

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



### Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

As the final days of summer vacation are upon us, I hope that you have been able to enjoy time with your family and friends and are excited about the opportunities that are ahead for this upcoming school year. Please see the schedule below for our welcome back activities.

#### Classes Begin:

- ◆ August 29 (Grades 1-12)
- ◆ The first day of school for kindergarten students is August 30, August 31 **or** September 1  
*STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILD'S LETTER FOR START DATE)*

#### Events for Parents and/or Students:

- ◆ Firelands Elementary School
  - \* New student orientation, Tuesday, August 22 at 9:00 am
  - \* Open House, August 28th
    - \* Kindergarten  
5:00 pm supply drop  
Parent Meeting in the gym  
5:20 pm-5:45 pm
    - \* Grades 1-2  
5:00 pm-5:45 pm
    - \* Grades 3-5  
5:45pm-6:30 pm
- ◆ South Amherst Middle School
  - \* 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting, August 20, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
  - \* New student orientation, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
  - \* Open House for all students and parents, August 29 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
- ◆ Firelands High School
  - \* 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/New Student Parent Meeting, August 31, 5:00 pm-5:45 pm
  - \* Open House for all students and parents, August 31, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

### Planning for the Future

South Amherst Middle School and Firelands High School have served our community well, but the educational and financial challenges of maintaining a 107-year-old and 63-year old building continue to grow. Antiquated boilers, roof repairs, inefficient windows and doors, leaky plumbing, dim lighting, failing electrical systems that cannot handle modern technology, lack of ADA compliance, and safety and security mechanisms are just some of the challenges that impact our students, teachers, and staff every day. We cannot ignore these issues-but we also cannot ignore our community. That's why after a series of failed attempts to address our facility issues, we're taking a step back.

This fall we will be re-establishing the Building Advisory Committee – a committee that will represent a broad cross-section of our district. They will meet at least four times to thoroughly assess the needs of our facilities. This committee will be charged with:

- ◆ Reviewing enrollment studies, demographics, and property values
- ◆ Examining OSFC building assessments detailing exact issues with each of the facilities and the costs associated
- ◆ Touring the district facilities
- ◆ Reviewing the results of listening sessions with teachers, staff, parents, and residents
- ◆ Evaluating the results of a statistically-valid telephone survey of our community
- ◆ And lastly, recommending a long-term facility solution to the school board

The input and feedback offered by our stakeholders and community members is essential in this process, and will help us determine our next steps. We cannot sit back and do nothing as our buildings deteriorate around us, with the cost to fix them rising each and every day.

If you are interested in being a part of the BAC or have questions about our facilities, please contact me at 965-5821 or by email at [mvongunten@firelandsschools.org](mailto:mvongunten@firelandsschools.org).

### Our Commitment to the Community

In closing, Firelands Local School District is committed to providing our students an educational experience that extends well beyond the walls of our buildings. Each day we strive 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.

Mike Von Gunten  
Superintendent  
FHS Class of 1995  
[@FLSDSuper](https://twitter.com/FLSDSuper)



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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.

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## 2017 - 2018 VARIANCE FORM POLICY

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 ENSURE 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, 2017 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. 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 SCHOOL OR 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 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. SAYLER @ 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. SAYLER 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!

## 2017 - 2018 FIRELANDS BUS ROUTES



Welcome to the start of the 2017-2018 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 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.

**For Elementary Students only,** 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: <http://www.firelandsschools.org>, under the Central Office tab / Transportation along with the variance form procedure and a printable variance form for your convenience.

