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A New School Year and Building Project Begins



*Superintendent
Mike Von Gunten*

begins for our new high school. On July 11th the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) authorized our project for funding. Thanks to your support last November, over 5 million dollars from the State of Ohio is coming to Firelands for the construction of our new 9-12 high school!

Moving forward this fall, the district, in cooperation with the OFCC, will select the architect and construction manager, with the design of the building formally commencing this December. At the end of August the District will be issuing bonds in the amount of \$14,540,211. All proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used to pay for the new building. After the sale,

the District will have secured all funds needed for the project. As our construction project moves forward, information will be shared in the Firelands Express and posted on our website under the Construction Update tab.

The first day of school is August 27 for students in grades 1-12. For our incoming kindergarten students, please refer to the letter you received from the elementary school regarding your child's first day of school as we utilize a staggered start. During the first week of school each of our buildings will be hosting an open house for parents and students. Please see the schedule below.

In closing, Firelands Local School District is committed to providing each of our students an

educational experience that extends well beyond the walls of our buildings by ensuring that all students achieve and grow academically, socially and emotionally. Through the support of our parents, extended families and our entire community, we are looking forward to a successful 2019-2020 school year for each of our students.

GO FALCONS!

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent

Welcome to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year! The next few years are sure to be an exciting time as plans become finalized and construction

Open House Schedule August 26 to 29

Firelands Elementary School

Monday, August 26th: 5:00-5:45 Grades K-2
5:45-6:30 Grades 3-5

South Amherst Middle School

Wednesday, August 28th: 6:00 pm All Grades

Firelands High School

Thursday, August 29th: 6:00 pm All Grades

Complete All Back to School Forms Online with OneView

Firelands Local School District will continue to use OneView to update our back to school forms. From your web browser, please visit <https://firelands.esvportal.com/>.

In order to ensure we have your child's most accurate health history and emergency contact information, we ask that all forms be completed prior to the first day of school. Parents/guardians may re-visit the OneView portal at any time throughout the year to update new phone numbers, email addresses, etc. If you need assistance with your account, please contact your child's school office for assistance.

You may view this issue online at:
www.firelandsschools.org

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Bus Route Information from Milt Saylor



Transportation Coordinator
Milt Saylor

As the school year approaches, many of you will be making day care arrangements for your children. PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IN MIND TO HELP INSURE 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 21, 2019 TO BE EFFECTIVE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

The variance form policy is as follows:

Variance forms are available at the elementary and middle

school offices, and can also be printed from our school website under the forms and links tab, K-12 Bus Variance Forms.

[http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/Variance%20Form%20K-12%20\(2009\)2-2.pdf](http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/Variance%20Form%20K-12%20(2009)2-2.pdf)

These forms can also be filled out in OneView <https://firelands.esvportal.com/>

These forms are designed for permanent or steady route changes.

WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IN MIND, VARIABLE AND ALTERNATING DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

- Please have variance forms completed and turned into the Bus Garage **5 days prior to the effective 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** bus route.
- You must fill out a **new form** each school year.
- With the **safety** of your child in mind, school transportation must remain consistent.

Variable and alternating days will not be allowed. However, we realize that emergencies do occur.

In the event of an emergency, parents will need to call Mr. Saylor at 965-4105 to see if a possible alternate bus route is available 24 hours in advance. If this one time change is approved, parents also need to send a note with the child to be given to the bus driver upon boarding. If Mr. Saylor does not have space available on a particular bus route or if a child does not bring a note, the one-time temporary route change will be refused out of safety concerns. **Consistency is the key!**

If your child's School begins before August 27, 2019 and will need transportation, you will

need to call Mr. Saylor at 965-4105 to make arrangements.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL MR. SAYLER.

Our drivers do an awesome 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.

For a complete rundown of each bus route, please go to the Firelands website:

<http://www.firelandsschools.org>
click on "Central Office"
click on "Transportation"



Firelands High School Parade of Bands

The 13th Annual Firelands High School Parade of Bands will be on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Falcon Stadium.

