, Brandon Mele, Eric Defranco, and Chad Hieb. The remaining events for the year: Sectionals at Brookside HS (February 20), Districts at Fostoria HS (Feb 26 & 27), and the OHSAA State Tournament (March 3-5). The Falcons are looking to have their first state qualifier since 1992 and their first state placer since 1960.

The Middle School wrestling team has enjoyed a successful season led by a strong group of seventh grade performers. Key contributors this season include- Mark Holt, Ethan Tester, Ben Brinton, Donald Crawford, Kevin Guillemot, Luke Dempsey, Chris Snider, and Seth Robinette. The Middle School wrestlers compete next, February 13, at Brookside Middle School (10a.m.). Go Falcons.

The Youth Wrestlers, which includes members of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, captured the Ohio Youth Wrestling League Sectional Title this past Sunday. The team defeated Division 1 programs- Lorain, Avon Lake, Avon, Midview and Amherst. Overall we had six individual champions and ten placewinners- Rueben Lorenzana, Kyle Ransom, Abe Mastellone, Jonathan Norwood, Kaden King, and Corey Newark. Other placewinners include- D'mari Campbell, Roman Little, Cory Ransom, and Collin Eckman. These nine wrestlers advance to the district tournament at Garfield Heights, Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>, and will compete to earn a spot in the OYWL State Tournament on February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Walsh Jesuit HS. Congrats wrestlers.

The 7th grade girls' basketball team is 5-3 in the PAC highlighted by a double overtime win vs. Oberlin, and defeating a 5-0 Wellington team. A tenacious defense with a pit bull mentality has been the key to their success. Individual leaders are Grace Sherban with 66 points, Madison Sutton with 33 points, 39 rebounds and 21 steals, Shawny Hess with 30 points and 48 rebounds, Gracie Yonts with 19 points, Megan Sutton with 15 points, 17 steals and a team leading 56 rebounds. Also contributing are Delaney Overstreet with 8 points and 15 steals, Audrey Lyons with 6 points and 18 rebounds, Sammie Novak with 5 points, and with 4 points each are Dylan Koba-Nelson, Carley Spiegelberg and Shy Milas.

The 8th grade girls basketball team has completed about half of their season and continue to make an impact with an overall record of 8-1 and an undefeated conference record of 8-0. Players include Rylee Phillips, Lexy Alston, Emily Stewart, Lexy Coggins, Ashley

Strauss, Alaina Becker, Lexie Deaton, Abby Winnen, and Ally Winnen. Abby Winnen leads the Falcons in scoring, followed closely by Lexy Alston, Emily Stewart, and Lexy Coggins. Ally Winnen leads the team in rebounding. All players are a major contribution to the success of the team. The girls work well with each other and support each other always. Good luck with the rest of your season.

The Lady Falcons are wrapping up yet another successful season and heading into the OHSAA tournament with a first round game against Buckeye at home on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. At 1 pm. The Lady Falcons finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-7 and a 12-4 mark in the PAC. While another championship was the goal, the ladies played really well and hung in the race to the end. Leading the way for the Varsity team was Keely Hall who will finish her career with over 1000 points and 1000 rebounds which is a first for a Lady Falcon. She averaged 14.8 points and 13.4 rebounds her senior season and was the league's best post player. Helping out with scoring this season was Tori Grasso, a junior guard, averaging 10.6 points per contest, Tori was exciting to watch as she is very explosive and gets to the rim a lot. Dalaney Rogala also had a great senior season averaging 8.9 points and 9 rebounds per contest. The Lady Falcons got off to a slow start losing their first two games but bounced back and finished the first half of the season with a 7-4 record. The Ladies continued getting better as the season went on only losing to conference teams with a better record than them down the stretch. All can agree that the girls played hard and the seniors went out winners on senior day. Congrats to the seniors for a successful career and good luck with whatever you choose in life after the season.

The JV team went 6-14 overall this season and got great play from the sophomores and freshman. The JV team started a little slow losing their first 6 games, but played much better basketball the second half of the season. Teamwork and work ethic played a big role in the individual and team improvements. The JV team is looking forward to getting back to the hardwood and polishing their skills to become varsity players next season.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball team captured the 2016 PAC Championship with an exciting win over Oberlin in the championship game. The team finished the regular season 10-4 and secured the #4 seed for the tournament. The team opened tournament play by defeating Buckeye and then earned its spot in the championship game with a victory over Clearview. The boys really came together and grew as the season went on. Members of the team are:

