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Welcome to the start of the 2016-2017 school year!

As summer is quickly coming to an end, the start of the 2016-2017 school year is just a few days away. I hope that you have been able to enjoy time with your family and friends and are exciting about the opportunities that are ahead for this upcoming school year. In order to help students (and parents) feel more at ease with the begin-

ning of the new school year, each of our buildings will be hosting back to school events on August 29th. Please see the schedule below for more information.

Open House Schedule: August 29th for all students

High School	4:30-5:15	9 th Grade/New Student Orientation
	5:00-5:45	Grades 10-12
Middle School	7:30-8:15	Grades 6-8
Elementary School	3:45-5:25	Kindergarten *
	4:45-5:45	Grades 1-2
	6:00-7:00	Grades 3-5

**Kindergarten families will begin in the classrooms to have an opportunity to drop off any materials from 3:45-3:55. All families will meet in the gymnasium to begin an orientation meeting where the kindergarten team will share how they will help our littlest students transition to school.*

Please follow the schedule listed, as our format for Open House at the elementary school is new for this school year:

Zone 1: Presentations from administrators, counselors, transportation, and food service departments (in Main Gym)

- Zone 2: Homeroom teacher presentations (in Classroom)
- Zone 3: Presentations from art, library, music, physical education, and technology staff (in Library)

You may view this issue online at: **WWW.firelandsschools.org**

The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

Time	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
4:45-5:05	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
5:05-5:25	Zone 3	Zone 1	Zone 2
5:25-5:45		Zone 3	Zone 1
Time	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Time 6:00-6:20	Zone 1	Zone 3	Zone 2

The first day of school is August 30 (Grades 1-12)

The first day of school for kindergarten students is August 30, August 31 <u>or</u> September 1

(STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILD'S LETTER FOR START DATE)

Your Feedback Is Important!

In an effort to enhance communication between our community and school district, I will be holding informal gatherings at the Board Office on Tuesday September 6th and September 13th from 10:30 am to Noon and on Thursday September 8th and 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please stop by the Board of Education (112 North Lake Street) for a cup of coffee and conversation!

In closing, Firelands Local School District is committed to providing our students a premier educational experience. Our focus each day is to ensure that all students achieve and grow academically, socially and emotionally. On behalf of our district, I would like to thank all the members of our community for your continued support.

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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 22, 2016 TO BE EFFECTIVE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

IMPORTANT!! 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

These forms are designed for permanent or steady route changes.



WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

PLEASE HAVE VARIANCE FORMS COMPLETED AND TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL OR BUS GARAGE <u>5 DAYS</u> 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 ROUTE!
- YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IN MIND, SCHOOL TRANSPORTA-TION MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT. VARIABLE AND ALTERNATING DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. HOWEVER, WE REALIZE THAT EMER-GENCIES DO OCCUR. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PARENTS WILL NEED TO CALL MR. SAYLER @ 965-4105 <u>TO SEE IF A POSSIBLE</u> <u>ALTERNATE BUS ROUTE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.</u> IF THIS ONE TIME CHANGE IS APPROVED, PARENTS ALSO NEED TO SEND A NOTE WITH THE CHILD TO BE GIVEN TO THE BUS DRIVER UP-ON BOARDING. IF MR. SAYLER DOES NOT HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE ON A PARTICULAR BUS ROUTE OR <u>IF A CHILD DOES NOT BRING A</u> <u>NOTE.</u> THE ONE-TIME, TEMPORARY ROUTE CHANGE WILL BE RE-FUSED OUT OF SAFETY CONCERNS.

CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!

Welcome to the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Some general information along with the routes is provided for you here. Students that do not ride the bus to school on the first day will need to check with their teacher or the office to find the correct bus number to ride home in the afternoon. Please do not assume that they ride the same bus home as last year as several of the bus numbers have changed. You will find the A.M. routes listed by township, bus driver, drivers name and tentative bus number. If the bus that arrives at your house is different than what is published, the driver will instruct the students of the proper number. Please remember these times are approximate and may vary especially the first week or two of school. We ask that you have your child ready ahead of time, and wait for the bus in a safe location, approximately 10 feet from the road. There will continue to be an emphasis on designated place of safety both before and after school. Even students on the right hand side need to stay back away from the edge of the road and wait until the bus driver signals them before students approach the bus. For those who need to cross the road, please wait for the drivers hand signal before crossing and check traffic on your own.