Several high school bands from the local area, including the Mighty Falcon Marching Band, will highlight their musical talents and perform their marching shows.

This event is sure to be an exciting evening of musical entertainment that the whole family will love!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

SAFE Child Care Service

Firelands Elementary School is accepting registration for before and after school Child Care Service (SAFE) for K – 5. Morning sessions are 6:30 to 8:30 and afternoon sessions are 3:20 to 6:00.

You may choose one or both sessions. You may choose any days or all 5 days. For more information contact:

craynor@firelandsschools.org or 440-965-5381 ext 2015
<http://www.firelandsschools.org/SAFEProgram.aspx>

Firelands High School News

SCHOOL SCHEDULES AND ACCOUNT ACCESS –

School Schedules will not be mailed out. Students will be able to access their Power School accounts by Friday, August 16th. This is how they will access their school schedules. Students should know that all of their accounts have been reset. To access Power School, a student will use their log-in code of Last Name + Last three digits of student ID. The password will be the student's six digit ID Number. For example, Joe Smith has an ID of 123456. His username would be Smith456 and the Password would be 123456. The Power School website is accessible through the Firelands Local Schools webpage.

To access student Google Accounts, the student will log into their account. The username is the same as above, but the password for everyone in Google is Firelands2019. The system will prompt you for a password reset upon your initial log-in. This will allow students to access all of their Google information, and school email.

If a student wants a paper copy of their schedule, they can receive one by going to Student Services (Counselors Office), where they can request one.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM -

The Firelands School District is excited to inform our parents/guardians about our communication tool (Google Classroom). The purpose of Google Classroom is to provide a two-way communication between the classroom teacher and home. The staff has been

trained and will use this tool to communicate classroom activities, upcoming classroom events, and other important information happening within the classroom.

Once school begins, parents will be invited to join the teacher's link to view the Google Classroom site. If you are unable to access your child's google classroom, please contact your child's teacher for further assistance and information.

2019-20 SCHOOL SCHEDULE – FAST will return to the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays this year. Mondays will feature a straight 10 period schedule with no FAST, and Wednesday and Thursday will still be block days. Students may apply for FAST exempt through the Main Office, but FAST exempt will not begin until Monday, September 9th. Block Days will not begin until Wednesday, September 11th. The first two weeks of school will feature a Tuesday – Friday schedule for each day. Students who have college classes off campus may apply for early release – late arrival, and will be able to utilize that as soon as it is approved by the Main Office. The bell schedule is available on the FHS webpage.

Student FAST assignments will not appear on their schedules until the week before school begins.

PARKING PASSES –

Students must fill out a parking registration form, located in the FHS main office, or on the left-hand side of the Firelands High School website. Students must submit the completed form,

combined with a copy of a valid driver's license, a completed Drug Testing Policy form, and \$10. Students who have already completed a drug form (on paper or in Final Forms) are not required to submit another drug form. Just click on the Parking Form icon under FHS Parking to bring up a fillable form that you can type on, print out, and then submit to the main office.

ONEVIEW – STUDENT PAPERWORK –

Firelands Local School District will continue to use OneView to update our back- to-school forms. From your web browser, go to our homepage at: <http://www.firelandsschools.org> and click on Student Registration. Then follow the link for the Firelands OneView Portal at <https://firelands.esvportal.com/>. If you can access OneView with your username and password, follow the directions below to update the information for the 2019-20 school year. Each child's parents/guardians will receive a one-page mailer with OneView Username and Password information, which will be necessary if you cannot access your OneView account. That will help you log onto the system. These mailer's should be received by Friday, August 16th.

After you have logged into OneView, select the "Submit & View Online Forms" tab. Under the 2019-2020 Back To School Forms banner, please complete and submit the "Student Demographic and EMA" form. As a reminder, if you have multiple children enrolled in Firelands, you must complete this form separately for each child.



Principal Bob Maver

In order to ensure we have your child's most accurate health history and emergency contact information, we ask that all forms be completed prior to the first day of school. Parents/guardians may re-visit the OneView portal at any time throughout the year to update new phone numbers, email addresses, etc. If you need assistance with your account, please contact the FHS Main Office for assistance.