James Buckner, Michael Sorrell, Garrick Sebolt, Trevor Bauer, James Steindl, Jacob Farley, Dominic Lee, Casey Kelley, Jackson Talbott, Dominic Critelli, Alexander Angle, Colin Stark, Aaron Urban, & Caden Bombak.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Falcons boys' basketball team ended its season with a record of 4-12. The Falcons had many exciting and close games. The Falcons were the 9th seed for the PAC tournament and faced Columbia. The Falcons got behind early and were down 20-5 at the end of the first quarter. We continued to play hard and as a team and went into the locker room at halftime down 5. In the second half we stayed with the Raiders and cut the lead down to 1 point but could never take the lead. The Raiders then made their free throws down the stretch to defeat us 50-37. I know that the boys are not happy with their record but they have made huge improvements in many areas of the game. I am very proud of the way they have handled themselves. The boys came ready to practice each day and tried to get better. I believe they have really improved as the season has progressed. The boys know they need to continue to work on their skills and shooting in order to become the best players they can be for the Firelands Program. This group has the ability to strengthen the program if they continue to work on all the aspects of basketball. On the team this year was: Nathan Damron, Sean Perry, Tad Miller, Steven Iwanek, Vince Morales, Logan Howington, Chad Rich, Nat Pignitella, Austin Schuler, Ryan Walker, and Jacob Schmitz. Good Luck and work hard in the offseason!

The Firelands boys basketball teams are playing competitive basketball in a solid Patriot Athletic Conference(PAC). The freshman are 6-5 in PAC play as they enter the year end conference tournament. The JV team has improved with each game and had an exciting win at the buzzer against Black River. The varsity team enters the final three regular season games at 8-11 and has winning record in the PAC at 7-6. Key wins were over Buckeye, Columbia (with a last second game winning shot by Jeremy Simonovich) and Wellington. OHSAA tournament play starts on February 23<sup>rd</sup> when the Falcons will travel to Holy Name to take on the Green Wave. The varsity team is led by Colin Myers (12.5 points per game and Chronicle Player of the week), Doc Januzzi (9.5 points per game), Jeremy Simonovich (9.2 points per game), Kaleb Abfall (7.5 points per game) and Jack O'Keefe (6.8 points per game).

## Spanish 3 and Spanish 4 Carnaval at the High School

This year, Carnaval (a celebration similar to what you might think of as Mardi Gras in New Orleans during this same period of time) for Spanish speaking countries started February 3. It ended on February 9 with what most of us know as Fat Tuesday—the day before Ash Wednesday. Normally the Hispanic people spend the week having parades and festivities which involve grand costumes and lots of food, music, dancing and colorful decorations. Kids in those countries will often be seen throwing confetti bombs towards their friends and family for practical jokes. There will also be neighborhood dance competitions (such as the salsa competitions that Rio de Janeiro is famous for) and costume judging.

The Spanish 3/4 class in the High School had their celebration on February 3 with costumes and masks that each student made and everyone brought different types of Hispanic food. The costumes ranged from a masquerade theme to lots of different types of animals or birds. We also had an angel and a fairy this year. The students decorated the classroom the day before with streamers, balloons and lights in preparation for their celebration. They also voted for their favorite, well-constructed costumes with first, second and third place winners. And, even though we didn't have the confetti bombs, this is always a popular and fun activity every year for the students who take Spanish 3 and Spanish 4!



Spanish class with their masks on.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER

### -GRADE LEVEL UPDATES-

#### Seniors:

Seniors please continue to check Naviance for updated scholarship information including:

- The Firelands Endowment Scholarships
- Lorain County Community Foundation
- College Now

**CollegeNow Resource:** College Now Representative, Jacquie Anderle, is available to schedule individual financial aid meetings each Tuesday at Firelands High School. She can also be reached through email at [janderle@collegenowgc.org](mailto:janderle@collegenowgc.org)

#### Juniors:

•Juniors interested in participating in the **College Credit Plus program** for the 2016-2017 school year please submit a CCP application which is available in the Counseling Office. Once the application is submitted the counselors will schedule you to take the **Compass Test on March 9th or 10th at FHS**. For more information contact the Counseling Office. ACT and SAT registration information and test dates are on their websites: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Information packets are available in the guidance office with dates of testing and how to register online. College bound juniors please register for the ACT this spring at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). For those students eligible for free/reduced lunch, an ACT fee waiver can be provided. Please stop by Counseling Office for more information. Test dates are listed below:

Test Date	Register by:
April 9th	March 4th
June 11th	May 6th

Juniors are allowed 2 college visits to view colleges of their choice and ask questions of the college admission staff. A form is available in the guidance office. This form must be given to the main office **before the student can visit the college**. It counts as a day of attendance, but missed school work must be made up.

#### Sophomores:

Students have scheduled online during the week of **February 8th-12th** and their course selection can be viewed on Powerschool under course registration. Students who applied to the Lorain County JVS by **February 19th** will be contacted by the JVS the first week of April. Students who have been accepted need to sign their letters and return them to Mrs. Zimmer or Miss Goss. Students who are placed on the further review list will have an interview with Mr. Keller.

Sophomores interested in participating in the **College Credit Plus program** for the 2016-2017 school year please submit a CCP application which is available in the Counseling Office. Once the application is submitted the counselors will schedule you to take the **Compass Test on March 9th or March 10th at FHS**. For more information contact the Counseling Office.