All Firelands students in grades 6 - 12 will be transported on the High School/ Middle School Routes and grades K - 5 will be transported on the elementary routes; St. Joe's students will be transported on our High School/Middle School routes A.M. and P.M., Open Door will be transported on the A.M. High School routes and P.M. Elementary Routes. Summit Academy, Spectrum and Horizon students will be transported on A.M. High School routes and P.M. will be on their own route.

Post cards will be sent out approximately one week before school with bus numbers and times to alleviate phone calls. All of the information listed here will be available on the Firelands Website: <u>http://www.firelandsschools.org</u>, under the Central Office tab / Transportation along with the variance form procedure and a printable variance form for your convenience.

High School - A.M. Bus #7 Driver – Mrs. Saylor (Brownhelm Township) Depart Storage, (Stops begin 6:30 A.M., on Baumhart Rd.), North on Baumhart Rd. to Garfield Road, T.A., north on Baumhart to Stick, east on Stick Rd. to the end T.A., west on Stick Rd. to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, north on Claus to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to T.A. (2480), east on Brownhelm Station to Claus, south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Cooper Foster Park, east on Cooper Foster to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd, south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #7 Driver - Mrs. Saylor (South Amherst) Upon return from Elyria, west on 113, pick up at Trailer Park, Approximately 8:00 A.M. First stop at Edgewood and Wrightway, and in the front at Redwood and Wrightway, west on Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake St. to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale and T.A., Page 3

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north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to North Lake, south on North Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #19 Driver - Mrs. Horning (Brownhelm Township) Depart Storage 6:25 A.M. High School starts at Highbridge Rd. and Vermilion Rd., (Stops begin at 6:38 A.M.), north on Highbridge to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Vermilion, north on Vermilion to Tomahawk, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion Rd. to Gifford Rd., South on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #19 Driver – Mrs. Horning

From Route 113, North on Baumhart to Cooper Foster, (Stops begin at 7:40 A.M.), west on Cooper Foster Park to Claus, north on Claus to T.A. (Arndt Rd.), south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Claus, south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman to White Tail Run, north on White Tail Run to Grand Oak Drive, south on Grand Oak Dr. to Portman, south on Gore Orphange to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #18 Driver – Mrs. DeWitt (Brownhelm Township) Depart Storage 6:36 A.M., North on Baumhart to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township Line), west on North Ridge to Rice Rd., southeast on Rice to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to turnaround (second T.A. on right), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., east on Rice to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Greystone, north on Greystone follow Greystone around the block, south on Greystone to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. DeWitt

(Stops begin 7:45 A.M. on Rice Road), West on Route 113 to Quarry, north on Quarry to Rice, west on Rice Rd. to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to Turnaround (Cul-de-Sac), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd, west on Rice Rd. to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (48540), west on North Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Greystone Drive, follow Greystone Drive around to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:20 A.M., (Stops begin on North Ridge west of Mill Hollow -6:30 A.M.), east on North Ridge Rd. to T.A. (Trinter Road), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to turnaround (8066), south on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., northeast on Morse to Banks Rd., south on Banks to turnaround (Potato Barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion to Cooper Foster Park Rd., east on Cooper Foster to Claus Rd., south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on Gore Orphanage Rd.), north on Vermilion Rd. to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd, north on Gore Orphange to T.A. (8066 Gore Orphanage Rd.), south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (8701), north on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., east on Morse to Banks, south on Banks to T.A. (Potato Barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to High Bridge, north on High Bridge to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to Arrowhead, north on Arrowhead to Tomahawk, west on Tomahawk to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermillion Rd. to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A.(2965)., west on North Ridge to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #15 Driver - Mrs. Studstill (Camden Township) Depart storage 6:30 A.M., (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M. on Route 511), east on Betts to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to Austin Rd, east on Austin to T.A. (48780), west on Austin to Rowell, north on Rowell to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (48612), west on Route 303 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 20, continue on Gifford Rd. to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield Rd. to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #15 Driver – Mrs. Studstill