FRESHMAN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION –

Firelands High School would like to welcome our students in the Class of 2023, and any student who is new to Firelands High School to a student orientation/ ice cream social on Monday, August 26th at 1 pm. Students will have the opportunity to tour the building with their schedules, open their lockers, meet their counselor and other members of the FHS staff. We are also inviting new parents to a brief meeting to meet counselors and administrators at 2 pm on that day, in the gymnasium. Parents who cannot attend this meeting will be able to attend the same informational meeting on the

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Friends of Firelands Tailgate



Friday September 13th from 5-7p.m.

Join us for a fun evening! Only \$10 a ticket will include food, games and admission to the Fireland Falcons vs. Vermilion Sailors game. Tickets will be available for purchase at FES and FHS open houses

Food, snow cones, popcorn, and face painting are included. There is an additional charge for raffle baskets and a chance to dunk a few of Firelands' teachers and administration!

Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a raffle basket! For more information about this event, or how you can help FOF, please email friendsoffirelands@gmail.com.

Implementation of PBIS at Firelands Schools

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) will be implemented across the entire district starting this school year. PBIS is an evidence-based prevention and intervention framework that supports the academic, social, emotional and behavioral competence of all students.

PBIS implementation involves prompting, modeling, practicing, and encouraging positive expected social skills across settings and individuals. When students are taught to effectively use relevant expected social skills for themselves and with others, school climates are more positive, learning environments are more safe, and

student-educator relationships are more trusting and respectful.

Our staff will receive professional development training throughout the year provided by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. Working together with the key elements of the PBIS will allow our district to build a sustainable system that promotes positive behaviors within the school environment.



CHECK THIS OUT!

Stay informed by signing up to receive regular updates from the Firelands Local Schools Blog. <https://ffalcons.wordpress.com/>

Class of 1977 Reunion

The Class of 1977 is holding their Unofficial Yearly Class Reunion on Saturday October 5th, 2019, from 5-12 at Matus Winery in Wakeman. Make your travel plans now and meet us for fun, laughs, and reconnecting!



Class of 1979 Reunion

Class of 1979 - Are you ready for your 40th reunion? Join your classmates on September 27th for tour of FHS then watch the Falcons play under the Friday Night Lights in the Falcon Stadium! After the game head to Sterk's (alumni owned) in Oberlin to catch up.

September 28th the fun continues at Matus Winery (alumni owned) at 6:30 pm.

Contact Kathy Swanzer Sklarek at 440.225.9775 or mamaswanz@hotmail.com with questions!

#OnceaFalconalwaysaFalcon



South Amherst Middle School News

South Amherst Middle School welcomes everyone back to the 2019-2020 school year!!!

We are excited to introduce two new staff members to the SAMS family.

8th grade English Language Arts: Mrs. Lisa Butkowski. Mrs. Butkowski grew up in the East Side of Cleveland, in Chardon, Ohio and graduated from Chardon High School. She attended The Ohio State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English. She taught in a suburb of Columbus, where she lived for over ten years. After moving back to the Cleveland area, she taught 8th grade at a charter school in downtown Cleveland and

obtained a Master of Education degree with a focus in Literacy before making the decision to stay home with her children. She lives in Avon with her four children: Isabel, eleven; Zach, nine; Nathan, seven; and Alex, five. In addition to teaching and spending time with her children, fitness and raising money for pediatric cancer have become her greatest passions.

Maker Space Studio/ Title 1 Mr. Ross Lambersky. Mr. Lambersky is happy to be the new Maker Space, Title 1 teacher at SAMS. He has taught K-8th Computer Literacy and most recently Middle School Computer Coding in New Jersey. He moved with his family to Ohio in June, and he says the people seem much nicer than Jersey



Principal Cara Gomez

folks. He is excited to be part of the Firelands Local School District Community.