**To start the school year off there will be a couple of detours that will affect several different routes.**

- ◆ First, Baumhart Road and Middle Ridge Road will both be closed beginning August 21, 2017 for approximately 60 days. Thru traffic will not be permitted on either road. This detour will affect several of the routes, so if your child rode a bus route that went thru that intersection, please check for changes below.
- ◆ Secondly, Joppa Road is closed at the Turnpike and will remain closed approximately until the end of October.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - A.M. BUS #7 DRIVER - MRS. SAYLOR (BROWNHELM TOWNSHIP)**

Depart Storage, (Stops begin 6:35 A.M., on Claus Rd.), north on Baumhart Rd. to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Gifford Road, north on Gifford to Vermilion Road, north on Vermilion to Middle Ridge, east on Middle Ridge to Claus, north on Claus to North Ridge, east 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 Portman Road, West on Portman Road to Gore Orphanage Road, South on Gore Orphanage to Route 113, East on Route 113 to Vermilion Road, south on Vermilion Road to Firelands High School.



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### 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., 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 6:35 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 Quarry Road to Rice Road, northwest on Rice To North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Baumhart, north on Baumhart Road to Cooper Foster, **(Stops begin at 7:40 A.M. on Cooper Foster)**, west on Cooper Foster Park to Claus, north on Claus to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, north on Sunnyside to T.A. (Marina Drive), South on Sunnyside to Brownhelm Station, East on Brownhelm Station to Claus, south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to North Ridge, east 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 Orphanage to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

### HIGH SCHOOL - A.M. BUS #10 DRIVER - MRS. DEWITT (BROWNHELM TOWNSHIP)

Depart Storage 6:30 A.M., North on Baumhart to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Rice Road, southeast on Rice to Quarry Road, south on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to T.A. (Deer Creek), east on Middle Ridge to Quarry, north on Quarry to Rice, northwest on Rice to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to turnaround (second T.A. on right), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., west on Rice Rd. to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township Line), west on North Ridge to Claus Road, south on Claus to Middle Ridge Rd., east 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 #10 DRIVER - MRS. DEWITT

**(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on Middle Ridge Road)**, west on Route 113 to Quarry, north on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to T.A. (Deer Creek), east on Middle Ridge 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 T.A. (8155), north on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, east 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 T.A. (8701), north 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.

### ELEMENTARY - A.M. BUS #14 DRIVER - MRS. HOLOWENKO

**(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on Gore Orphanage Rd.)**, north on Vermilion Rd. to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to T.A. (Trinter Road), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage 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 Vermilion Rd. to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Claus, south on Claus to North Ridge, 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 #6 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 Gifford, north on Gifford to T.A. (18230), south on Gifford to Austin, 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 Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

### ELEMENTARY - A.M. BUS #6 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, **(1<sup>st</sup> stop - 7:35 A.M. on Route 511)**, east on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to Austin, east on Austin Rd. to Mosher Road (19451), north on Mosher to Austin, east 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 #29 DRIVER - MRS. BATES (CAMDEN TOWNSHIP)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. from Green Road, southeast on Ward to Gore Orphanage **(Stops begin 6:32 A.M.)**, south on Gore Orphanage to Becker, east on Becker to Baird, 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, north on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

### ELEMENTARY - A.M. BUS #29 DRIVER - MRS. BATES

**(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on 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, cross Route 20 to Plate Rd., continue on Plate Rd., west on Route 20 to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Baird Rd., 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., south on Green to T.A.(4639), north on Green to Bates, 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 TOWNSHIP)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. **(Stops begin 6:32 A.M.)** 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, east on Route 20 to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to Russia Rd., east on Russia Rd. to T.A. (48634 Russia), west on Russia to Baumhart, north on Baumhart 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 TOWNSHIP)

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 Orphanage 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