#### Freshmen:

Students have scheduled online during the week of

**February 16th-19th.** The student's course selection can be viewed on their Powerschool accounts under course registration. The FHS course selection guide can be located on the school website. Please contact Counseling Office with any questions.

### CAREER PREP INFORMATION

#### LEAP INTO CAREER TECH

**SATURDAY - Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**10 AM - 12 PM**

Career tech Saturday offers students in grades 3, 4, and 5 hands-on workshops presented by JVS instructors in our career-technical labs. Each student will make something that they can take home during the workshops.

Students will be able to: build a toolbox, use digital cameras to photograph and edit a picture, operate hydraulic mechanisms on tractors and construction equipment, plant a seedling, invent and market a toy, mold a cement garden stone or program a CNC machine to create a plaque.

We will provide Wi-Fi, a cooking demonstration, and limited salon services available for parents while they wait.

### EXCEL SUMMER 8th GRADE CAREER CAMP

**Tues-Thurs, June 14 - 16, 2016 9 AM - 12 PM**

A three-day career exploration program for students who are entering the 9th or 10th grades this fall.  
 \*There is no cost to attend, but all campers must be registered participants.  
 \*Campers are transported to and from their local district's middle school.  
 \*Campers are provided with a FREE nutritious lunch each day.  
 \*Campers participate in hands-on activities in a different career tech lab each day.  
 \*Campers learn skills needed to be successful in today's competitive job market.

### -COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATION-

Juniors and Sophomores: Please pick up a CCP application in the guidance office if interested in participating for the 2016-2017 school year. A COMPASS test is required for enrollment which will take place on **March 9th and 10th at FHS**.

College Credit Plus Parent Information Night will be held on **Thursday February 25th at 7pm** in the FHS Library.

### -INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENT MEETING-

The incoming freshmen parent meeting will be held on **Thursday February 25th at 5:45pm** in the SAMS gym.

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**Firelands FFA Public Speakers Impress at Sub-District Contest**

Congratulations to the FFA members that competed at sub-district public speaking contest February 10th. Firelands was the only school in attendance with a participant in all 5 categories. All members that scored in the top 3 of their sub-district move on to the district contest on March 16 at Shelby High School. Not only did four Firelands FFA members move on to district contest, those four members all won their divisions.

Congratulations on a great job:  
 Creed – Lilly Dempsey – 4<sup>th</sup> place  
 Creed II – Pablo Barranco – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Beginning Prepared – Sam Ives – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Advanced Prepared – Katy Tuggle – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Extemporaneous – Mike Anadell – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 In the Creed contest, students speak the FFA Creed and answer questions about the Creed. The Creed contest is divided into Creed I for freshmen first year students and Creed II for upper class first year students. More impressively, Pablo Barran-

co recited the Creed in Spanish and answered the questions in English. Pablo is our foreign exchange student from Spain. He learned the Creed in Puerto Rican Spanish as that is the only official translation of the Creed other than English because of the large FFA population in Puerto Rico. Pablo's native dialect is Castilian Spanish though! He has impressed judges at both levels of competition so far.  
 In beginning and advanced prepared, students write a speech about a current agricultural topic to present to judges and answer questions after presentation. Like the Creed, the prepared speeches

must be fully memorized. Sam and Katy have also impressed judges at both levels of competition.  
 The Extemporaneous speakers blindly draw 5 speech topics from a possible 125 topics. The speaker then has 30 minutes to write a 4-6 minute speech. When writing time is up, students present their speech to judges and answer questions after. Mike has done a great job with this challenging task.  
 Good luck to Pablo, Sam, Katy, & Mike as they represent Firelands in the district contest. The top two speakers in each category will move on to the state contest on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**FHS NEWS**

**FIRST SEMESTER CLOSED, SECOND SEMESTER UNDERWAY** – FHS closed the first semester with exam week, which allows the students to concentrate on exams, only giving them, at most, three exams on Monday only. The last two days, students took, at most, two tests each day. The students were able to concentrate on exams, as they could focus on specific tests when they studied. Also, the exam schedule is similar to many school districts in NE Ohio, and mirrors exam schedules at NE Ohio colleges and universities.

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS UPDATE** – The students of FHS continue to use Family Connections in their searches for colleges and careers. 63.4% of the FHS Seniors have applied to college entrance in the Fall of 2016. 130 of the 154 FHS Seniors have accessed this site at least once, and the median number of access to Family Connections is 2.5 times, with 21 of the students having accessed the site 5 or more times, with two students accessing over 20 times each. FHS students have sent 299 college applications through Family Connections, with Bowling Green State University and Cleveland State University leading the way with 29 applications each. Students who want more information on Family Connections should see their School Counselors for more information, including student log-ins and passwords.

