

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

On behalf of our Board of Education and our entire faculty and staff, welcome to the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Classes Begin:

August 28th (Grades 1-12)

The first day of school for kindergarten students is August 28th, August 29th or August 31st. (STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILD'S LETTER FOR START DATE)

Events for Parents and/or Students:

Firelands Elementary School

New student orientation, Monday, August 20, 2018 9:00 am in the cafeteria

Open House, August 27th

Grades K-2 5:00 pm-5:45 pm

Grades 3-5 5:45pm-6:30 pm

South Amherst Middle School

6th grade parent meeting, August 19th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

New student orientation, August 23rd at 10:00 am

Open House for all students and parents, August 29th from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Firelands High School

9th grade/new student ice cream social, August 27th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

9th grade/new student parent meeting, August 30th at 5:00 pm

Open House for all students and parents, August 30th from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Planning for the Future

Board Places a Bond Issue on the November Ballot to Construct a New 9-12 High School

On July 17th the Board of Education voted unanimously to place a 4.28 mill bond issue on the November ballot to construct a new high school. The new building will be built on district owned property and will be connected to the current high school located on Vermilion Road in Henrietta Township.

This vote was a culmination of the efforts by community members, parents and staff who served on the building advisory committee last fall and winter, and of the extensive feedback we received from our main stakeholders. Once constructed, our existing high school will be repurposed as the district's middle school and Board Office, and South Amherst Middle School will be closed.

The new building will serve as the entry point for students and visitors, providing increased safety and security for all students in grades 6-12. A central kitchen and

cafeteria will also be constructed to maximize resources and serve both middle and high school students.

As educators, we know new school buildings are important for providing safe and productive learning environments. But we also know the positive impact up-to-date schools have on our communities – securing property values and strengthening our local economy.

We can no longer sit back and ignore the urgent need to address our facilities. Our middle school is 108 years old and continually causes educational and financial challenges. While challenges in our other facilities are not far behind, we know we have to start by addressing our greatest needs first and that's why we have put forth this plan.

Additional information regarding the bond issue is available on our website under the "About the District" tab. In addition, two informational meetings will be on October 2nd & October 4th, 6:30 p.m. at SAMS cafeteria.

The deadline to register or update your voter registration for the November election is October 9. Early voting starts on October 10. Election Day is November 6.

Additional Personnel Hired to Enhance Student and Staff Safety

In cooperation with the Lorain County Sheriff's Department, our Board of Education has approved the addition of a full-time school resource officer. I am pleased to announce that Sheriff Stamitti has selected Deputy Cody Norheim, FHS Class of 2012, to serve as our school resource officer.

In addition to enhancing the physical safety of our students, we also understand meeting the mental health needs of our students is of critical importance. Through collaboration with the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, we will also be adding a part-time school social worker for this school year. Mrs. Doris Woodwards-Davila, our new school social worker, comes to us from Applewood Centers Inc. where she worked as a school based clinical supervisor.

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.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or are in need of additional information, please contact me at 965.5821 or by email at mvongunten@firelandsschools.org.

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995
@FLSDSuper

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.

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2018 - 2019 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 INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.**

Remember, pick up and drop off locations at the child's home address is always best, but we realize, it is not always possible. When a change for pick up or drop off is necessary, we are asking you to adhere to the following procedure: **PLEASE HAVE ALL FORMS TURNED IN BY AUGUST 21, 2018 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](http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/Variance%20Form%20K-12%20(2009)2-2.pdf)

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!

2018 - 2019 FIRELANDS BUS ROUTES



Welcome to the start of the 2018-2019 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, driver's 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 driver's 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 no detours however, Route 60 North of Route 113 is scheduled for construction October 1st. More information to follow as it becomes available.

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 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 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.