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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 Becker 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 T.A. (18836) **(Stops begin on Route 511 - 7:35 A.M.)**, north on Route 511 to Betts, west on Betts to Baird, south on Baird to T.A. (18553 Township Garage), 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 Baird Road, south on Baird Rd. to T.A. (17828), north on Baird to Route 303, 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 #18 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 Dean Rd., north on Dean to T.A. (Drive past Whispering Winds), south on Dean to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**ELEMENTARY - A.M. BUS #18 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 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, cross Route 113 to Joppa, north on Joppa to Angling, northeast on Angling to Mason, west on Mason to Joppa, south on Joppa to T.A. (11010), **(Stops begin on Joppa Rd. at 6:35 A.M.)**, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Mason Rd., west on Mason to T.A. (10407), east on Mason to Stephens, south on Stephens to Thorpe, west on Thorpe to Fraley, south on Fraley to Main, east on Main 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 7:35 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, east on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10303), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Mason, east on Mason to Angling, south on Angling 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, east on Route 113 to Route 60, south on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Market St., north on Market to Route 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. south on West to Burns Rd., west on Burns to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Harmon, west on Harmon to T.A. (10904), 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 Green Rd., south on Green to Garfield, east on Garfield to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage 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, **(Stops begin on West Rd. at 6:35 A.M.)**, south on Route 60 to Butler, south on Butler to Denman, east on Butler to Green Rd., T.A. (Green Rd.), west on Denman to Butler, south on Butler to T.A. (14202), 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 Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to Green, south on Green to Ward, southeast on Ward to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird, north on Baird to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

**ELEMENTARY - A.M. BUS #17 DRIVER – MRS. SAYLER**

North on Vermilion Rd. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to Garfield, **(Stops will begin approximately 7:30 A.M. on Gore Orphanage Rd.)**, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, west on Garfield to Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715- Ortner's), north on Route 60 to Denman, east on Denman to Butler, cross Butler on Denman to T.A. (15061), west on Denman to Butler, north on Butler to Route 60, north on Route 60 to West Rd., west on West Rd. to T.A. **(12911)**, north on West Rd. to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, east on Garfield to Gore Orphanage, 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 #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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in back, 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 Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to T.A. (8487), south on Baumhart 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., north on Baumhart to T.A. (8487), 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



## BUS ROUTES Cont'd

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 Lane., 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 Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. Firelands Elementary School.

STARTING DATES	SCHOOLS
8/23/17	Pep Willow Creek
8/23/17	St. Joe's
8/23/17	LC Academy
8/23/17	Open Door
8-24-17	St. Paul's
8-28-17	LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)
8-28-17	Early Learning Center
8-29-17	Firelands

### **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 #23 AM - Bus #29 PM**

**St. Mary's Bus #26 AM - TBD PM**

**St. Paul's - TBD**

If your child's School begins before **August 29, 2017** 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.

## 2017 - 2018 MEAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The 2017 - 2018 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 approved for meal assistance through **DIRECT CERTIFICATION**, **you WILL NOT need to fill out a new application. For 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-Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011. It may take at least a week for your application to be processed. Applications 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 [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net), 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 CALL**

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 are paid when you have received this phone call.

### **FOOD SERVICE TAB ON WEBSITE**

All food service information can be found on the food service tab located on the school website [www.firelandsschools.org](http://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, in the main office, to speak and answer any questions you may have about the food service department. I will be in the main office with Mr. Sayler. We will be accepting payment on accounts the evening of conferences if you choose to do so.

### **CHARGE POLICY**

Firelands Local Schools has a charge procedure in place for school meals. Please be aware of this policy. It can be found in the welcome packet as well as under the Food service tab on the school website. All negative accounts must be paid promptly.

# FHS NEWS

**Please Welcome to FHS** – FHS is happy to announce our new staff arrivals for the 2017-18 school year.

- Jenelle Cozza – New School Counselor
- Ryan O'Rourke – Social Studies teacher and new Head Football Coach
- Andrea Stemple – French

## **School Opens Tuesday, August 29<sup>TH</sup>**

FHS will open school on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Schedules will be available in Power School for students beginning on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Printed copies of schedules will be sent home during the week of the Lorain County Fair (August 21-27). School will begin with first period at 7:30.

**FHS Open House** – FHS Open House will be held on Thursday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup>. A new student – Freshman Orientation meeting will be held at 5 pm in the gym, with an Open House being held for all students and their families from 6 – 7 pm that evening. Come on out and see FHS and meet your children's teachers and staff.