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, continue south on Route 511 to Route 303, (1st stop - 7:35 A.M. on Route 511), east on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to Austin, west on Austin Rd. to T.A. (50682), east on Austin to turnaround (48780), west on Austin to Rowell Rd., north on Rowell to State Route 303, west on Route 303 to Gifford Rd, north on Gifford to Garfield, west on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #21 Driver – Mrs. Grude (Camden Township) Depart storage 6:30 A.M., east on Becker to Baird, (Stops begin 6:35 A.M.), south on Baird to Bates, west on Bates to Gore Orphanage , south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, west on Betts to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Becker, west on Becker to T.A. (51615), east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #21 Driver - Mrs. Grude

(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. at Russia Rd.) West on Route 113 to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Russia, west on Russia to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield, east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Baird Rd., south on Baird to T.A. (16134), north on Baird to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, west on Bates to Green Rd., T.A. on Green, east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Route 511, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #12 Driver - Mrs. Thomas (Camden/Henrietta Twnshp)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.) east on State Route 511 to T.A. (Gifford Rd.), west on State Route 511 to Rosa St., west on Rosa to West St., south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20,

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east on Route 20 to Plate Rd., east on Plate to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield, west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #4 Driver - Mrs. Huffman (Camden / Henrietta Twnshp) Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:35 A.M.) east on Route 303 to north Gore Orphanage Rd., T.A. at Gore Orphanage Rd., west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477), north on Gore Orphange to Betts Rd., east on Betts to Baird Road, south on Baird to T.A. (18966), north on Baird to Betts, east on Betts to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to Green Rd., north on Green to T.A. (13761), south on Green to Bates Rd., east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Betts to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Bettes to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #4 Driver - Mrs. Huffman

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, (Stops begin on Betts Rd. - 7:40 A.M.), west on Betts to Baird, south on Baird to T.A. (18966 – Linn's), north on Baird to Betts, west on Betts to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (west Betts Rd.), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (Campground Entrance), west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to Route 20, east on Route 20 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Haigh, east on Haigh to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Church, west on Church to Hawkins, north on Hawkins to Rosa, west on Rosa to West St., south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #6 Driver – Mrs. Hickman (Florence Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin in Florence at 6:31 A.M.) north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to T.A. (10809 Ward's), east on Route 113 to Joppa, north on Joppa to Angling, northeast on Angling to Harrison, south on Harrison to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), south on Route 60 to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #6 Driver – Mrs. Hickman

West on Route 113 to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), (Stops begin 7:35 A.M.), south on Route 60 to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Harrison Rd., north on Harrison to Angling, south on Angling to Joppa, south on Joppa to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Cable, south on Cable to Harmon Rd., east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman Rd., south on Florence Wakeman to Burr Rd., southwest on Burr to T.A. (14319), north on Burr to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel St., north on Chapel to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #8 Driver – Mrs. Votruba (Florence Township) From West Rd., west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Main, (Stops begin on Main Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), west on Main to Fraley Rd., north on Fraley to Thorpe Rd., east on Thorpe to Stephens Rd., north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows, northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to T.A. (11817), west on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to T.A. (Nuhn's Farm), south on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #8 Driver – Mrs. Votruba

