



FALCON FLYER- WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

MIDTERM IS HERE – Believe it or not, we have just finished our 4th week of school. This would be a good time for your student and you to sit down and look at their progress in the first grading period. You are always welcome, and encouraged to contact your student’s teacher about any questions you may have regarding your student’s education. We also encourage our students to advocate for themselves and ask their teacher’s questions about their progress in class. As a reminder, Parent-Teacher Conferences at FHS will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd, and Thursday, October 10th from 3-7 pm on both evenings. Also please note, that all progress is recorded in the student’s Power School account, as FHS has gone completely digital in order for your student to be able to access their information 24/7.

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.

FHS TRIP TO SPAIN ENROLLMENT ENDS OF OCTOBER 31 - The spring break 2020 study trip to Spain is now enrolling through the end of October. Current FHS juniors and seniors who have studied Spanish language or upper-level Art and their parents are invited to join the group. Take a look at the tour at <http://www.eftours.com> Search for “Madrid and Andalusia”. We plan on departing April 10 and returning April 19, 2020. Students can join the Google Classroom page to access more information about this EF Tours trip at class code - jfub2i.

A price increase is coming October 1. You can lock in the September price by enrolling before the annual Oct. 1 increase. An in-depth meeting for interested students is being held Wed. Oct. 2 from 8:15-9:00am in FHS room 104 (art). Mrs. Tawil will hold an informational meeting for parents on Wed. Oct. 2 during parent-teacher conferences at 6:30pm in room 104. A second parent-teacher conference night is Thur. Oct. 10 for follow-up. Contact Group Leader Laura Tawil, FHS art teacher for more information at ltawil@firelandsschools.org.

TEEN DRIVING PROGRAM - Here is a great program for teens learning to drive. It teaches much more than an ordinary driving school would. It is a free course and is an extremely worthwhile one. The website is listed below. Classes are 9/28 or 9/29 at Lorain Community College. If it can save one accident or life, it is well worth the time for this free class. <https://putonthebrakes.org/about>

FHS YEARBOOK SALE FOR 2019-20 – Students can order their 2019-2020 yearbook for the lowest price it will be for the year, \$50, now through September 27th. You should have received an order form in FAST, or you can order online at [Jostens Yearbooks](#).

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.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES – Homecoming Weekend starts on Thursday, September 26th with the annual Football Jersey auction, which coincides with a SAMS doubleheader in Falcon Stadium. The Athletic Booster Club will be hosting that event. Friday evening, the Homecoming Game against Black River will begin at 7pm, with the crowning ceremony of the King and Queen beginning around 6 pm. The Homecoming Dance, with the theme of It's a Beach Homecoming, will be held from 7-10 pm in the Falcon Gymnasium on Saturday evening, September 28th. Tickets are on sale now, with dance tickets \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door. Student guest forms were due by last week. Any students not in high school must be a graduate of Firelands High School to attend the Homecoming Dance.

In each class' Google Classroom, students are now able to vote for Prince and Princess of their respective classes. The entire school votes for Homecoming King and Queen. All voting takes place through Google Classroom. The Class Prince and Princesses are announced at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday afternoon. JVS Students are invited, and the JVS Bus will leave the JVS early that day so our FHS students at the JVS can attend the Pep Rally.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR PARENTS – Google Classroom emails from teachers to parents is how active. Parents will be able to get a weekly email from a teachers Google Classroom, and if they have a Google Account, will be able to customize this to receive daily updates from the teachers through an email generated from Google Classroom. Only the students have access to their teacher's Google Classroom, as that is where many assignments are collected.

Students taking CCP Classes will not be utilizing Google Classroom, as LCCC utilizes Canvas, which is their prescribed student portal for assignments and grades.

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.

FFA PERFORMS WELL AT SOILS COMPETITION – The Rural Soils Team earned 4th in the tri-county contest, keeping scores close to some of the toughest teams in the state. They were 1st in county. Chance Coultrip was 6th in tri-county, 1st in county & Noah Galloway ended up 2nd in county.

The Urban Soils Team moved all the way up to 2nd in tri-county just behind one of the strongest teams in the state! They won county and Kaleb Carver took 3rd in tri-county & 1st in county while Krystal Scheeres landed 5th in the tri-county & 2nd in county.

The teams will be hosting and competing in the district contest this Thursday.

ATHLETIC UPDATES –The Golf team finished third in the LC8 Tournament at Medina Country Club. Jackson Talbott shot a 78 and was named the LC8 Player of the Year. The Falcons finished in third place in the Lorain County League. Senior Alessandra Davis finished 6th in the JB Firestone Invitational held at Black River on Saturday. The Falcons will be running in the Obenhour Invitational at Vermilion High School this Saturday. The Falcon Boys' Soccer team leads the LC8 by one point, and take on Oberlin and Brookside this week in an effort to solidify their hold on first place. The Falcon Football team returns home on Friday night to host Black River in the 2019 Homecoming Game. 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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