**FAST and ERLA Exempt Status** – Juniors and Seniors who are FAST exempt eligible may apply for FAST exempt and early release/late arrival (ERLA) status when school begins. FAST exempt will not start until Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and only once it is approved by administration. This does not hold true for CCP students or JVS students who are taking classes off the FHS campus.

**First Block Day** – Block Schedule Days will begin on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Block Schedule Day classes will begin at 9 am. Teacher tutoring will be available each and every Block Wednesday from 8:15 – 9 am. Students who are assigned to be at Teacher Tutoring **MUST** report at 8:15 am to their assigned teacher, or face disciplinary consequences. This is an educational time for our students to receive more one-on-one interaction with teachers who will be able to offer intervention and support to our students.

**Parking Passes** – Students wishing to park on-campus **MUST** apply for an FHS Parking Pass. Applications are available and must be turned into the main office. A signed Drug Testing form must be either currently on file or submitted before a pass will be approved. Parking passes are \$10. Students who drive part-time to FHS and the LCJVS must have a valid FHS Parking Pass to park on the FHS campus. The LCJVS will honor the FHS parking pass.

**FHS Website and Twitter** – Please check our FHS website and Twitter (@FHSFalconPrin) for date changes on schedule availability and other FHS news as we head into the 2017-18 school year.

**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 remainder of August.

## **Friends of Firelands Membership Drive 2017-2018**

*Friends of Firelands is a 503c non-profit organization that's sole purpose is to positively support the staff, students, and communities that make up Firelands Local Schools.*

Please consider being a part of our organization by taking part in our 2017-2018 membership drive. Current members of FoF will be available at many school events during the months of September and October.

Memberships will be \$20.00 each, and with that membership you will receive a one-of-a kind free T-shirt available in adult sizes small – 2X with the design below.



Any Questions? Feel free to contact FoF President, Ellen Gundersen at [friendsoffirelands@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffirelands@gmail.com).



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY

# BBQ

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Your Support will help create an endowment scholarship for FAA students to last indefinitely

Tour the FAA Lab & see what the students are doing!

\$ 20 ticket includes catered BBQ, entertainment, and admission to the football game. Kids meal with adult is \$ 5.00.



Sept  
15TH  
5PM

This event is supported in part by Friends of Firelands



## Do you know how to receive information from FLSD in the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances?

In the event that a change occurs to a normal school day, information can be obtained from multiple sources. The District uses an all-call system, multiple Twitter accounts, Facebook, text alerts, and web page banners to share important information. We recommend that parents/guardians choose at least *two* methods to receive information from the Firelands Local Schools.

Our communication tools include the following:

**1) All Call Alert System:** If your telephone number or custodial information has changed, please contact your building secretary to notify her of the change(s). **If you have made a change to your phone number, our database must be updated in order for parent calls to be initiated.** Please see the information below to contact the appropriate building to make phone number (or custody) updates:

- Firelands Elementary School: (440) 965-5381
- South Amherst Middle School: (440) 986-7021
- Firelands High School: (440) 965-4255

**2) Twitter Accounts:** Follow these Twitter accounts for up-to-the-minute information!

- @FLSDSuper (Superintendent Mike Von Gunten)
- @Falcon\_update (Public Relations, Jennifer Butchko)
- @Firelandstrans (Transportation Coordinator Milt Saylor)

**3) Facebook:** We have created The Official Facebook page for Firelands! Like us at **The Firelands Falcons**

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons>. <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons> to stay connected.

### 4) Text Alert System:

Parents have the option of utilizing our text alert system as well. In order to enroll in this program, simply go to our home page at [FirelandsFalcons.org](http://FirelandsFalcons.org) and click on the social media tab. Follow the newsletter icon and create an account. You will receive text messages regarding school cancellations, delays or special circumstances once enrolled.

### 5) Web Page Notifications:

Alerts will be posted on our web pages in the event that our school day will be altered.

### 6) Blog

Click our Blog tab & sign up for inbound blog posts @ <https://ffalcons.nordpress.com>

Information will also be shared to traditional news sources. If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up account please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext 1015!