**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY** – The FHS Athletic Department held Falcon Signing Day on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the FHS Gymnasium. This event was coordinated with National Signing Day, which is the when athletes going to Division I and II schools, and are going to play sports, sign their letters of intent for Athletic Scholarships. Division III athletes are not required to sign an official document, but were introduced as committing to Division III schools. FHS is very proud of the following students as they will continue their academic and athletic careers at the following schools:

- Brylee Jones** – Division II Soccer at Malone University
- Robby Becker** – Division III Football at Baldwin-Wallace University
- Cole Ference** – Division III Football at Heidelberg University
- Jacob Grasso** – Division III Football at Baldwin-Wallace University
- Samantha Hribal** – Division III Softball at University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
- Ty Wilson** – Division III Football at Otterbein University

**STUDENT ARTISTS DOUBLE UP eXpressions HONOR** – The FHS Art Department has doubled its representation in the esteemed Cleveland Clinic eXpressions competition this year. Once again, senior Victoria Krejci earned a ribbon, this time white (3rd place) for her mixed media sculpture "Whatever Suits You" illustrating the treatment of chronic heart patients with depression. This is a Firelands first-ever two-time winner! Freshman Cora Lynn Born breaks into the field of winners with a blue ribbon (1st place) win for her mixed media sculpture "Ordering at a Restaurant". Her effort examining different demographics' perspectives of after-life plans beat out experienced upperclassmen. This is a Firelands first -ever blue ribbon in the art competition! Born and Krejci's works are the only winners from Lorain County and among only 54 selected for the exhibition from a field of 25 mostly AAA high schools.

**FREEBIES AT FHS** – The FHS Athletic Department, led by Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Mr. Searight, offered free admission for students at some winter athletic events in January. Students were invited to attend Girls' and Boys' Basketball games, and a Wrestling Match, free of charge. This was done to increase attendance and bring our student section, which is tremendous during Football season, a way to bring their enthusiasm indoors. Attendance saw a slight uptick, and this offering will be reevaluated next winter to see if this is something FHS wants to offer yearly to increase student attendance at basketball games and wrestling matches.

**WINTER FORMAL** – Winter Formal was held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm in the FHS Gymnasium. This dance continues to attract mainly 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Principal's Student Advisory Committee will be consulted on creating a winter dance for next year that will be attended by more students, and from every grade level.

Submitted by: Bob Maver, FHS Principal

**MARCH  
 FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL**

**\$1.50 – BREAKFAST    \$0.30 – REDUCED BREAKFAST**  
**\$2.85 – LUNCH       \$0.40 – REDUCED LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Domino's Pizza or stuffed crust pepper Italian green beans Romaine garden salad Chilled mandarin oranges 100% fruit smoothie	2 Falcon burger w/ whole grain bun Cheese Shredded Iceberg lettuce, Sweet potato fries Chilled pears	3 Chicken bowl w/ gravy, cheese Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Fresh fruit Whole grain roll	4 2 Gilardi Cheese Breadsticks Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks Seasoned broccoli Chilled pineapple
7 Chicken parm w/wg roll or Chicken patty/ bun Spaghetti / sauce Italian green beans Chilled peaches	8 Pizza Hut or stuffed crust pepper Baby carrots Grape tomatoes Chilled pears Mini rice krispie treat	9 Beef & cheese nachos Or Taco Fries w/cheese Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll	10 Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese Chicken strips w/roll Shredded lettuce Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Strawberry shortcake cookie	11 Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread /garlic Steamed broccoli Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
14 BBq pulled pork wg bun Or Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions BBQ baked beans Crispy tator rounds Chilled peaches	15 Domino's Pizza or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots Chilled pears	16 Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce Or meatball sub Romaine salad Cucumber slices Chilled applesauce	17 General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie 100% fruit smoothie	18 Ham & Cheese calzone Or Fish fillet sandwich w/shredded lettuce Seasoned cauliflower / cheese Red pepper strips Chilled mandarin oranges
21 Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	22 Pizza Hut or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Celery sticks Fruit Mini rice krispie treat	23 Chipotle day- seasoned beef steak or fajita chicken Ultra grain wrap Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Seasoned rice Mandarin oranges	24 Wg Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll California blend vegetables Baby Carrots Grape tomatoes Fresh fruit	25 GOOD FRIDAY  NO SCHOOL
28 SPRING BREAK	29 SPRING BREAK	30 SPRING BREAK	31 SPRING BREAK	

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### FHS Art Students Exhibit in the 2016 Regional Scholastic Art Show

The Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition has been providing a program to recognize, exhibit and honor excellence in visual art from 7-12 grade students for nearly 50 years. The 2016 exhibition kicked off Jan. 19 and includes artwork from 21 Firelands High School students with 37 works. That's 46% of our work entered!

The Scholastic Art Awards program is the largest annual art competition in the country. Students in schools across the United States and Canada create the 150,000 entries each year. The Lorain County region includes public and private middle and high schools from Lorain, Erie and Huron counties. Art teacher Laura Tawil entered a variety of two and three-dimensional works this year. The high school students are competing together, grades 9-12, at the "varsity level" within various media categories. Students earn third place "Honorable Mention", second place "Silver Key" and the first place of "Gold Key". Placing in this show is like placing in "districts" in sports. Those works earning a regional "Gold Key" advance directly to *national* jurying in New York City this spring.

