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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and our newest Firelands Alumni. It has been an honor to witness your growth in knowledge, leadership, and character. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and look forward to hearing about your future achievements as you set out on this next chapter in your lives.

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JUNE 10, 2017

As we look toward our district's next chapter, it is clear we must address our facility challenges. In April, 650 of our main stakeholders participated in an online survey about our district's facilities challenges and gave us feedback to help us gain a better understanding of what is in the best interest of our students, community, and the educational excellence of our district. Nearly 90 per-

cent of participants highly rated the quality of education at Firelands Local School district and ranked "safe and secure learning environments" as the number one priority for our district. The results showed that participants understand the magnitude of the facility challenges at SAMS and over 80 percent of participants agreed it needs to be replaced. However, there is less awareness about the conditions of our high school. While the high school building may not be as old as SAMS, the issues and barriers to keeping up with learning and technology to prepare our students for college, military service, or the workforce are just as urgent. These next months are critical and leaders will continue informing our broader community about our facility needs and exploring how best to address these challenges, which cannot be ignored.

In addition, over 90 percent of online survey participants agreed "there is a positive relationship between strong communities and strong school districts." While we've had some set-backs over the past year, I know – and you know – our greatest years are still ahead of us. We are a district of diverse communities, but together we are Firelands.

I am grateful each day for the opportunity to lead this district and be a part of the Falcon family. Thank you for another school year filled with so many memories of student, teacher, and staff achievements and awards. We have a lot of work still to do, and challenges we must still overcome – but I look forward to next school year and what all it has in store.

Mike Von Gunten Superintendent Firelands Local Schools 440.965.5821 mvongunten@firelandsschools.org

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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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BUDGET CUTS FOR FRELANDS

Given the State of Ohio's current budget, Firelands Local School District is set to lose \$350,000 in funding. In addition, the district is anticipating additional losses in local property taxes. To counter these losses, we've had to take a hard look at our budget - as the district must operate with a balanced budget. Our plan is to reduce district personnel by \$500,000 - 95% of which will be through attrition, as teachers and staff retire. While we anticipate making minimal lay-offs, we will have to make internal, operational adjustments to accommodate the loss of these positions; however, we do not plan to eliminate any course offerings. Our school district has the lowest property taxes per \$100,000 in home value in Lorain County, and we are committed to identifying more savings and being good stewards of public tax dollars. We will continue to keep you updated about the State budget and these potential cuts as more information becomes available.

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FIRELANDS ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Firelands Local School District <u>will be</u> accepting open enrollment applications for the **2017 - 2018** school year beginning on <u>Monday, March 6, 2017 from 7:30 am -</u> <u>2:30 pm</u> at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst.

Parents from <u>ANY DISTRICT</u> in Ohio are welcome to apply for their child/children. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Deadline to apply is August 1, 2017

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU: YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT (ONLY <u>APPLICABLE FOR GRADES 9 - 12)</u> AND CURRENT IEP, WEP, OR 504 PLAN IF APPLICABLE.

 IMPORTANT NOTE:

 IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE STUDENTS OPEN ENROLLED AND WILL BE

 ENROLLING A KINDERGARTENER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR,

 YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICA

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 BEGINNING ON MARCH 6, 2017. PLEASE CALL 440-965-5821

 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

2017-18 Kindergarten Registrations Packet will be available at Firelands Elementary School and on our website beginning on Monday, April 3, 2017!

The registration process will begin on April 10, 2017 at FES in the main office from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. <u>All Kindergarten</u> registration will be done at Firelands Elementary School until June 16, 2017.

After June 16th please register all Kindergarten students at the Board of Education in South Amherst. Please contact Ms. Jackie Swiers at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1024 or by email at: jswiers@firelandsschools.org., to set up an appointment to register your kindergarten student.

For all other grade levels, parents can begin registering their students at the Board of Education Office for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Registrations will be by appointment and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Contact Ms. Jackie Swiers at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1024 or by email at: jswiers@firelandsschools.org., to set up a registration appointment.

Substitutes

Needed



Substitutes Needed in All Districts

If you would like to sub for Avon Lake, Clearview,

Firelands, Lorain City, Sheffield/Sheffield Lake,

Vermilion or Wellington schools, please complete

the on-line application located at

northcoastssa.org.

If you are currently registered with NCSSA you will

be contacted directly from NCSSA to renew.

