



## *FALCON FLYER*

### *WEEK OF JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS** – Welcome back to FHS as we begin the second semester, and 2020. School resumes tomorrow morning, January 6<sup>th</sup>, with students attending second semester classes. All grades are due into Powerschool by January 7<sup>th</sup>, with report cards being posted to Powerschool accounts on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please follow your schedule of second semester classes tomorrow. Most classes will be the same, but if you had a semester only class, your schedule will change slightly.

**BATHROOMS ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS** – Due to circumstances beyond our control, the back bathrooms at FHS have been out of commission since the summer. Our students have done a very good job of utilizing our open bathrooms in the front of the school. Well, I am happy to report that over break, the bathrooms were completed by the Williams Brothers Construction, replaced the original construction crew due to issues with the original contractor. Williams Brothers came in and completed the back restrooms, and finished little items that were not completed in the front bathrooms. Needless to say, we are elated that the back restrooms have been finished and will be ready for use on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 - January 8th/9th and 10th

10th graders - January 21st and 24th

9th graders - January 24th and 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) .

**FIRELANDS ARTISTS ON A STREAK with The CLEVELAND CLINIC eXpressions EXHIBITION** - The FHS Art Department continues its legacy with inclusion in the esteemed Cleveland Clinic eXpressions competition. Sophomore Amanda Mitchell and junior Jillian Fitz have works selected for the show. Amanda earned a Red Ribbon award (2nd place) with her painted composite illustrating the effects of

childhood and adolescent stress on adulthood heart disease. Jillian sculpted a work dramatically demonstrating the effect of one drop of blood to damage a heart using a needle suspended over a balloon for a Blue Ribbon 1st place award. They join a legacy of 19 Firelands artists who have been honored in this exhibition since 2008. Of the nearly 1,400 works entered from 59 schools only 74 were accepted for exhibition.

The Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education hosts the annual eXpressions: An Intersection of Art and Science. Art students from high schools from around the country interpreted research conducted by Cleveland Clinic high school summer interns. The process includes research and writing to gain an understanding of the topic. All Art 3, Art 4, Advanced and AP Studio Art students selected their own studies to illustrate from a tight list of 15 summer projects. The art students read for understanding, orally presented, conceptually illustrated and composed brief artist statements for their entries.

A panel of art educators, medical researchers, medical illustrators, photographers, media and public health professionals evaluate each submission on interpretation, creativity, presentation, and initiative. The judges awarded four levels of recognition. Blue Ribbon winners receive \$100. Red Ribbon winners receive \$75; White Ribbon winners, \$50; and Honorable Mention winners, \$25. The Firelands Art Department will also receive a \$100 educational grant for producing a winning entry in art.

### **Exhibition and Catalog**

All of the award-winning submissions are featured in a full-color eXpressions catalog of the exhibition, which opened with a reception and dedication on Thursday Feb. 13 at the new Health Education Campus in Cleveland. The exhibition continues through mid-March. The exhibit is open during regular business hours.

**CELEBRATE THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALCON ELITE EIGHT BASKETBALL TEAM** – Please join us on Friday night, January 10<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate the 1969-70 Boys Basketball team, who 50 years ago made it to the Elite Eight in Class A (there were only two classes in Ohio at that point, AA and A). The Falcons qualified to the Canton Class A Regional where they defeated Kirtland 66-57, advancing to the Regional Championship game against Sebring McKinley. The Falcons lost a heartbreaking 75-74 contest in double overtime, coming up just short of qualifying for the Final Four at St. John Arena on the campus of Ohio State University. Come celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the team, and stay around for the basketball game that night as the first place Falcons host Columbia in an LC8 contest.