Upcoming dates for South Amherst Middle School

August 18th	6:00-8:00 PM - 6th grade Parent Orientation
August 21st	10:00 AM - New Student Orientation
August 21st	11:00-12:00 - Open for student visits (incl.current students)
August 27th	First student day
August 28th	6:00-7:15 - Open House
August 30th	Picture Day
September 5th	Save the Date! Back to School Skate Night at Lorain Skate World

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Foodservice information- www.firelandsschools.org

- GO TO THE FOODSERVICE TAB ON LEFT OF PAGE
- Online Meal Application – www.payschoolscentral.com--> REGISTER
- Online Payments – www.payschoolscentral.com--> REGISTER
- Online Menus w/nutritionals – www.myschoolmenus.com--> ENTER DISTRICT / ENTER SCHOOL

Online meal applications

- The online portal is the preferred method to apply. Paper applications will be available upon request.
- If approved through Direct Certification, return signed letter for FEE WAIVER. DO NOT complete application.
- Must use a PC or laptop initially for the online meal application, no mobile device until set up.
- You must have your child's student I.D. number to complete the application.
- A new application must be filled out every school year.
- Meal applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year. You may re-apply if any household changes.
- Reminder: The meal status for 2018-2019 will rollover until September 30, 2019.
- If no application is received, the meal status will automatically change to denied.

PaySchools Central online payment system

- Must use a PC or laptop initially for the online meal application, no mobile device for set up.
- Free Payschools Central mobile app for iPhone or Android can be used once initial setup is complete.
- Can add money to account for all Food Service purchases using a credit card, or check. Small convenience fee.
- Can set up auto replenish when the account gets low. Can be replenished at any amount you choose.
- Many features included such as, account balance, email or text reminder when account gets low, report of what has been purchased. No fee for the reporting system. You set up the parameters
- Online menus w/nutritionals for each menu item.
- Free mobile app available for iPhone or Android (app: school menus / picture of apples).
- Enter Firelands under district, then enter the correct school building.
- The link is also listed on the Foodservice tab on the school website.

Miscellaneous information

- Breakfast is served at all schools at the start of the day for \$1.50, reduced is .30 or Free if qualified.
- Elementary payments should be put into a baggie or envelope with child's name. Give to home-room teacher.
- If you received a Direct Certification letter, your child qualifies for free meals. SIGN and return form.
- We implement offer vs serve at all schools for breakfast and lunch (5 components at lunch, 4 at breakfast) We encourage students to take all items offered but some components may be declined. A ½ cup of fruit or vegetable is required to make a meal.
- All our meals meet the USDA guidelines. All snacks served are smart snack approved. The Food Service department goes through an Administrative Review every 3 years by the State.

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**Foodservice
Director**

Judy Baumann

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*Food Service Director
Judy Baumann*

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Firelands Elementary School News

Important Dates

Open House at Firelands Elementary will be on Monday, August 26. Students and families in grades K-2 are welcome to visit those classrooms from 5:00-5:45 pm. Kindergarten parents will be asked to attend a presentation in the gymnasium around 5:30 pm. Students and families in grades 3-5 are welcome to visit those classrooms from 5:45-6:30.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Tuesday, August 27.

Kindergarten students should be scheduled for a KRA appointment at FES August 27 - August 29. If you have not been scheduled please call or email Valerie Schuster, FES School Counselor.

The first day of school for kindergarten students is Friday, August 30.

There is no school on Monday, September 2.

On September 11, there will be a Beginning Band Parent Meeting at 7 pm in the FES gymnasium.

Join us on Friday, September

13 for the Family Tailgate Night at the FHS Football Game.

New FES Staff

Alexandria Deidrick is very excited to return to the school where she graduated from and where her passion for learning began! She will be teaching at Firelands Elementary as a Title I Tutor. She graduated with her bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo in speech language pathology. She then attended Ashland University where she received her license to teach pre-kindergarten through third grade.

This past summer she continued her education to extend her license to teach 4th and 5th grades as well as to teach reading in grades K-12. The past two years she has gained experience with substitute teaching and teaching summer school. Alexandria is very grateful to be coming back to Firelands!