Art 1 freshmen Alex Brill and Isaac Sultzter both earned Honorable Mentions for their non-objective zentangle mandala drawings. Art 2 students made a strong showing this year. Victoria Barnett and Faith Rico both earned honorable mention for mixed media sculptures. Lynn Born took an honorable mention for her "cardbird" and a silver key for her self-portrait print. Sarah Drury collected four honorable mentions and three silver keys for her photography and linoleum prints. Michael Durdak earned a silver key for his "cardbird". Robbie Hogan and Sean Lipscomb both earned honorable mentions for prints as well as Abby Perry, who also took a silver key for a sculpture. Isabel Solowiej and Nick Stree both took honorable mentions for prints and Nick adds another honorable mention with his sculpture.

Art 3 students Matt and Patrick Brightbill both took honorable mentions for their enameled copper projects and Patrick adds a silver key for his coloring book illustration drawing. Grace Pohorence and Lynn Schmittle join in honorable mentions for copper enameling and Lynn adds a silver key for a jewelry project. Anthony Myer earned a silver key for his origami sculpture.

Art 4 students Andrea Diasio earned an honorable mention for a watercolor still-life. Shelly Shupe takes honorable mention for her self-portrait. Advanced art senior Victoria Krejci earned two keys, a silver for watercolor and our only gold key for a self-portrait. Julia Ohle adds an honorable mention for her self-portrait.

The exhibit is hosted at the Stocker Center gallery on the campus of Lorain County Community College and funded by Nordson Corporation Foundation, C. Paul Stocker Arts Foundation and Lorain County Community College. The exhibit runs from Jan. 19 – Feb. 21 and is open to the public. A special reception for all artists was held Jan. 31. A closing awards ceremony and reception will be held on Feb. 21 for the Gold Key winners. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. 10:30-2:30 with Tues., Wed., and Thurs. evenings 5-7pm and Sundays 1-5. The gallery is also open during Stocker Center performances.



# SAMS BOYS PAC CHAMPIONSHIP

## "Name that Theme" Winners

Each day of the week we play a different song on the morning announcements. Students and staff are challenged to figure out what the theme is for the week. It is so much fun!



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### Martin Luther King Jr. Presentation at SAMS

Many Parents, teachers, and students enjoyed a presentation on Tuesday, January 26. Mrs. Neal's Book Club and Mrs. Johnson's Performing Arts Class collaborated together and preformed a play that centered around Martin Luther King Jr. The students did an amazing job of reenacting the bus scene with Rosa Parks; as well as a typical freedom march with signs. Both classes sang, "We Shall Overcome", while the marchers paraded around the gym. Great Job to all!!!



## SAMS NEWS

The year is flying by at SAMS. It's hard to believe the second semester is already underway!

We have a "guess that theme" contest each week on the morning announcements. Each morning we play different songs that all connect to one central theme. The staff and students seem to enjoy this competition and it encourages collaborative thought and discussions around theme each morning.

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The first annual 8th grade prize calendar fundraiser was a huge success!!! Students sold an astounding number of calendars totaling.....\$16,000.00!!!! Six students were able to sell enough calendars to pay for their ENTIRE Philadelphia trip. Our top six sellers were Jacob Mullins with 71, Chance Coultrip with 66, Alyssa Thompson with 53, Brianna Toledo with 52, Jenna Selent with 51, and Rylee Maggard with 51. Ms. Coultrip has done an OUTSTANDING job on this project and we are so grateful for her hard work!

One of our 6th grade students submitted a poem to the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans and her poem was accepted. This is a huge honor for her and for SAMS! Once I receive more information, I will pass that along.

We held our first "Good Guy Day" that was created by the Student Advisory Committee. We had well over 300 students that were able to have some open gym time and some time spent with friends. We are hoping to have all of our students able to participate in the next event.

We have our next Fabulous Falcon coming up on February 9 and we anticipate almost 200 people in attendance.

The Choir students are working hard preparing for their spring musical.

Our 7th grade Boys Basketball team won the PAC championship! Our girls basketball and boys wrestling are all doing great! I read a lot of announcements that include Wins for Firelands. We will be holding our winter sports pep rally on February 19.

The TLC group from the high school has been coming over and working in classrooms and mentoring our students. The relationship building that has been going on is very powerful. The students feel like they have at least one connection now as they move on to FHS. The TEE students that have been coming over are also very helpful and welcomed by all.

We are proud to tell you that we have become the newest chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. We will have many more details on this as the months go on. This is very exciting for SAMS and for the Academic Excellence vision that we have and are fostering.

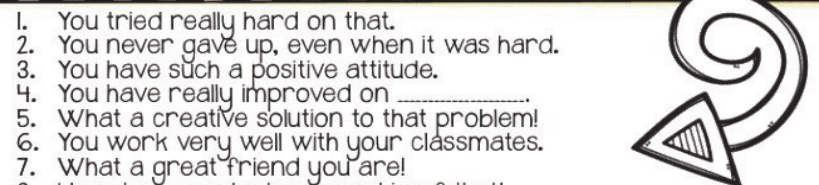
We will be attending a Robotics exploration day on March 17 to see what it will take to bring a competitive robotics club to SAMS. We will be visiting the Brookside site to see the Elementary and High School clubs and to get information about funding and how to secure sponsors. We will also be attending the Lorain Longfellow Middle School site to see their state ranked middle school team and learn how to set the robotics club into motion.

