



FALCON FLYER—WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2019

PSAT TESTING AT FHS – All FHS Freshman and Sophomores, and 75 Juniors who have signed up will be taking the PSAT test at FHS this **Wednesday morning, October 16th, beginning at 7:30 am**. This is a mandatory day of school for all Freshman and Sophomores, and the 75 Juniors who have signed up for the test. The PSAT 9 is a great personal assessment tool for 9th graders, and the PSAT/NMSQT for the 10th and 11th graders is an excellent tool to prepare for the PSAT and to possibly qualify for scholarships. School begins at 7:30 sharp this Wednesday. By PSAT regulations, there is no make-up for this test due to absence or tardiness. The test should end that day around 11:45, with lunch available to all students after testing. Students do not have to stay for lunch as they are excused from school at the end of the PSAT. Juniors and Seniors who are not testing are expected to use the day as a college visit, job shadow, or career/military exploration. For students who cannot get an early ride home, busses will run at the normal time of 2:30 pm, and a study hall will be provided for students who have to ride the bus home.

Students should bring their own calculators, as this is a college prep test environment. Students should also bring #2 pencils, and remember to leave their phones and any smart devices in their lockers or in their cars, if they drive. Good luck to all our test takers as they take the PSAT. **The Schedule this week will follow normal patterns, except Wednesday is the PSAT and Thursday will follow a Tuesday/Friday FAST Bell Schedule. There are no block classes this week. Please make a note of it.**

FALL ATHLETE AND BAND SENIOR NIGHT - Friday, October 18th is Senior Night, sponsored by FHS Student Council. It is a night where all of our senior athletes & marching band members are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during their tenure at Firelands High School. Students can be escorted by two parents/guardians, unless a split family situation exists. Also, only two parents/guardians will be admitted free of charge. Please pick up a form on the board outside of Mr. Moyer's room. Fill the form out and return it to Mr. Moyer no later than Thursday Oct. 17th. If you have any questions, see Mr. Moyer.

Parents please arrive around 6:00 PM so we can line you up. We will be walking out to the field at 6:15 pm, and announcing will begin at 6:20 PM. Congratulations on your accomplishments. Please adhere to the deadline so we can honor you and your parents on this special night.

Also, SAT School Day testing starts at 7:30 am on this date for the Seniors who have signed up and paid for this test. This is a new initiative from SAT to allow Seniors to take the SAT at their home schools, instead of at a testing site.

END OF THE GRADING PERIOD – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH – The end of the first grading period is two weeks away, with Friday, October 25th being the final day of the grading period. All grades are due from teachers by Tuesday, October 29th, with grades posted on Wednesday, October 30th. Eligibility for the second grading period is also established on Thursday, October 31st. Students must be passing the

equivalent of five 1-credit classes, and have a minimum GPA of 1.5 in the first grading period to remain eligible. There are two weeks left, let's finish the first grading period strong.

PICTURE RETAKES – Ripcho Studios will return to FHS on Monday, October 21st at 7:30 am for picture retakes. For any students who missed the original date in September, or would like retakes, Ripcho will be here that date for pictures. Also, Student Groups will be having their group pictures taken on that date (Student Council, clubs, etc). Band and Athletics are not included in these group pictures, as they have already had their group photos taken.

OHSAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – Congratulations to 2019 graduate Isabelle Solowiej on winning an OHSAA Scholarship for being named a 2019 Northeast District Athletic Board Scholar-Athlete. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has awarded \$170,750 in college scholarships to 199 recent high school graduates following selections made this past spring by the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards. The OHSAA's annual college scholarship program is now in its 27th year. Scholar-athlete recipients are selected based on a point system which rewards students for grade point averages; class rank; ACT or SAT scores; varsity letters earned; and individual and team athletic honors. The number of scholarship recipients from each district are based upon the number of schools within the district. The recipients were selected by special committees within each of the OHSAA's six athletic districts. Individuals who receive athletic scholarships from NCAA Division I or II institutions or appointees to military academies are not eligible for an award. Congratulations Isabelle, who now attends Ohio Wesleyan and plays soccer for the Battling Bishops.

TALBOTT FINISHES 49th AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – FHS Junior Jackson Talbott competed in the two-day OHSAA State Golf Championship this past Friday and Saturday, October 11th and 12th at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury, OH. Jackson shot a 87-90 = 177, which was good enough for 49th place in the 72 golfer field at the Division II State Championships. Congratulations to Jackson, and Coach Mark Kirsch on a great tournament run.

BOYS SOCCER – LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - The Boys Soccer team claimed the Falcons first Lorain County League title of 2019-20, defeating Columbia 3-0 to clinch the title. The team finished the season 8-1-1 in the LC8, good enough for 25 points and a 1 point margin over runner-up Brookside. The 8th seeded Falcons will host 9th seeded Elyria Catholic on Tuesday night at the South Amherst Soccer Stadium, beginning at 7 pm.

FALL CHOIR CONCERT – Come on out and enjoy the Fall Choir Concert this Monday, October 14th at 7 pm in the gymnasium. All are welcome to attend the first school concert of the year.

WINTER ATHLETICS REMINDER – Students who are planning to play a winter sport need to have their current physicals on file with Trainer Joe Menges before the beginning of tryouts. Also, all prospective winter athletes must complete all of their required information in Final Forms before the first day of tryouts/practice. Athletes who already have forms on file in Final Forms will have all of their information rolled over to their winter team, so there is no action required from parents or students, unless you would like to update your athlete's information.

ATHLETIC UPDATES –Alessandra Davis finished 4th this weekend at the LC8 League meet in Lagrange. The XC teams will be competing at LCCC this Saturday in the Division II District XC Championships. The Sectional Tournaments begin in Soccer and Volleyball this week. The volleyball team travels to Holy Name on Tuesday to take on Clearview at 6 pm, and if they win, a date with Rocky River awaits on

Thursday. The Boys Soccer team takes on Elyria Catholic on Tuesday night at 7 pm in South Amherst, and will advance to the Sectional Finals at Bay on Saturday afternoon. Finally, the Girls Soccer team takes on Brookside Monday at 7 pm in South Amherst and will travel to Bay on Thursday night with a victory. If you would like to follow the Lorain County League, please go to their website at <http://www.loraincounty8.org/>. Follow Mr. Stillman on the web at the FHS Athletic website (<http://www.firelandsathletics.org>) or on Twitter (@FirelandsFalcon). Also, follow the Firelands Athletic Boosters on Twitter (@FirelandsSports).

Have a great week!

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