Heather Harris Freiberg

M.Ed, M.S., is an educationally accredited and licensed school psychologist. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology

at Kenyon College, and her Master's degree in education from John Carroll University. Ms. Freiberg worked for several years as a classroom teacher in both Atlanta, Georgia and southern Ohio, before returning to graduate school to earn a degree in school psychology from Miami University of Ohio. She maintains a license to teach children in grades preK-8, as well as a license to practice school psychology.

Ms. Freiberg has more than 30 years of experience working with children and adolescents in a variety of settings. Special areas of interest include diagnosing and managing literacy based learning disorders and managing inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity within both home and classroom environments.

Ms. Freiberg also enjoys assisting children experiencing challenges with social cognition. Collaborative work is a favorite way to advocate on behalf of children. Ms. Freiberg has enjoyed her time in greater Cleveland over the last several



Principal Sun Choe

decades with children as a parent, a teacher and a psychologist.

Whether working with children at school, or spending time with her own children, she is grateful for the opportunities to enjoy their company. In her spare time, Ms. Freiberg loves the outdoors (especially the beach), cooking, gardening and reading.

Ashley Gasparini will be joining the FES staff as the new Kindergarten teacher. Ashley attended the Firelands Local School District for 13 years, from kindergarten through graduation. After graduating from Firelands High School, Ashley attended Ohio University to obtain a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon completion, she accepted a fellowship position where she taught Reading Intervention to first and second graders and received her master's degree in Reading Education. When Ashley isn't teaching, she may



Ashley Gasparini



Linda Zysk



Samantha Menzing

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Band Boosters Annual Holiday Craft Fair



The Firelands Band Boosters invite you to join us on December 7, 2019 at the South Amherst Middle School for our annual Holiday Craft Fair! If you would like to join us for this event, or want more information, please email the boosters at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com. We look forward to having a variety of crafts and products for our community to shop for this holiday season!

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be grooming dogs and cats to fulfill her love for animals. Ashley also enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, and trying out new recipes. One place where she enjoys traveling to is Toronto, Canada, since that is where she was born and lived prior to moving to South Amherst. Ashley is excited to return to the Firelands Local School District and give back to the Firelands community!

Samantha Menzing is joining FES this year as a 5th Grade Math Teacher. She graduated from Kent State University in 2013 with a Bachelors in Middle Childhood Education: Math/ Science with a Generalist in 4th-6th Grade Language Arts/ Social Studies. For the past five years Samantha has taught both 4th and 5th grades at Crestwood Intermediate School. This June, Samantha got married and moved to Avon Lake. She enjoys

spending time with her family, being outside, and has a passion for gymnastics. She is looking forward to this new beginning at Firelands!

Linda Zysk is a new Intervention Specialist at Firelands Elementary School working specifically with 5th grade students. She is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to the Cleveland area this past year. She attended school at Robert Morris University majoring in both Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Getting to help young students become kind, resilient learners is something she is passionate about, and she is filled with joy and gratitude getting to join the Falcon family!

Emergency Alert Notification

Should situations arise that necessitate district personnel to communicate information to you regarding school closings, delays or other non-routine or emergency situations, the district will notify parents/guardians in the following ways:

- district all-call system & email contact
- online at www.firelandsschools.org
- via Twitter at @Falcon_update
- Facebook at The Firelands Falcons

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BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

FHS News continued from page 3

night of Open House, Thursday, August 29th, with the meeting beginning at 5:15 pm in the High School Library Media Center.

FHS OPEN HOUSE –

Firelands High School is hosting an Open House for all students and parents on Thursday evening, August 29th, from 6–7 pm. Students and parents will have an opportunity to tour the building, and meet teachers and counselors.

STATE END-OF-COURSE TESTING REPORTS –

Also being mailed home by Friday, August 16th will be the results from last school year's State of Ohio End-of-Course exams. Included with these reports is an informational form which lists their progress toward earning 18 graduation points on the seven exams. If your child did not take any End-of-Course exams last year, there will be no reports to mail. If you have questions about your child's progress toward meeting the Ohio State

requirements for graduation, please contact Student Services (Counselors Office) for further information.