We will also be hosting a Techie Camp in June for Lorain County students. This is sponsored by Nordson. More will be coming on this as well.

Every day is a new adventure and I am very proud of my staff and my kiddos and their progress this year so far. I can't wait to see what the second half of the year brings us!

Submitted by: Cara Gomez,  
SAMS Principal

STOP SAYING  
"You are so smart"  
AND START SAYING...

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1. You tried really hard on that.
  2. You never gave up, even when it was hard.
  3. You have such a positive attitude.
  4. You have really improved on \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. What a creative solution to that problem!
  6. You work very well with your classmates.
  7. What a great friend you are!
  8. I love how you took ownership of that!
  9. That was a very responsible thing you did.
  10. I like the way you are doing \_\_\_\_\_.
  11. I admire the way you \_\_\_\_\_.
  12. You really handled that situation well because \_\_\_\_\_.
  13. It was brave of you to \_\_\_\_\_.
  14. I love that you are always prepared for class.
  15. You did a great job of helping \_\_\_\_\_ with her assignment.
  16. You have taken great care of your desk/locker/book.
  17. You remembered to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to class! Great job!
  18. I know I can trust you because \_\_\_\_\_.
  19. I can tell you studied very hard!
  20. I appreciate how helpful you were when you \_\_\_\_\_.
  21. You did a great job of participating today!
  22. I could tell you worked well with your group because \_\_\_\_\_.
  23. It is so nice that you value other people's opinions.
  24. I can tell you tried your very best because \_\_\_\_\_.
  25. You really encouraged your classmates today when you \_\_\_\_\_.
  26. What a creative way to solve that problem!
  27. You are not afraid of a challenge! I like that!
  28. You thought of that all by yourself!
  29. You remembered to \_\_\_\_\_ (specific skill)! Great thinking!
  30. I am so proud that you made that choice.

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We will be working on developing a Growth Mindset with our students in the coming months.

In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits. They have a certain amount and that's that, and then their goal becomes to look smart all the time and never look dumb.

In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don't necessarily think everyone's the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they

work at it.

This is important because individuals with a "growth" theory are more likely to continue working hard despite setbacks and individuals' theories of intelligence can be affected by subtle environmental cues. For example, children given praise such as "good job, you're very smart" are much more likely to develop a fixed mindset, whereas if given compliments like "good job, you worked very hard" they are likely to develop a growth mindset. In other words, it is possible to encourage students, for example, to persist despite failure by encouraging them to think about learning in a certain way.

-Carol Dweck



## MARCH SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL

**\$1.50 – BREAKFAST    \$0.30 – REDUCED BREAKFAST**  
**\$2.85 – LUNCH        \$0.40 – REDUCED LUNCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
	Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepper Romaine salad Grape tomatoes Chilled Fruit	Falcon burger w/wg bun w/ iceberg lettuce cheese, sauce BBQ baked beans Sweet potato fries Chilled pears	Popcorn chicken bowl, gravy & cheese Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Fresh fruit Whole grain roll	Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup Or beef ravioli /breadstick Seasoned broccoli Chilled mandarin oranges
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun Spaghetti / sauce Seasoned Green beans Chilled applesauce	Pizza hut or stuffed crust pepper Romaine salad Baby carrots w/dip Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	Taco salad or soft taco wrap, cheese Shredded iceberg lettuce Seasoned refried beans Grape tomatoes Chilled peaches Salsa / sour cream	Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese Or Chicken strips w/roll Shredded lettuce Steamed broccoli Fresh fruit	Toasted cheese Or Cheesy bread /garlic Seasoned peas Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
14	15	16	17	18
BBQ pulled pork wg bun Whole grain corn dog Baked beans Celery sticks Chilled peaches	Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled Fruit	Cheeseburger / bun Or Hamburger / bun Oven baked fries Romaine salad Chilled mandarin oranges	General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie Lime Jello	Egg & cheese on wg roll or pancake & sausage stick Hashbrown potato Sweet potatoes Orange juice cup Chilled mixed fruit
21	22	23	24	25
Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop Whipped potatoes Seasoned corn Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	Pizza hut or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Celery sticks w/dip Chilled Fruit Or 100% fruit smoothie	Chipotle day Fajita chicken or steak beef Shredded iceberg Seasoned pinto beans Seasoned rice Chilled mandarin oranges	Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll Baby carrots Seasoned Green beans Fresh fruit	GOOD FRIDAY  NO SCHOOL
28	29	30	31	
SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	

## FOURTH ANNUAL PRINCE AND PRINCESS BALL



**Join the Princesses and  
Princes for an  
All-You-Can-Eat  
Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday March 19, 2016**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