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 #11 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 #11 Driver - Mrs. Horning

From Route 113, north on Baumhart Road to Cooper Foster, (Stops begin at 7:40 A.M. on

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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, east on Portman to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #10 Driver – Mrs. DeWitt (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:35 A.M., South on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, 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 Baumhart, south on Baumhart 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 #10 Driver - Mrs. DeWitt (Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on Middle Ridge Road), west on Route 113 to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, 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 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. (County line), 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 North Ridge 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, 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 Mosher, south on Mosher to T.A. (19451), north on Mosher to Austin, east on Austin to T.A. (48780), west on Austin to Rowell, north on Rowell to Route 303, 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, (1st 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, south on Mosher to T.A. (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 Route 20, east 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, north on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Baird, north on Baird to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, east on Bates 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 #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 511, west on route 511 to T.A. (Storage Units), east on Route 511 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 Green Road, north on Green to Bates, east on Bates to Gore Orphanage Rd., south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (14921), north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, continue north on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (14445), south on Gore Orphanage 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 Plate Road, follow Plate Road to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Route 511, west on Route 511 to T.A. (Storage Units), east on Route 511 to Baumhart, 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 6:35 A.M. (Stops begin 6:40 A.M.) east 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 T.A. (18397), south 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 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, 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,

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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 T.A. (10819), east on Route 113 to Florence Wakeman Rd., south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (14720), 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 #19 Driver – Mrs. Votruba (Florence Township)

From West Rd., west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, (Stops begin on Florence Wakeman Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), west on Route 113 to Main, east on Main to Fraley, north on Fraley to Thorpe, east on Thorpe to Stephens, 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 Joppa, north on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10302), 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 #19 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 Thorpe, east on Thorpe to Stephens, north on Stephens to Mason, west 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. (10302), 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, 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 T.A. (Hanko's Farm), north on West Rd. to Harmon, west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, south on Florence Wakeman to Burr, southwest on Burr to Burns, east 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 6:28 A.M., east on West Rd. to Route 60, (Stops begin on West Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), south on Route 60 to Butler, south on Butler to Denman, east on Denman 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.), 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, north on Butler to Route 60, north on Route 60 to

West Rd., west on West Rd. to Harmon, west on Harmon to T.A. (13002), east on Harmon to West, south on West 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 #15 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 in back, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #15 Driver – Mrs. Saltis (Stops will begin -7:45 A.M.). south on

South Lake to Russia, east on Russia Rd. to T.A. (5803), west on Russia 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 #1 Driver - Mrs. Shupe (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. (This bus will load for J.V.S. and Lorain Co. Academy).

Elementary - A.M. Bus #1 Driver – Mrs. Shupe

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.), 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 #8 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. (7615), 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 #8 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.

Again, please do not assume that your child will ride the same bus home as last year as several of the bus numbers have changed.

If your child's school begins before August 27, 2018 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.

BUS ROUTES Cont'd

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.

STARTING DATES	SCHOOLS
8/27/18	St. Joe's
8/27/18	LC Academy
8/29/18	Open Door
8/23/18	St. Paul's
8/27/18	LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)
8/27/18	Early Learning Center
8/28/18	Firelands

OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:

Open Door - Bus #7 AM - Bus #8 PM

JVS - Bus #1 AM & PM

St. Joe's - Bus #8 AM - Bus #29 PM

St. Mary's - Bus #26 AM - Bus #3 PM

St. Paul's - Bus #3 AM - Bus # 26 PM

BOND ISSUE

COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us at the South Amherst Middle School Cafeteria for the bond issue community meetings.

Tues., October 2nd and Thurs., October 4th

at 6:30 p.m.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Firelands Local Schools Institutes

“Safer Schools Tip Line”

Operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety-
Office of Homeland Security,

844-SaferOH (844-723-3764)

is an anonymous tip line that will accept both calls and texts 24 hours a day. This service allows both students and adults to share information regarding any safety concerns with school officials and law enforcement.

Online meal application now available

Firelands Schools has implemented an online portal for meal assistance. Parent/Guardian can quickly and easily fill out free and reduced meal applications in a secure, step-by-step portal. You may apply any time after July 1. The step by step instructions are listed on the school website on the Foodservice tab if needed. You will need the student I.D. to register (same student number as PowerSchool). <https://firelands.payschools>. Click register Select parent Enter your first and last name along with a password you created Complete the required information. Click finish. It will take you back to the Log-in screen. You can now complete the necessary information to complete the application process.