West on Route 113 to Main, (First Stop on Main Rd. at 7:40 A.M.), west on Main to Frailey, north on Frailey to Mason, east on Mason to Burrows Rd., northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, west on Mason to Frailey, north on Frailey to Church, east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (Division St.), north on Florence Wakeman to Route 113 to Route 60, south on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Market St., north on Market to St. Rt. 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., North on Dean to T.A. (Schmidt's Farm), south on Dean to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #24 Driver - Mr. Sayler (Florence Township) Depart storage 6:35 A.M. southwest on West to Burns Rd., west on Burns to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Harmon, west on Harmon to T.A. (14907), east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield, east on Garfield to Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel, north on Chapel to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., north on Dean Rd. to T.A. (the drive pass Whispering Winds), south on Dean Rd. to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #17 Driver – Mrs. Sayler (Florence Township) Depart storage 6:35 A.M., east on West Rd. to Route 60, south on Route 60 to Butler, south on Butler to Denman, (Stops begin on Green Rd. at 6:38 A.M.), east on Butler to Green Rd., T.A. Green Rd., west on Denman to Butler, south on Butler to T.A. (13810), north on Butler to Denman, west on Denman to Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715) north on Route 60 to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to T.A. (At Garfield Rd.), north on Clary to Green, north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #17 Driver – Mrs. SaylerNorth on Vermilion Rd. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to State Route 60, south on Route 60 to West Rd., (Stops will begin approximately 7:35 A.M. on West Rd.), west on West Rd. to T.A. (Hanko's Farm), north on West Rd. to State Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715- Ornter's), north on Route 60 to Denman, east on Denman to Butler, north on Butler to Route 60, north on Route 60 to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, east on Garfield to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (11465), south on Gore Orphanage to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #29 Driver – Mrs. Bates (Henrietta Township) Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M. on Baird Rd.) north on Green Rd. to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman Rd. to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route

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113, cross Route 113, south on Gore Orphanage T.A., (Boy Scout camp), north on Gore Orphanage to Ward, northwest on Ward to Green Rd., north on Green to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird Rd., south on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis (South Amherst)

Depart storage 6:35 A.M., From State Route 113, South on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., (**Stops begin 6:40 A.M**), east on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd., north on Annis to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Trailer Park, Turnaround (2nd street on right inside the park), west on Route 113 to Main St., (with stops at Kenwood and Vivian), west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S. Pull into S.A.M.S., drop off 6 - 8 Grades, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School. (This Bus will go to the JVS and drop off before starting the Elementary route).

Elementary - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis

From Route 58, west on Butternut Ridge to end of road (Pyle South Amherst Rd.), north on Pyle Road/Garfield Rd. around curve to stop sign, north on Pyle Rd. to Russia Rd., **(Stops begin – 7:50 A.M. on Pyle Rd.)**, East on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd. north on Annis to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian, W. Main St. and E. Main St.), south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #11 Driver - Mrs. Coultrip (South Amherst) Depart storage 6:35 A.M. East on Route 113 to Leonard Street, (First stop 6:38 A.M. on Leonard St.), south on Leonard St. (Quarry) to Russia Rd., east on Russia to South Lake St., north on South Lake to Route 113, cross Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, Turnaround at Oakdale, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to Pyle, south on Pyle/North Lake St. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., pull into S.A.M.S. Unload Grades 6-8 back door, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #11 Driver – Mrs. Coultrip

(Stops will begin -7:35 A.M.). South on South Lake to Russia, west on Russia to Quarry, north on Quarry to Elm, east on Elm to Maple, north on Maple to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #23 Driver – Mrs. Watts (South Amherst)

From S.A.M.S., **(Stops begin on Pyle Road 6:40 A.M.)**, north on North Lake/Pyle Rd. to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest Apts., west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's run to Redtailed Lane, right on Redtailed Lane to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry Rd., north on Quarry Rd. to T.A. (7625), south on Quarry to Route 113, east on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., Drop off Grades 6 - 8, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

on Maple to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #23 Driver – Mrs. Watts (South Amherst)

From S.A.M.S., **(Stops begin on Pyle Road 6:40 A.M.)**, north on North Lake/Pyle Rd. to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest Apts., west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's run to Redtailed Lane, right on Redtailed Lane to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry Rd., north on Quarry Rd. to T.A. (7625), south on Quarry to Route 113, east on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., Drop off Grades 6 - 8, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #23 Driver – Mrs. Watts