**\$8.00 per person**

South Amherst Middle School  
Please come dressed up-  
For boys and girls  
Face Painting  
Dancing and singing by the FHS  
Select Choir in costume  
Create an autograph book to have  
all the Princesses and Princes sign  
Please send child's name and age,  
with number of people attending  
and payment

**BY MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> to:**

Natalie Saylor  
11484 Baumhart Rd.  
Amherst, OH 44001

Please make checks out to  
**FHS Choir Boosters.**

Call Pam Morrow at  
**(440) 864-2309**

If you have any questions

# CURRICULUM UPDATE

It appears that winter may finally be upon us! As we are bracing for what Mother Nature may have in store for us this year, in the curriculum world we are prepping for next school year!

Ohio's Third Grade Language Arts assessment results are due back to parents by the beginning of March. Our preliminary data indicates that our students have performed well in the sub-areas of reading informational and literary texts (the focus of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee). This year, we had more students pass the retention measure the first time (ten percentage points)! When we compared ourselves to other districts that administered the test in a different fashion (such as paper-and-

pencil), our students were on par or surpassed other districts. We have noted that our writing scores are on the lower side; our K-3 team is working diligently to outline writing expectations that will align to state standards to further support our students with the rigorous expectations that are expected of our elementary students.

In addition, our elementary math team is focusing on reorganizing the curriculum to better serve our students' needs. They are developing local assessments to measure student mastery of content material and are working together to plan lessons that more effectively meet Ohio's Learning Standards for each grade level. Our science team is also in the process of selecting new re-

sources for the district for next year; these resources will be available at March and April's Board of Education meeting for examination.

A reminder to our parents and guardians that interim report cards starting this grading period are available electronically in PowerSchool. If a parent or guardian wishes to receive a hard copy, feel free to contact the building principal for a copy. If you are having trouble accessing PowerSchool or need to update your information, please contact Mrs. Jackie Swiers, at 440-965-5821 x1024.

Lastly, I have appreciated hearing from many of you about the great things that are students are learning. I'd love to hear from more of you – if you want to know more about the

curriculum and instruction initiatives happening around the district, please don't hesitate to write an e-mail at: [bdrost@firelandsschools.org](mailto:bdrost@firelandsschools.org)

Together we will make this generation of Falcons, educationally ready for what the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has to offer them!  
Dr. Bryan Drost  
Director of Educational Services

# WE ARE FIRELANDS

On February 6<sup>th</sup> almost 500 people gathered to celebrate **Firelands**. The **WE ARE FIRELANDS Celebration** included staff, parents, graduates, and community members to celebrate what makes us **Firelands**. **Firelands** is a community made up of multiple townships, cities, and villages spread over 90 square miles. We are a hardworking and successful school district made up of over 1700 students and 200 staff members. The work ethic of our staff and students represents the many members of our community past and present. We may be represented by brick and mortar, but it is those that have walked the halls of the past, walk the halls today, and will walk the halls in the future that make us **FIRELANDS**.

On Saturday night **Firelands** was represented by farmers, bus drivers, cooks, secretaries, babysitters, childcare workers, business owners, laborers, teachers, a superintendent, hair dressers, physician assistants, nurses, waste management engineers, lawyers (and maybe future Lorain County Prosecutor), factory workers, artists, coaches, electricians, sales people, moms, dads, and grandparents just to name a few. I wasn't born here, I didn't go to school here, but I work here and live here. **Firelands** welcomed me with open arms 29 years ago, and being part of **Firelands** in my professional and personal life are some of my proudest moments. Saturday night I stood proud to see all of those wonderful people celebrating **Firelands** next to me who used to be children in my life, but who have now become amazing, wonderful, successful, productive parts of our community. Way to go **Firelands!**

The teachers and support staff put this event together. The event was our way of celebrating the school district, the community, and the idea which is **FIRELANDS**. The celebration was our THANK YOU! All monies raised will be donated to the community and staff members who are striving to improve our facilities for kids today, and for our kids of tomorrow. **Firelands** is not a person or thing...it is an idea- Love,

Support, Guidance, Strength, Integrity = **FIRELANDS!**

Thank You,  
Ellen Gundersen, born and raised in Lorain, lives and works in **FIRELANDS!!!!**

A special thank you to the following businesses, organizations and individuals that made our event possible

Amherst IGA  
Maple City Ice  
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New Russia Township Hall  
Lorain County Health Department  
Firelands Athletic Boosters  
Firelands Band, Choir, and Arts Boosters  
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Vermilion Valley Vineyard  
RTW Performance  
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Davis and Finnegan Family  
Coultrip Family  
Vermilion Lions Club  
Totally Floored  
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Janet Latto, Thirty One Consultant  
**Florence Township Firefighters:**  
Matt Finnegan  
Buck Metelsky  
Cevin Milas  
Andy Carrico  
Patrick Finnegan  
Chief Bill Rennie  
Kellie Rennie



## Firelands Elementary School February Update

February has been an exciting month at FES! We are pleased to celebrate the recent Endowment grants awarded to the following teachers: Cara Proehl, Amy Hignett, Keely Krumwiede, Amanda Walker, Teresa Dempsey, and Julene Woods! These grants will enrich the experiences and enhance the curriculum of Firelands Elementary School students!

