



FALCON FLYER

WEEK OF JANUARY 27th, 2020

HONOR AND MERIT ROLL – SECOND GRADING PERIOD – The Honor and Merit Roll are published to the website, and also available here [2nd Grading Period Honor & Merit Roll](#) . Congratulations to the 328 Falcons who earned this great distinction. Great job Falcons

JUNIOR SAT DAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH – The Ohio Department of Education provides the SAT to all juniors, free of charge. The SAT testing date will be on Wednesday, March 4th, with testing beginning at 7:30 am on that date. This is a mandatory test for all juniors, including students attending the LCJVS and CCP full-day students at both Lorain County Community College and BG-Firelands. Student in the other three grades will not have class that day at Firelands High School. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 should use the day to shadow career interests, or make it a college visit day. The SAT should end that day about noon. They will be excused at that time. Lunch will be provided, but is not required. Students who receive testing accommodations may test that date until approximately 1:30 pm. Please check with your student to see if they will receive special testing accommodations. Students will begin to pre-register for the SAT in class, and counselors will travel to the JVS to pre-register our students who attend school there. Again, this is a mandatory test for all juniors, regardless of what school they attend (LCCC, FHS, LCJVS). Please contact our school counseling office if you need further details.

STAYING CYBER SAFE – Dave Miller, from NORT2H, came out on Wednesday and gave our staff a 45 minute presentation on Cyber safety. Dave allowed us to share with the parents and students, so here is the Tiny URL to be able to view the presentation. It was very interesting, and informative, especially the part on Phishing, which is how cyber criminals steal personal information and money from people. Take a look at the presentation here [NORT2H Cyber Safety Presentation](#)

FIRELANDS SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES – Deanna Watts, the Firelands Schools Social worker, is a trained mental health professional who can assist with mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, positive behavioral support, academic, and classroom support, consultation with teachers, parents, and administrators as well as provide individual and group counseling/therapy. She is another resource for our students and families to access in for the above supports.

In other words, Deanna provides individual, confidential help and support to students who deal with anxiety, depression, relationship struggles, school stress, and other mental health issues. Deanna provides a confidential, safe place to discuss concerns as well as explore solutions to cope with stressors. She is an excellent link to outside resources in the community, linking them to families in the district. She can also help facilitate communication between schools and families. If you need her assistance, please do not hesitate to contact her at dwatts@firelandsschools.org

OHSAA AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY – As we move into the third grading period, we like to remind both students and parents about the OHSAA and Firelands Schools eligibility requirements for extra-curricular activities. Students are required to pass the equivalent of 5 one-credit courses in the previous grading period to be eligible for the current grading period. Students must also earn a grading period GPA of 1.5 or above to remain eligible. For CCP students, each class they take counts for two HS credits per grading period. Therefore, a CCP student who passes three CCP classes would be passing the equivalent of six classes. Anything less than the equivalent of five 1-credit classes passed would render the student ineligible for the current grading period. Please contact Athletic Director Ty Stillman for further information.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE – Students who will be 18-years old by the General Election, on Tuesday, November 3rd are eligible to register to vote. Through Mr. Kirsch, Mrs. Notarberardino, Mrs. Costello, and Ms. Kolarik, students will be able to obtain and submit voter registration forms through these teachers. You must submit your registration to these teachers by February 12th to be eligible to vote in the March Primary election on Tuesday, March 17th. 17-year olds who will be 18 by the General Election are eligible to vote in the March Primary, but not for any issues, just primary candidates. Your forms will be delivered to the appropriate county Board of Election by February 13th (Erie, Huron or Lorain County). Exercise your right as an American Citizen to vote, get registered and be heard.

FALCON SHOWCASE - Come join us on Tuesday, March 10th for the Falcon Showcase, which is student-focused and is a direct reflection of their hard work and dedication. This is an excellent opportunity for the community to see the quality instruction within our buildings, and what the students have produced.

New this year, any student with an existing business is welcome to display and sell their product. For example: students who produce maple syrup, jewelry etc. The students need to pre-register with Jen Butchko or Lori Roemer by Friday, February 14th.

Tables and designated areas will be set up for students to display/demonstrate their accomplishments, all in the friendly confines of the Firelands High School gymnasium.

SCHEDULING FOR the 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR - Upon return from Winter Break, our school counselors will begin meeting with students regarding their course options for the 2020-2021 school year. The counselors will first meet with students in their English classes to review course offerings, graduation requirements, and special programs for each grade level. The 2020-2021 Course Selection Guide will be available for all to view on the Firelands High School website. Students will bring home a schedule request form to review and get signed by their families. Each grade level will have time to review and discuss decisions, then the counselors will return to their classes to assist students in selecting their requests online.

11th graders – Scheduled

10th graders - Scheduled

9th graders - January 28th

8th graders - February 3rd and 6th with parent meeting on February 4th at 5:30 in the FHS Cafeteria

We are excited to be working with students to develop the best plan for each of their futures!

Contact our Counselors if you have any questions - Miss Cozza (8th and 9th graders) & Dr. Zimmer (10th & 11th graders) .

NEW FHS BUILDING PLANNING UPDATE - Over the next month, we will conclude a process called

Educational Visioning. Through conversations with our staff, students, parents and community, we will discuss our vision for education in Firelands and how our new high school will support that vision. As part of our campaign commitment to our community in the design of our new building, please join us on for our second meeting on Wednesday, January 29th in the FHS Band Room at 6:30 p.m. During the visioning process, the district will also create surveys to gather input from those that are not able to attend the meetings.

Notices of surveys will be:

- Emailed to parents/guardians
- Available on our website at www.firelandsschools.org
- Posted on the district Facebook page at The Firelands Falcons

ATHLETIC UPDATES - If you would like to follow the Lorain County League, please go to their website at <http://www.loraincounty8.org/>. 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).

UPCOMING FHS EVENTS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Wednesday, January 29, 2020- Community Building Update Meeting – 6:30 pm – FHS Band Room

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – Junior College Planning Meeting (5:30 pm), Incoming Freshman Scheduling Meeting (5:30 pm), and CCP Parent Meeting (6:30 pm) – FHS venues

Thursday, February 13 – 7pm – Winter Band Concert

Monday, February 17 – NO SCHOOL – President’s Day

Thursday, February 20 – 3:30 – 7 pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 20 - 4 pm – FHS Career Fair

Monday, February 24 – 7pm – Winter Choir Concert

Wednesday, March 4th – 7:30 am – Junior SAT Day – No school for other three grades – Juniors from both FHS and the LCJVS will take the SAT – provided by the State of Ohio at no cost to students. This is a mandatory day for all juniors from both FHS and the LCJVS. More information will be coming in the next few weeks

Tuesday, March 10th – Falcon Showcase – 6:30 pm – FHS Gymnasium

FHS Google Calendar of Events

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