Leave S.A.M.S. at 7:50 A.M., north on North Lake to Middle Ridge, **(Stops will begin after Maroy at 7:55 A.M.)**, west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest, west on Middle Ridge to South Lake St., north on South Lake St. to Cooper's Run, west on Cooper's Run to Redtailed Ln., south on Redtailed to Cooper's Run, south on Cooper's Run to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Quarry, north on Quarry to T.A. (7600), south on Quarry to T.A. (Hornyak St.), north on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. Firelands Elementary School.

If your child's school begins before August 30, 2016 and will

need transportation, you will need to call Mr. Sayler at

965-4105 to make arrangements.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL ME.

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.

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SCHOOL STARTING DATES

8-23-16 - Elyria Catholic

8-30-16 - Firelands

8-30-16 – Firelands Kindergarten (Refer to letter)

8-31-16 – Firelands Kindergarten (Refer to letter)

9-1-16 – Firelands Kindergarten (Refer to letter)

9-2-16 - Firelands ALL Kindergarten 1st full day

8-30-16 - LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)

8-24-16 – Open Door

8-22-16 – Pep Willow Creek

8-17-16– Spectrum

8-23-16 - St. Joe's

OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:

Open Door - Bus #7 AM - Bus #23 PM

JVS - Bus #2 AM & PM

St. Joe's - Bus #29 AM - Bus #29 PM

Spectrum - Bus #29 AM - Bus #29 PM

2016 - 2017 meal assistance information

The 2016-2017 meal assistance form is available on the school website under the food service tab located on the left side of page. Students will also get an updated form in their welcome packet at the start of school. For those students already getting assistance with meals, their meal status will roll over for the first month of school. Their meal status will change to denied as of September 30th if an updated application has not been received. Only 1 application per family is required. If you should receive a letter in August stating that your child has been proved for meal assistance through **DIRECT**

CERTIFICATION, you WILL NOT need to fill out a new application. For a fee waiver, please sign the bottom portion of the direct certification letter and return to the school office. Kindergarten students **are not** automatically *approved* if you have children already receiving benefits. An updated form must be turned in. If at the start of school you have filled out a new application but have not received an acceptance or denied letter, please notify Judy Baumann-E Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011. It may take at least a week for vour application to be processed. Applis cations are processed in the order they are received.

PAY FOR IT PROGRAM

This program will allow you to put money on your child's account, pay school fees as well as provide you with your child's lunch account balance and also a short report of what has been purchased on their account. This can be done by logging onto <u>www.payforit.net</u>, then

follow the instructions listed. There is "no fee" if you only use the reporting system. I encourage everyone to use this free reporting system to see your child's account balance as well as what has been purchased. If you do use the convenient online payment system to add money, there is a small fee attached. Your child's six digit student ID number is needed to set up a "pay for it" account. You can call Judy Baumann 440-965-5821 ext. 1011 or your child's school office to get this number if you don't have it.

LOW BALANCE AUTOMATED

<u>CALL</u> We have an automated calling system that we use for students at Firelands Elementary and South Amherst Middle School. When your child's balance falls to a -\$1.00, an automated call will be placed to your home announcing this. We appreciate all negative accounts being paid when you have received this phone call.

FOOD SERVICE TAB ON WEB-

<u>SITE</u> All food service information can be found on the food service tab located on the school website

www.firelandsschools.org. If you have children in multiple schools this tab will be helpful as all menus, meal applications and information for each school will be listed here. The contact information for Judy Baumann, Food Service Director can be found here as well.

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY

Judy Baumann will be at the open house to speak and answer any questions you may have about the food service department. We will be accepting payment on accounts the evening of open house if you choose to do so.

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BREAKFAST SERVED AT ALL SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served at all of our schools every morning. All students can go to the cafeteria when they arrive at school to get their breakfast.

