



FALCON FLYER— WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2019

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 10TH - Thursday, October 10th, FHS will be hosting Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3 – 6:30 pm, on a first-come, first-serve basis in teacher classrooms. This is a good way to talk to your student’s teacher about their progress, and any suggestions the teacher may have for improved progress. We ask that you limit your conference to 10-minutes per teacher, so that others may have a chance to meet with the teachers. There will be a map at the front door of FHS upon your arrival.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – FHS Seniors and their families are invited to attend and learn more about financial aid for post-secondary education, which includes 4-year universities, 2-year community colleges, technical colleges, and adult JVS programs. This program will be on Thursday, October 10th at 6 pm in the FHS Library Media Center. This event is in partnership with College Now Greater Cleveland and The Community Foundation of Lorain County.

NEOEA DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH – Firelands High School will be closed for NEOEA Day on Friday, October 11th. We hope that everyone will have a nice long weekend as we head down the home stretch of the first grading period. There are no changes to this week’s Bell Schedule, as Wednesday and Thursday are still Block Period days.

ABSENCES AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – As a reminder to all our students, if a student misses school, or has to go home during the school day, they are not eligible to participate in games, practices, or attend FHS events on that date. Of course, exceptions exist for doctor or court appointments, with administrative approval. Students who attend an event on a day where they are not in school will be asked to leave, and all coaches and advisors understand their students may not participate if they missed school or left school early due to illness. This requirement does not exist on non-school days.

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.

TALBOTT TO STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT – FHS Junior Jackson Talbott qualified to the State Division II Golf Tournament by way of his seven over-par 77 at the District Golf Tournament at Windmill Lakes GC in Ravenna, the home of Kent State. Jackson finished eighth overall, but was the second individual qualifier to make it to the State Tournament in Columbus. Jackson will compete in the two-day Championship this Friday and Saturday, October 11th and 12th at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury, OH. Congratulations to Jackson and to Head Coach Mark Kirsch on being the first Falcon to qualify to the State Golf Tournament in ten years.

MEAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION -An updated meal assistance application must be filled out every school year if you wish to receive or continue with benefits. We have an online portal which is the preferred method. You can complete an application at <http://www.payschoolscentral.com>. Direct Certification letters must be signed and returned to waive instructional school fees, do not fill out an application. A paper application can be printed from the Food Service tab on the school website or each school office has paper applications available. If your child received meal assistance last year that status will roll over until Sept. 30th if a new application has not been received. On Sept 30th the meal status will automatically change to denied if an updated application is not received.

Online payments / Account payments

Online payments can be made at www.payschoolscentral.com. This site can also be used for the reporting system to view what your child has purchased as well. The reports can be seen at no cost to you. There is a small convenience fee to use for online payments.

PSAT TESTING AT FHS – All FHS Freshman and Sophomores, and 75 Juniors who have signed up will be taking the PSAT test at FHS on **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. All Freshman and Sophomores at the JVS should report to FHS that day, and will not be required to return in the afternoon. The test should end that day around 11:45, with lunch available to all students after testing. Students 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.

The Schedule for that week will follow normal patters, except Wednesday is the PSAT and Thursday will follow a Tuesday/Friday FAST Bell Schedule. Please make a note of it.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM TIP PARENTS – Some parents have been having difficulty accepting email invites from Google Classroom. The problem may be that you have the Google Classroom App installed on your phone, which will put you in an infinite loop of trying to get into the Google Classroom. The Classroom is only for the students, though their Firelands Google account. Parents who want to accept an invitation need to either do it from a web-browser on your phone, or accept in a browser on a computer or tablet.

Also, if you have not received an invite email, check your junk mail folder as the invite may have gone to that. Apple products and Google products do not always synch, so an email from Google may be forced to the junk mail folder in your email application. As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

FIRELANDS EVENT CALENDAR – You can access the FHS Events Calendar by [clicking here](#) for away events and accessing home events by [clicking here](#). You can then customize to a weekly, monthly, or agenda view. If you would like to have access to both home and away events at the same time, click on the plus sign in Google Calendar page in the bottom right of the FHS Home page, and it will allow you to add both home and away event calendars at the same time so you can access both on the same calendar.

ATHLETIC UPDATES –The Cross-Country team will be competing this Saturday in the Lorain County League Championships at The Equestrian Center in LaGrange. The Boys meet will start at 10 am with the Girls starting at 10:45. Also, this week is the final week of the season for Volleyball, and Boys and Girls Soccer. The Boys team, by way of their 1-nil win over Wellington on Saturday, can clinch an LC8 title by defeating Keystone and Columbia this week. The OHSAA Sectional Tournament starts next week in Soccer and Volleyball. To follow the tournaments, go to <https://ohsaa.org/nedab> and navigate to your desired sport and tournament. FHS competes in Division II in Volleyball and both Boys and Girls Soccer. Tournament brackets will be published by the NEDAB at 5 pm today. 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 Falcon Nation.

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