## The Mighty Falcon Marching Band Presents

DATE: 10/07/2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Join us for the 10th Annual Parade of Bands. Come see the Mighty Falcon Marching Band and other local high school bands for an evening devoted to marching bands show casing their music and marching skills!

Watch for discounted Pre-Sale Ticket information coming soon!

*Firelands High School Field  
10643 Vermilion Road  
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VISIT [WWW.MFMB.ORG](http://WWW.MFMB.ORG) OR EMAIL US AT [FIRELANDSBANDSBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FIRELANDSBANDSBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

10th Annual Parade of Bands

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# SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017-18

It is now time to update your child’s immunizations. If your child will be entering school for the first time, or after attending school elsewhere, please be sure to check that he/she is in compliance with State of Ohio immunization requirements:

**Kindergarten** – once your child has reached age 4, s/he can complete all required immunizations for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (DPT), polio (IPV), hepatitis B (HBV), measles mumps, rubella (MMR), and varicella (chickenpox). If possible, have them done and bring a copy of the record to Kindergarten registration May 12 - June 16, 2017 at FES.

**Grades 1-6** – same requirements as for Kindergarten

**Grades 7-8** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (DPT booster) and MCV (meningococcal vaccine)

**Grades 9-11** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (received in 7th grade or later)

**Grade 12** – Grades 9-11 requirements plus MCV (must be received at age 16 or older)

Remember to bring your child’s immunization records with you when you go to your healthcare provider or clinic. Please send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse in your child’s building, being sure your child’s name is on it. Don’t forget to keep a copy for yourself!

The **Lorain County General Health District** (LCGHD) is now offering immunizations by appointment. Call **440-284-3206** to make an immunization appointment for children and adults. Bring all immunization records, insurance cards, and cash or check; although some children may be eligible for discounts under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

***Note: Ask your provider about additional vaccines that are recommended for children ages 11-19 such as 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.***

# 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 [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)
- ♦ via Twitter at @Falcon\_update
- ♦ Facebook at The Firelands Falcons

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

# SAMS NEWS

Summer is winding down and we are gearing up for a wonderful year here at SAMS. The building looks beautiful thanks to our phenomenal custodial team. They have been working hard preparing the building for the return of our teachers and students.

SAMS welcomes a few new faces this fall. We welcome Ms. Jordan Kolarik into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. She joins our SAMS family from FHS. We also welcome Ms. Kassie Davis into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Writing. Ms. Davis joins us from FES. We are excited to welcome Ms. Kacie Gligora to SAMS who is our new art teacher. Kacie comes to us from Youngstown State University where she graduated summa cum laude, with a B.S. in Art Education. During her time at YSU, she worked with a colleague to establish a group for fellow art education majors called the Youngstown State Art Educators. One of their greatest accomplishments was traveling to Cincinnati to hold a lecture at the OAEA State Conference. She grew up in Fairview Park, Ohio and recently moved to North Ridgeville. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and spending time with her family. She hopes to someday travel the world. She is very excited to share her passion with our students at South Amherst Middle School.

We also have a familiar face with a new name. We extend our “congratulations” to Mrs. Alyssa Erossy who was married over the summer!! Alyssa was previously known to us as Ms. Bacik. Congratulations to Alyssa and her new husband

and welcome to all!!

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Darla Baumbick, Mrs. Eileen Smath and Mrs. Tamara Chippi who retired at the end of last school year. We wish them the best as they enter this new chapter in their lives. They have served the district for many years and we are happy for them.