Paper applications will be available in each school office or can be printed from the Food Service tab



Celebrate the start of a new school year!

Food

August 31st

Games

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tickets \$10 per person

includes food, games, and admission ot the football game

Awesome Raffles

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 **(2) two** methods to receive information from the Firelands Local Schools.

Our communication tools include the following:

All Call Alert System:

If your telephone number or custodial information has changed, please update your contact information through our online oneview parent portal at: <https://firelands.esvportal.com>. You can access this through our Student Registration tab on our website, www.firelandsschools.org.

- If you have made a change to your phone number, our database must be updated in order for parent calls to be initiated.

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 Sayler)

Facebook:

We have created The Official Facebook page for Firelands! Like us at **The Firelands Falcons** Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons> to stay connected.

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 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.

Web Page Notifications:

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

Blog

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

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

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018 - 2019

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 screening on May 23, 2018.

- ♦ **Grades 1-6** – same requirements as for Kindergarten
- ♦ **Grades 7-9** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (DPT booster) and MCV (meningococcal vaccine)
- ♦ **Grades 10-11** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (received in 7th grade or later)
- ♦ **Grade 12** – Grades 10-11 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!

Lorain County Public Health, 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 is now offering immunizations (also known as vaccines) Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with evening hours throughout the month. A full vaccine clinic schedule is available at www.LorainCountyHealth.com. Appointments are encouraged, although walk-ins are accepted. Call **440-284-3206** for information or to make an appointment for both 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 2nd dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

Welcome Back

It's a Twitter Contest for Back to School!

Grab any Back to School sign! Free signs are on our Facebook page



Take a 1st day of school photo of your child holding a Back to School sign



Follow: @Falcon_Update on Twitter



Create a tweet using #Falconfirstday, tag @Falcon_Update and include the back to school picture



Submit your tweet by posting it on your twitter profile



It's Johny's first day of 2nd grade! Can't believe how big he is!
@Falcon_update #Falconfirstday

Follow the directions on the left to be entered into our Twitter Back to School contest. Make sure you use the hashtag #Falconfirstday

Winners must be Firelands students. Identifying information on the tweet is not required. One random winner per building.

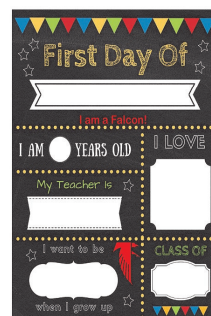
Winners receive a gift certificate to the Firelands Athletic Boosters Team shop located under the Falcon Stadium. Winning posts will be shared on all social media networks. It is not necessary to use signs provided.

Any first day of school sign will work! All entries must be family friendly.

Grade 1-12 entries end on August 28th and kindergarten entries end on August 31st!



These free signs can be downloaded from the The Firelands Falcons Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons/>



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
- ◆ 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.



Watch a Family Movie on the Big Screen!
Bring your family, friends, comfy lawn chair, bug spray, and snacks!

Free Admission - FitWalk starts at 7 pm and
Movie starts at 8:30 pm

June 9th
July 14th
August 11th
September 8th

*Movie selected one week before event;
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Community Park

FIND OUT MORE AT <https://www.villageofsouthamherst.com/park> and on Facebook - South Amherst Village News and Events

Firelands High School Alumni Reunion Classes of 1955 to 1960

DATE: August 25, 2018

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

COST: \$5.00 a couple, \$3.00 single.

**PLACE: Mill Hollow Park
Vermilion River Reservation
located at Bacon Woods, shelter # Two-2**

Bring a covered dish to share and your own meat and beverage. (The park rules state: No alcoholic beverages.)

The committee will furnish coffee and the table service.

The committee would like to invite the classes of 1955 to 1960. If you have family or friends from the first six classes who might be interested, we would be happy to see them.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact any committee member.

Clayton Cline: 440-967-7440

E-Mail: Clayton Cline (tank568555@gmail.com)

Elaine Cajka Maurer: 440-965-4078

Sally Camera Krause: 440-988-7894

Frank Scholl: 440-965-4685

Carol Fletcher Norheim: 440-965-7372

Save the Date!