FHS PICTURE DAY –

Ripcho Studio will be at Firelands High School on Wednesday, September 4th, for school pictures. This includes Seniors, as Ripcho no longer comes to FHS to photograph Seniors alone. Seniors who have had pictures taken by another studio still need to sit for these pictures to be included in the Yearbook and Class Composite. There is no charge from Ripcho for these pictures. Forms will be sent through email to all parents closer to this date, so they can order their pictures through Ripcho Studios, who take pictures for FHS. J.V.S. Students will have their picture taken at the LCJVS in either August or September. If ANY Senior has not had their senior picture taken by Ripcho Studio, they will also need to have their

picture taken on this date for publication in the yearbook and Senior Composite Picture. You may also contact Ripcho at 1-216-631-0664, 800-686-7427 or by email at www.ripchostudio.com for more information regarding a senior portrait.

SCHOOL REMINDERS:

School Bags - Students will be permitted to carry a bag to school. A backpack or small athletic gym bag is suggested. Backpacks, book bags, tote bags, string bags, etc. are not to be carried around school to classes. The only exception will be made for a Physical Education class or through administrative approval.

Lockers- Lockers are assigned at the beginning of the school year and must be locked at all times. Lockers are the property of the Board of Education and are subject to inspection at any time by authorized school personnel.

Dress Code Summary –

1. Pants: Pants are to be worn at the waist and of an appropriate length so as not to drag on the floor. No undergarments are to be visible. Shorts and skirts must comply with the student code of conduct policy for length, which is no shorter than fingertip length. Also, any rips or tears in shorts or pants must also not be shorter than fingertip length. Spandex shorts are prohibited.

2. Shirts: Bare midriff tops and tank tops are not permitted.

3. School administration reserves the right to determine appropriate dress.

ATHLETIC UPDATES –

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 start to the 2019-20 school year.



Band Boosters General Membership Meetings

Firelands Band Boosters meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. Our mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program at all three schools in the district. The dates for our general membership meetings for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

August 20, 2019
September 17, 2019
October 15, 2019
November 19, 2019
December, 2019—
No meeting scheduled.
Happy Holidays!
January 21, 2020

**Firelands
Band
Boosters**

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New Teachers at Firelands High School

Magen Crabbs - Mathematics

Magen comes to Firelands after working in the Akron and Revere School Districts over the past two years. Magen is a graduate of Ohio University, and will be replacing Kelsey Clemons, who has taken a teaching position at Avon High School.

Matt Deichler - Science

Matt, who is an FHS Alum, returns to Firelands from his teaching position in Mansfield. Matt is a graduate of Ashland University. Matt will be replacing Charlie Gibson, who has moved on to Mentor High School.

Jordan Kolarik - Social Studies

Jordan returns to FHS after teaching the past two years at SAMS. Jordan started at FHS before moving to the middle school, and is also the Head Volleyball Coach for the Falcons.

Dawn Molnar - English

Dawn will be sharing an ELA position with Mrs. Notarberardino at FHS. Dawn formerly taught in Berea and is currently a managing editor for an education publication.

Jaime Rice -French

Jaime, who is originally from Northeast Ohio, comes

to Firelands from Colorado Springs, where she has been teaching French for the past 13 years. Jaime and her family have relocated to the area so she can continue to teach French at FHS. Jaime is a graduate of Ohio University, and will be replacing Andrea Stemple, who has retired from the teaching profession.

Maria Wolanin - English

Maria comes to FHS from Oberlin High School, where she was a long-term sub and ran the Drama program at Oberlin. Maria is a graduate of Kent State University, and will be replacing Mrs. Callahan, who retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

School Board Members 2019-2020

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#Kevin Strong: Fighting for Kevin

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction for Kevin Conry

Sunday September 29th @ 4p.m. at German's Villa in Vermilion. \$20 ticket includes all you can eat buffet, desserts & DJ entertainment. There will be a silent auction & a cash bar.

For tickets please reach out to (419)357-4747. Tickets will also be sold at a variety of Firelands events & St. Mary's Vermilion School Office. With your support we can help Kevin fight!!