**BUS RULE REMINDER** – Our Bus Drivers do a great job in getting our students places in a safe and timely manner. Here are just a few reminders of the bus rules that must be followed by all passengers, as developed by the Ohio Department of Highway Safety, so we can continue to keep everyone safe:

1. The driver is in charge of the bus and is responsible for orderly conduct.
2. Pupils should conduct themselves as they would in a classroom, \*except that reasonable conversation is permissible. Horseplay, switching seats, throwing things and similar misconduct is not allowed. (\*Board Policy JFC-R on Student conduct is in effect).
3. Pupils must not use profane or indecent language.
4. A driver may assign seats, and pupils must occupy their assigned seats.
5. Pupils are encouraged to keep the bus clean and sanitary by refraining from eating (candy, suckers, or left-over lunch) or drinking on the bus at anytime.
6. Animals, weapons, glass, aerosol cans or other dangerous materials shall not be transported on the school bus. Check with the driver before bringing anything unusual aboard.

7. Disorderly conduct or refusal to follow the directions of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for withdrawing transportation service to any pupil. If transportation is to be withdrawn, the parent will be notified. The pupil will not be permitted to ride the bus again until the parents give school authorities some assurance of the future good conduct of the child involved.
8. Wherever possible, group pick-up points will be established. A group pick-up is a central place where children from several homes can meet safely for getting on or off the bus.
9. Pupils shall regularly ride the bus to which they are assigned. This includes all shuttle buses.
10. Pupils are required to be at the bus stop ahead of time and wait (approximately 5 minutes) in a location clear of traffic, about 10 feet from the road. Wear light colored or reflective clothing when going to and from the bus stop.
11. Behavior at a school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
12. Pupils must not have alcohol, drugs, or tobacco in their possession on the bus, except for prescription medication required for the student, and registered at the school office.
13. Pupils shall cross the road 10 feet in front of the bus. Driver will signal pupils when it is safe to cross by dropping the hand. At that signal, the pupil walks to the center of the road and looks both ways before continuing across the road, then report to a designated place of safety on your residential side of the road. If the bus driver sounds the horn that indicates DANGER.
14. Pupils may carry on the bus objects that can be held in their laps only.
15. Pupils shall not put their heads, hands, arms or objects in or out the bus windows.
16. Students shall ride the bus facing the front of the bus with their back on the seat back and feet on the floor for their protection.
17. Bus rules do not permit other than eligible pupils to ride a school bus on its routine runs. The rule also states that only assigned chaperones and pupil participants may ride a bus on a non-routine trip.
18. Teachers, coaches, chaperones are responsible for a student's behavior when school buses are transporting students to and from a non-routine activity. The driver will make the final decision in regards to the safety of their bus when the bus is moving.
19. Students may not enter or exit by the rear bus door unless an emergency exists.
20. Pupils shall not spit on the floor or at another person while riding a Firelands school bus.
21. Pupils shall not trip another student while riding a Firelands school bus, for everyone's safety.
22. Pupils shall not punch or fight with other students while on a school bus or while waiting at a bus stop.
23. While at a bus stop, turn around, or railroad crossing, there is to be no excessive talking or unnecessary noises that may distract the driver.
24. Pupils are to remain in their seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.

**NEW FHS BUILDING PLANNING UPDATE** - Over the next several months we will begin 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](http://www.firelandsschools.org)
- Posted on the district Facebook page at The Firelands Falcons

**ATHLETIC UPDATES** - As we enter 2020, both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams are both in first place in the Lorain County League. The Girls are 6-0 in the league, and 9-1 overall. The Boys are coming off a big win over Amherst Steele, who are tied atop the Southwestern Conference. The Boys had their six game streak snapped Friday at Wellington and are 4-1 and tied atop the LC8, and 6-3 overall. Bowling and Wrestling get into the heart of league play this month. Come on out and follow the Falcons as they battle for LC8 and Bowling conference honors. 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 DECEMBER/JANUARY**

Monday, January 6, 2020 – School Resumes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins

January 7, 2020 – Grades due from teachers for first semester

January 9, 2020 – Grades posted to Powerschool Accounts for students

**January 10, 2020- Boys Basketball v Columbia and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Elite Eight Falcons**

**Monday, January 20, 2020 – School Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day**

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**

**FHS Google Calendar of Events**

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