Stay at home Mom or Dad, Bachelor Degree

looking for work contact Pam Gamble at

(440) 324-5477, ext. 1113 or gamble@esclc.org

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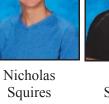


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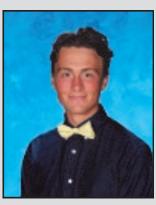


Kyle Wilson





Page 6 **THE TOP 5 STUDENTS OF THE FIRELANDS CLASS OF 2017**



Benjamin Laughrey Son of Charlie and Tricia Laughrey. 4-year letterman in soccer. Member of JSA. Treasurer of National Honor Society. Plans to attend the University of Akron to major in aerospace engineering.



<u>Sarah Slack</u>

Daughter of Todd and Kristen Slack. Student Council President National Honor Society Secretary. Was a member of cheerleading and track and field teams. Plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in Business Administration.

Karli Bukovac Daughter of Steve Bukovac and Christina Reiber. Member of varsity soccer, select choir and is a member of Tri-M Honor Society. Plans to attend Kent State University to major in Biology.



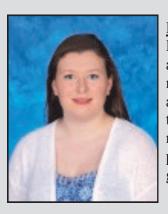
Matthew Brightbill

Son of James and Debra Brightbill. Is a member of theatre, participated in crosscountry and track and field, and is a member of National Honor Society. Plans to attend Ohio Northern University and major in musical theatre and communications, while obtaining an Arts Administration minor.

2017 FHS **Graduates Who Did Not Provide** a Photograph

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Aaron Alston Vjollca Amidi Makayla Bailey Shelby Bender Keith Butler Brandy Carroll Francis Cerino **Bailey** Cromer Isabelle Cruz Tyler Dawson Aaron Dunn II Jeremy Halcomb Austin Hall Aubra Kingsboro Noah Kosztyo Katelin Lapash Skyler Pluta Jace Smalley Jeret Wamsley Louis Ward Justin Welch Andrew Williams **Robert Woods**



Emily Wagner

Daughter of Timothy and Joanne Wagner, and the late Bridget Welch Wagner. Is a member of Academic Challenge, Key Club, and National Honor Society. Plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to major in neuroscience and pre-medicine. Long-term plans include entering medical school upon graduation from college.

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Robert Berkowitz, MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Spine



John Krebs, MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Hand & Total Joint Surgery



David Marsh Jr., MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Sports Medicine



Harkeet Sandu, MD Board Certified Medical Orthopedics Specialty in Sports Medicine



William Stanfield, MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Total Joint Surgery



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Daniel Zanotti, MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Sports Medicine



Robert Zanotti, MD Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Specialty in Sports Medicine & Joint Reconstruction



Ernest DeGidio, DO Board Certified Specialty in Family Practice



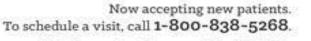
Juan Solis, MD Specialty in Geriatric and Internal Medicine



Marc Guay, MD Board Certified Specialty in Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery and ENT Surgery/Audiology



Sanjay Parikh, MD Board Certified Specialty in Pediatric & Adult Neurology



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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^{nd} dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

EASTER SEALS FILL A TRUCK FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

LEONARD STREET, SOUTH AMHERST TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CALL SANDY 440.986.3461 FOR OTHER DROP OFF TIMES)

WILL ACCEPT

ALL CLOTHING, SHOES, PURSES, & ACCESSORIES, COMFORTERS, BLANKETS, SHEETS, & TOWELS

ONLY THESE MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Dishes/kitchenware (this includes small appliances such as mixers, blenders, crockpots, toasters, coffee pots, waffle makers, etc. NO MICRO-WAVES.) Small picture frames/wall hangings, small kids' toys/games, knick-knacks jewelry, CDs/DVDs/VHS tapes

**Absolutely <u>NO</u> books, furniture, lamps, mattresses, electronics, TVs, luggage, sporting equipment, seasonal decorations, anything that holds babies/children, sleeping bags or pillows.

*<u>ALL items must be in a closed bag/box.</u> <u>If it is too big to fit in a closed bag or box,</u> <u>do not put it in the truck</u>!

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From the Mighty Falcon Marching Band

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

- district all-call system
- online at <u>www.firelandsschools.org</u>
- via Twitter at @Falcon_update
- Facebook at The Firelands Falcons

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



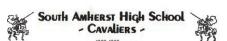
The Mighty Falcon Marching Band needs your help to raise money for new new bleachers and instrument cabinets. The present band bleachers used at the football games are too small since our band continues to grow. The present instrument cabinets have gone beyond their useful life. The new cabinets would be able to be relocatd if a new school is built. The estimated cost for these two projects are \$40,000. We are currently looking for donations to assist the Band Boosters with the

cost. There are two ways you can contribute : Go to: https://www.gofundme.com/firelands-band-capital-campaign or mail a check payable to Firelands Band Boosters and send it to c/o Melanie Caruso 9775 Gore Orphanage Road, Amherst, OH 44001

Thank You!