## Upcoming dates:

**August 20- 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting 6:30-8:30**

**August 23- Homeroom lists posted for students**

**August 24- New Student Orientation 10:00 AM**

**August 29- First Day of School**

**August 29- Open House 6:00-7:15**

**September 1- Picture Day**

**September 4- No School Labor Day**

***Our offices are open from 7:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.***

# The Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club

The Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club has had a busy summer! We marched in the Birmingham Parade, volunteered two days at Second Harvest, donated items to Neighborhood Alliance, and held numerous business meetings throughout the year since February. Many members have been showing all throughout the summer with their animal projects; Allison T. has been showing her sheep at many county fairs and Callie F. has been showing her saddle horse and mini horse all throughout the summer. Several members qualified for the state fair! Callie F. won the state horse skillathon for her age group and got third place in 9-18 showmanship with her mini horse, Cinnamon. Madi S., Amelia A., and Allison

T. qualified for state fair as well! Many members had their Ag Products/Still Life projects judged in July and the rest will judge in August. Members taking animal projects are also looking forward to showing them at the Lorain County Fair! Come check out the projects of the Four Leaf Clovers animal, still life/ag products, and club booth at the Lorain County Fair! The club is led by a great leaders; President Devon M., Vice President Madi S., Treasurer Mason S., Secretary Bradley M., New Reporter Allison T., recreation leader Maddie B., health leader Addison B., safety leader Callie F., historian Nazzy B., assistant secretary Jocelyn B., assistant treasurer Caleb R. See you at the Lorain County Fair!  
~Allison T.



**At the Brownhelm  
Perfection and BB 4H club,  
we do a lot of fun and  
interesting activities.**

Our most recent one, on Monday, June 19 was visiting the Vermilion Fire Department Station number one. Justin Zielske, our health and safety leader, had the idea of going to the fire station. He arranged for us to go have a tour and learn about fire safety. We saw four different fire trucks. Their newest one cost over a million dollars. They also have an aerial truck with a huge ladder that raises up very high. The Vermilion Fire Station was very fun to go to. The whole club enjoyed it a lot. The club wants to thank Vermilion Fire Department for taking the time to speak to our club. It was very much appreciated.



We were also in the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 28 in Brownhelm. Bryson and Ryland Dean tossed out candy. We walked down to the cemetery on North Ridge Road. At the cemetery, there was a ceremony for veterans. Brad Thrasher, a former member of the club that now attends West Point Academy in New York, joined the club in the parade.

The club had its annual pizza/game night at Millhollow carriage barn on May 22. We played board games and card games. There were a lot of fun games like Uno, Monopoly, Sorry, and Trivia Pursuit. In addition to playing games, we enjoyed pizza, pop, and desserts together. We had an enjoyable time doing all these activities.

The club is now gearing up for the Lorain County Fair that will be held in August. Members are busy completing their projects and committees are gathering to participate in activities such as the trash barrel decorating contest. Our club will be helping out in The Milk Barn at the fair where people attending the fair can purchase ice cream. Come to the Lorain County Fair Aug 21-Aug 27 to see all the projects 4-H members have done.

Submitted by 4-H member/Tim Jaskiewicz

## Looking for Community Information:

Firelands publishes a weekly blog on all community activity. If you have a group that is active in the Firelands district, we are happy to post information regarding events, fundraisers, open houses, etc. You can visit the blog page at <https://ffalcons.wordpress.com> and look for Community Updates.

In addition to the Community Updates, a monthly article is published regarding our Falcon Alumni. Topics covered include graduations, engagements, career changes, new businesses, birth announcements and more.

The above information is also shared on Twitter, @Falcon\_update, and on our new Facebook page, The Firelands Falcons.

To submit information please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1015 or at: [jbutchko@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbutchko@firelandsschools.org)

## REUNION CLASS OF 1977

**Saturday, October 7th at  
Matus Winery**

**5:00 p.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 8th**

**Meeting at Mill Hollow—Shelter #1**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Call Marcia Eichelberger at: 440-213-5298

If you have any questions!

## 50 Year Reunion!

The class of 1967 will be holding a reunion on September 29th and 30th, 2017! The class will have a tour of Firelands High School on the 29th at 6:00 pm and then will stay to watch the Homecoming football game. On the 30th, members of the class of 1967 will gather at the recently renovated Brownhelm school (located on North Ridge Road) for dinner.