PTG Meeting was held and they have plans in place for the Kalahari Weekend on February 26th. They are hoping to schedule a Duct Tape Family Night in March. They have planned the annual Mother-Son Luau in April and the Father/Daughter Dance for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

A special thank you to Mrs. Heather George for coordinating and planning a fun Family night out to Country Skate Land last week. Your efforts are appreciated!

We will begin our third grade book club this month! Teachers who are book club leaders include: Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Ollis, Mrs. Hignett, Mrs. Lewis, Emma Cramer, and Paul Nerlich. Through their hard work, they will meet in small groups with students two times a week to improve reading skills and expose them to various types of text in an effort to meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

Mrs. Linda Matus organized Vision and Hearing Assessments throughout the month of February. This will provide us with an update on any students who are having difficulty seeing or hearing. This information will be shared with parents if any other follow-up needs to take place.

Other clubs/activities taking place include: Honors Choir with Julene Woods, Club Invention, and Lego Club with second grade teachers. All of these activities help students learn important cooperation skills and the value of teamwork! I am grateful for the extra work teachers and staff have put into making these kinds of activities enjoyable for kids, as it is an extension of the learning process.

Plans are underway for a Spring Right to Read Week and that committee is forming now. They had their first meeting and informed me that the theme will be a culinary theme— This year's Right to Read Week will take place May 16-May 20<sup>th</sup>.

That's it for now! Thank you to everyone at FES who is making a difference in the life of a child! I'm proud of their hard work!

Submitted by: Marybeth Harter  
FES Principal

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7 Popcorn chicken Hashbrown patty Bbq baked beans Chilled peaches	8 Pizza hut Or school pepper pizza Seasoned mixed vegetables Sliced red peppers Chilled fruit	9 Chicken strips Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled pineapple Chez it crackers	10 Hamburger w/bun Smiley fries Coleslaw Chilled pears Sliced pickles	11 Pizza Day Seasoned corn Sliced cucumbers Chilled applesauce
14 Roasted hot dog/bun Bbq baked beans Match stick carrots Chilled pears	15 Domino's pizza Or school pepper pizza Seasoned peas Celery sticks Chilled fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	16 General Tso's Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Seasoned Rice Chilled pineapple tidbits Fortune cookie	17 Soft beef taco Ultra grain wrap lettuce & cheese Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Salsa cup	18 Cheesy bread Romaine garden salad Grape Tomatoes Chilled mandarin oranges
21 Sausage links French toast sticks Hashbrown potatoes Celery sticks Orange juice cup Syrup cup	22 Pizza hut Or school pepper pizza Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots Chilled fruit	23 Baked chicken fries Seasoned french fries Bbq baked beans Chilled pears Dipping sauce	24 Pepperoni Calzone Seasoned green beans Sliced cucumbers Fresh fruit	25 GOOD FRIDAY  NO SCHOOL
28 SPRING BREAK	29 SPRING BREAK	30 SPRING BREAK	31 SPRING BREAK	

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Parents for a Safe After Prom Environment  
(PSAPE) Class of 2016



## "Night at the Races"

Saturday, February 27th, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Racing Commences at 7:00 p.m.

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☆ PURCHASE A TABLE \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes 8 admission tickets, dinner, beverages & dessert, horse,  
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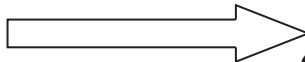
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☆ SPONSOR A RACE \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes advertisement in program & recognition at the time of the race

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Questions? Contact: Linda Nickles (440) 258-5902 or Amy Spiegelburg (440)  
315-1453

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It's Time!!!  
Baseball, Softball and  
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South Amherst/Firelands Hot Stove, OGSO  
Signups have begun and will continue until

MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>

The website to download and print  
your registration forms is:

[http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?  
url=firelands](http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=firelands)

The forms that you need are on the left hand  
side. Sign up soon!

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## French Toast, Pancake, & Sausage Breakfast

### WAKEMAN MASONIC LODGE

### 34 PLEASANT ST.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

### 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

### Life Share Blood Drive

### Bake Sale

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**ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 will be April 23, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the  
**Birmingham United Methodist Church,**  
 15018 South Street, Birmingham, Ohio.  
 Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children age 3-12 years. Advance tickets are available from any Firelands Lions Club member or by calling club president, Joe Siekeres at 440-965-4001.  
 Tickets will also be available at the door.

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# SPECIAL NOTICE

Firelands Local Schools Institutes

A New "Safer Schools Tip Line"

Operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety-  
Office of Homeland Security,  
844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) is an anonymous tip  
line that will accept both calls and texts 24 hours a  
day. This service allows both students and adults to  
share information regarding any safety concerns  
with school officials and law enforcement.

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