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Dear South Amherst High School Alumni, You are cordially invited to attend the south Amherst High School Alumni Banquet: Saturday, July 22, 2017 @ 5:00p.m. New Russia Township Hall (Ease Side) 46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin, Ohio Parking is behind the building. Doors open at 4:00p.m. THE MENU: Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., catered by Fligner's Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Salad & Rolls Stuffed Cabbage Green Ban Casserole Dessert & Coffee

A program and music, by Musik Masters DJ will follow. In addition, numerous raffles will be held! The cost is \$30.00 per person. Admission to the dance only is \$5.00 per person, beginning at approximately 7:00p.m.

BYOB - The Alumni Association will supply cups, ice, lemonade, and water.

The Class of 1967 is this year's 50-year honor class. If you are a member and plan to attend, you and your guest are invited compliments of the Alumni Association. However, please be sure to make a reservation as soon as possible. Likewise, everyone should RSVP by returning the stub below, before Friday July 7, 2017.

We are seeking donations for our scholarship program. Please send all contributions to Barb (Stargel) Standen, 915 Milan Ave., Amherst, Ohio 44001. Your generosity is extremely appreciated. In addition, scholarship application forms are available through Pam Pollack (440-775-7887) or Barb (Stargel) Standen (440-988-3505). Application are due back by June 26, 2017.

Harold Dalton, President - 2017 Alumni Board Pam Pollack, Marilyn Wilhelm, Donna Palmer, Janet Allsop, Barbara & Wade Standen, JoyceAnn Dalton, Debbie & Alvin Miller, George McKinney, Jerry & Raynelle Bozicevich

NO. OF TICKETS:

Return this portion with your check or money order by July 7, 2017 to: Jerry & Raynelle Bozicevich, 187 Sipple Ave., Amherst, Ohio 44001 (440-988-5410)

NAME: CLASS:

Please include a few songs you would like to hear on the DJ's playlist:

Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale

The South Amherst Village Council would like to invite the residents of the village to participate in the annual village-wide garage sale. The date will be August 12th, from 9-5. No permit is necessary for this date. A list of addresses participating will be available on the South Amherst News and Events facebook page. The list will also be available the day of the sale at selected garage sale sites. If you would like your address added to the list please e-mail it to: rdl19@centurytel.net.

Parents or Guardians of Incoming 6th Grade Student

6th Grade Parent Orientation

Parents Only

Where: South Amherst Middle School Date: Sunday August 20th

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

RSVP @ goo.gl/reK7gU

Please put on your calendar today.

At this event the 6th grade team will cover many topics that will help you, help your child make a positive and seamless transition to the middle school.

Objectives for the evening:

•Know how to access Power school in order to check your child's grades. •Know where to find your child's nightly assignments.

•Understand the progressive discipline policy used by the 6th grade.

•Understand the PBIS program that has been established here at SAMS.

•Understand our late work policy

•Know how to contact teachers

•Know the supplies needed for 6th grade

•Understand what the expectations are from each classroom and the 6th grade.

•Understand what your child needs to do to be successful in the 6th grade.

•Understand what occurs in 1st period. (Falcon Period)

Any questions please contact Mr. Grude: tgrude@firelandsschools.org

Looking for Community Informations

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 <u>https://</u> <u>ffalcons.wordpress.com</u> 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 <u>jbutchko@firelandsschools.org</u> or (440) 965-5821 ext. 1015.

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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 <u>imtanse@aol.com</u> (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 wellbeing 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.

50 Year Reunion!

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PARADE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM PARADE - 1:00 P.M. - JULY 30, 2018

(Submit this completed form one week prior to date of Parade)

Name of Entry:_____

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Contact Person: _____ Phone #:_____

Address:_____City:____Zip:

Email Address:______Approximate Length of Entry:_____

Please Check Type of Entry:

| Marching Band | Car w/Rider | Color Guard | Float |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Marching Group | Drill Team | Performance | Golf Cart |
| Pet Type: | Bicycle | Motorcycle | Tractor |

Other Not Listed Above:_____

Number of participants in group:

Parade line up numbers and information will be sent to the address above or emailed a week before the parade.

Return completed form to WFHF:Parade @ PO Box 31, Wakeman, OH 44889

CONTACT INFORMATION

Holly Hipp @ 440-574-9671 Donna Manwaring @ 440-574-9726

wfhfestival@gmail.com

David Wilson @ 440-225-5681

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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.



the high school library. Visit the website for further membership information or contact any booster officer for more information. ,, המהוה המהוא המהוה היו היו ה

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