The 12th Annual Firelands High School Parade of Bands will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Falcon Stadium.

This year's participating bands are:

*Open Door Christian School
Marching Band*

Oberlin High School Marching Band

*Padua Franciscan High School
Marching Band*

*Vermilion High School Marching
Band*

*Firelands High School Might Falcon
Marching Band*



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.

Attention Crafters and Vendors!

**The Firelands Band Boosters are having a craft show and
Breakfast with Santa on December 1, 2018
at South Amherst Middle School.**

**If you are interested in participating in this event,
please email the Band Boosters at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com**

2017-2018 FHS Class Treasurer

(Correction from the May issue of the Express)



ANGELINA RIVERA

TREASURER

Angelina is a member of Tri-M Society, was the Class of 2018 Treasurer, was the co-founder and President of Spectrum Club, and a member of the Tri-M Music Society and National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Falcon Bowling team. Angelina also volunteers as a student aide at Firelands Elementary School. Angelina graduates in the top 10% of the Class of 2018 and will attend Miami University in the fall. Angelina is the daughter of Tabetta Rivera and Steve Rivera.

Firelands Band Boosters

General Membership Meetings

Firelands Boosters meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. Our mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program.

The dates for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

August 14, 2018
September 18, 2018
October 16, 2018
November 20, 2018
December 18, 2018
January 15, 2019
February 19, 2019
March 19, 2019
April 16, 2019
May 21, 2019
June 18, 2019

2017-2018 FHS Graduate Spencer Morrow

(Omitted from the May issue of the Express)



Homecoming

Join us on September 21st at The Firelands Stadium for Homecoming!

Calling all Kings and Queens!

We will be recognizing all previous FHS and SA Homecoming Kings and Queens!

If this applies to you please contact

Jennifer at

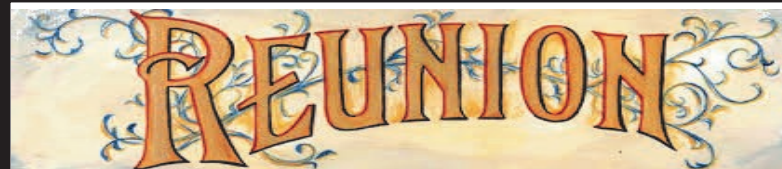
jbutchko@firelands.schools.org or 440-965-5821 ext. 1015.

Save The Date!

Firelands FFA BBQ will be held October 5th, 2018.

Students will begin selling tickets in September.

You support will ensure a FFA Endowment Scholarship.



CLASS OF 1977

Saturday, October 6th at

Matus Winery

5:00 p.m.—12:00 p.m.

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If you have any questions!

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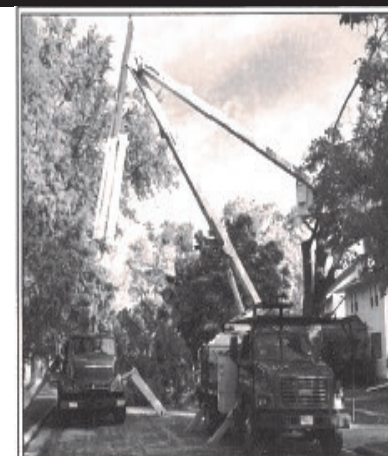
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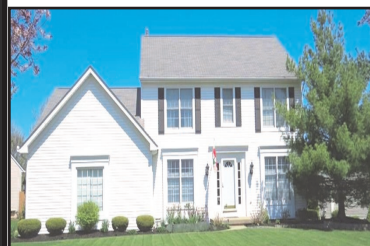


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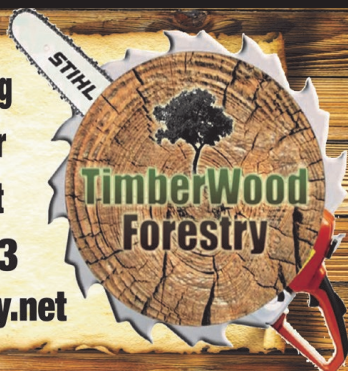
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