#kevinstrong

The Dodson Team Howard Hanna



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School Board Meetings 2019-2020

All Firelands Local School District Board of Education meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Board of Education building at 112 N. Lake St. in South Amherst. These meetings are open to the public and the agendas can be found on our website.

- August 12**
- September 9**
- October 14**
- November 11**
- December 16**
- January 13**
- February 10**
- March 9**
- April 8**
- May 11**
- June 8**
- July 13**



Hotdogs Your Way

A Hotdog Supper will be held at Wakeman Masonic Lodge 34 Pleasant St. Wakeman, Ohio

Tuesday October 8, 2019 4:30-6:30

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A Letter from the Athletic Director

August is upon us and that means the 2019-20 Firelands Falcons will be taking the playing field in a few short weeks. This year is going to be an exciting one not only for the student athletes, coaches and community members, but for myself as I enter into my fourth year as Athletic Director for Firelands Local Schools. My family and I feel very blessed to be a part of this fantastic school district and community and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to help mold the lives of the young men and women that attend Firelands Local Schools.

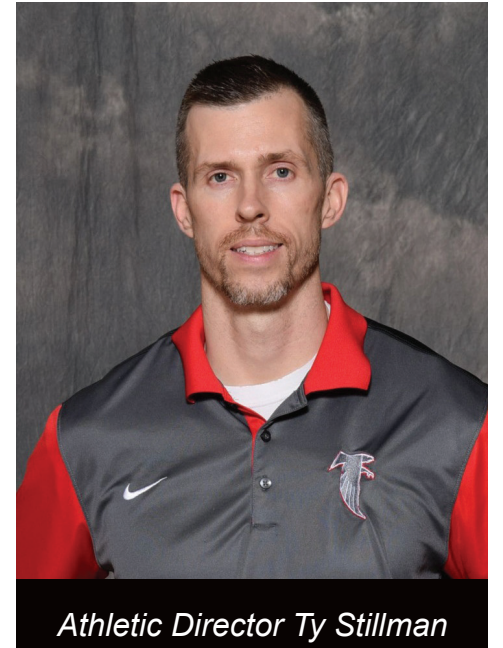
Helping these Falcons reach their full-potential before they walk across the stage as a graduate is my number one goal in the athletic department. The relationships that I have been able to create with many of the families in the community is what makes my job enjoyable.

The 2019-20 school year finds the Falcons in a new conference with familiar faces. The Patriot Athletic Conference, or PAC, is no more as 8 of the schools in the PAC founded the new Lorain County League or LC8 for short. The LC8 is comprised of; Firelands,

Keystone, Brookside, Oberlin, Wellington, Clearview, Black River and Columbia. This league is a re-boot of the old Lorain County Conference, with a few changes. This is a welcomed change for the student athletes, coaches and of course our communities associated with the new league as rivalries will be intensified with the opportunity to compete against each other more often.

The one notable difference is that the admission prices have increased from \$5 for general admission to \$6 at the high school level and from \$3 to \$4 at the middle school level. This is a league bylaw and all school will post the new prices at the gate this fall.

With that said I do highly encourage all Firelands students to purchase a 10 game punch pass for \$20 and all Firelands adults to purchase a 10 game punch pass for \$40 at any ticket gate per usual. These passes are good for all home athletic events only. As usual, seniors (62 and older) can acquire a Firelands Athletic Senior Pass for free at any ticket gate or at the High School Main Office. This pass is good for Firelands Athletic Home contests only.



Athletic Director Ty Stillman

2019-20 looks to be an exciting year for the Falcons. Please remember that I am here to help Firelands Local Schools provide the best possible experience for our students and look forward to meeting that challenge on a daily basis. If there is anything that I can ever do for you or your child please do not hesitate to come and see me at a game or in my office.

Thank you for this great opportunity to serve you,

Ty Stillman
Firelands Local Schools
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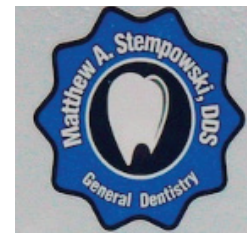
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