In order to include everyone, we need your help in locating the following people:

Mr. Gordon M. Brown  
Mr. Richard David Bures  
Ms. Cindy Gerstacker Wickham  
Ms. Norma Krosen Miller  
Ms. Marlene Simmons Harmond  
Mr. Don Van Meter

If you have any information on these classmates please contact  
Jim Tansey at (419) 706-8458  
or [jmtanse@aol.com](mailto:jmtanse@aol.com)  
(subject line: class of 1967).  
Thanks for your help and  
Go Falcons!

## NOTICE

The Board has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. To that end, The Board of Education passed a resolution prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco, including electronic cigarettes, from being used at any time on school grounds, athletics facilities, or parking lots.

# LETTER FROM OUR FES PRINCIPAL

Dear Firelands Elementary School Families:

Firelands Elementary School is ready and eager to start the 2017-2018 school year. Over the summer our custodial and cleaning staff worked diligently to get all of the rooms sparkling for our students and staff. Part of our summer work was transforming the multi-purpose room into an inviting cafeteria for the children. We can't wait to see our boys and girls entering the room on the first day of school.

At the closing of last school year, we said goodbye to a few staff members:

Debbie Dohanos- secretary  
 Deb Poplar- cleaner  
 Diane Davis-aide  
 Kassie Davis- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
 Andrea Dalton-title I teacher

We wish them the best as they head into new chapters of their lives.

As we start our new school year, we are happy to welcome new staff members to our FES family. Mrs. Shelley Hozalski joins us as our secretary. She will be one of our smiling faces to welcome students, staff, and families. Julie Andorka will be joining FES as our Title I tutor. She is ready and eager to work with our boys and girls.

In addition to our amazing staff, one of our greatest assets is the strong relationship between the school and home. We look forward to continuing the partnership in learning for our children through the strength in our PTG and all of the parent volunteers that provide student and staff support through their time and resources.

As we start the 2017-2018 school year, we renew our commitment to our students and families to ensure a learning environment where all boys and girls are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.

Sincerely,  
 Mrs. Sun Choe  
 Principal



## Firelands Band Boosters Membership Meetings

Location: Firelands High School Band Room

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Date/Time	Event	Topic for Discussion
08/15/18 7:00	General business Meeting	Parade of Bands Marching Season
09/19/17 7:00	General Business Meeting	Craft Bazaar Parade of Bands Marching Season Updates
10/17/17 7:00	General Business Meeting	Basketball Concessions Parade of Bands Marching Season Updates
11/21/17 7:00	General Business Meeting	Christmas Concert Basketball Concessions
1/16/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Spring Trip Mattress Sale/Mulch Sale Basketball Concessions
2/20/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	OMEA Competition Spring Trip Mattress Sale/Mulch Sale
3/21/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Pancake Breakfast Mulch Sale Band Banquet
4/18/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Parades Nomination of Officers Band Banquet
5/16/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Election of Officers Band Camps

For more information, please contact us via email at [firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com)

Firelands Band Boosters  
 10643 Vermilion Road  
 Oberlin, Ohio 44074  
[www.MFMB.org](http://www.MFMB.org)



On behalf of the Firelands Band Boosters and The Firelands Instrumental Program, we would like to thank all of our past, present, and future sponsors, fans, community members, administration of Firelands Local Schools, teachers, staff, and families for all of the support over the years. Without your support, the program would not be as successful as it has become and our students would not be able to perform at their highest levels while representing our school district. For more information on upcoming events and the latest news on the program, please visit the band's web page at [www.MFMB.org](http://www.MFMB.org).

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Firelands Local Schools Institutes A New

*"Safer Schools Tip Line"*

Operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety-Office of  
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## 2017 - 2018 Board Meetings

- AUGUST 14, 2017
- SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
- OCTOBER 9, 2017
- NOVEMBER 8, 2017
- DECEMBER 11, 2017
- JANUARY 8, 2018 \*\*
- FEBRUARY 12, 2018\*\*
- MARCH 12, 2018\*\*
- APRIL 9, 2018\*\*
- MAY 14, 2018\*\*
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