- **High** school students can eat in the cafeteria prior to school starting.
- **Middle** school students can eat in the cafeteria, or take their breakfast to the classroom as well, prior to school starting.
- Elementary students will pick breakfast up in the cafeteria and take it back to their classroom. THE COST IS:
 - \$1.50 for breakfast

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- .30 cents for a reduced breakfast
- and those that qualify for free meals can get a breakfast for free as well.

The breakfast menu items are printed on the right side of the lunch menu and can be found on our website. Click on the Food Service Tab, then click on the Menu tab for each building.

Reminder: The previous year's meal status will roll over for the first month of school only. AN UPDATED MEAL ASSISTANCE APPLICA-TION MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO CONTINUE BENEFITS. Applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year.



SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT THE New Fes Assistant Principal

I taught special education for 7 years in the Sylvania Local Schools (outside of Toledo), and then an additional 7 years for Wellington Schools. The last 3 years I have served as the Special Education Director for Wellington Schools.

I grew up on a farm in Wapakoneta, Ohio and received my bachelor's and 1st master's degree from the University of Toledo. My husband (Jason) was from Elyria/Grafton, so I moved here in 2006. We live in Grafton. We have two children (ages 9 [Jacob] and 7 [Anna]). I enjoy reading, vacationing and exercising. I am so very excited to start this journey with Firelands and become a falcon.

Laura Groboske

Assistant Principal

Firelands Elementary School

<u>Pitchfork Pals 4-H Meeting,</u> <u>Sunday, July 10, 2016</u>

Fair is getting closer! At today's meeting we announced that Skillathon will be held on Saturday, July 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the fairgrounds. This is only mandatory for premier exhibitors but encouraged for everyone. Judging for 4-H food, clothing, ag products/still life projects will be on Monday, July 18th at New Russia Township Lodge and is by appointment only so call the extension office for details. Fowl Clinic will be on Saturday, August 6th, from10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Swine Barn at the Fairgrounds. Remember all chickens must be tested. Cloverbud Camp at the Ohio State Fair is Wednesday, July 27th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The next meeting for our club will be on Sunday, August 7th.

Ryan Ortner, News Reporter

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New Vaccination Requirements for Students Entering 7th and 12th Grades:

A new law takes effect this year that requires all students entering 7th grade to receive the meningococcal vaccine and requires all students entering 12th grade to receive a second dose of the meningococcal vaccine unless their first dose was received after the age of 16.

Immunizations are available through your child's primary care physician or through the Lorain County Health Department.

Your help in forwarding your child's updated immunization records to the main office by September 15th is appreciated.

Emergency Alert Notifications

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
- online at <u>www.firelandsschools.org</u>
- via Twitter at @Falcon_update
- Facebook at iAmFirelands

Should parental/guardian contact information change over the year, please remember to update your

information.

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Saturday, October 8, 2016 4pm to 12pm

Matus Winery, 15674 Gore Orphanage Road, Wakeman, Ohio

It's been way too long since we had our own class reunion! And, let's face it, we aren't getting any younger!

So plan on attending and starting a new tradition at the winery. Invite those classmates you know that are not on social media, this way we can reach as many classmates as possible for this one day informal gathering. In house appetizers available and entertainment provided. No coolers or containers allowed.

Any questions or comments, please contact Janie Largent Betka at <u>betkajanie@yahoo.com</u> or

Marcia Kneisel Eichelberger at <u>marciaeichelberger@hotmail.com</u>

SEE YOU AT THE WINERY!!

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FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

112 North Lake Street South Amherst, Ohio 44001-2824

<u>Firelands Local Schools</u> today announced its 2016-2017 program year policy for **<u>free and reduced-</u>**

price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Each school office and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. Every student will receive a copy.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the Federal Guidelines are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Application forms are being distributed to all homes in a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households which do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number, the amount and source of income received by each household member, (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

FREE HEALTH CARE: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for FREE health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <u>http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm</u>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

PUBLIC RELEASE

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, <u>Judy Baumann</u>, <u>Food Service Director</u>, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices,

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discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http:// www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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