



FALCON FLYER— WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2019

ONTO THE SECOND GRADING PERIOD – The grading period ended last Friday, October 25th. All grades are due from teachers by Tuesday, October 29th, with grades posted on Wednesday, October 30th. Students should be able to see their electronic report cards in Powerschool at that time.

FIRELANDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH – The entire Firelands teaching staff will be participating in a county wide Professional Development day on Monday, November 4th. There will be no school for students on that date.

**Firelands FFA Offering Free Address Signs Through Operation G.R.A.S.S -
By: Katelyn Konicek and Taylor Kenska, Firelands FFA Officers**

Oberlin, OH- The Firelands FFA chapter is focusing on community safety this year and has created a project to help improve emergency response time. After some research, we found that only around 1 in 10 houses have green reflective signs in their yards. Those signs can improve emergency response time by 20%, which could be the difference between life and death. Firelands Ag. Business class has made it their project to help supply the community with green reflective signs. Through Operation G.R.A.S.S., green reflective address safety signs will be made available for free to members of the Firelands community. The first phase of our project is for community members aged 60 and over as well families with disabilities. The chapter is asking for a \$15 donation if the requester is willing and able to make a donation. Donations will help make the project sustainable. Free installation is provided upon request. Order yours by February 1st. Signs available while supplies and funds last. Please email sfinnegan@firelandsschools.org if you have questions.

Help Firelands FFA Clean Up the Community While Helping Ronald McDonald House Charities

- Get rid of those old, unused vehicles and farm equipment while benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Through April 24, 2020, Ohio FFA chapters are ridding their communities of unneeded vehicles and farm equipment. At no cost to you or your local FFA chapter, RMHC will pick up the vehicle or farm equipment and tow it to the nearest auction location. This program is made possible by Telhio Credit Union.

Through April 24, 2020, at no cost to the FFA chapter or community member contributing the vehicle, RMHC will pick up the donated vehicle or equipment.

Community members interested in donating a vehicle or equipment can do so via phone using the program-specific number: 800-332-8201 (use code #OH0088 for Firelands).

Each donation will be tracked to the chapter using the chapter's unique identification number. Firelands' code is #OH0088! This spring, Telhio Credit Union and the Ohio FFA Foundation will award \$10,000 to the Ohio FFA chapter with the most vehicles donated!

ONE MORE TIME CONCERT – The Marching Band will be holding their annual One More Time Concert in Falcon Stadium on Wednesday, October 30th at 7 pm. Come join us as we celebrate our Marching Band for the last time in Falcon Stadium for the 2019 Fall Season. The concert will be moved into the Falcon Gymnasium for inclement weather.

STUDENT DRIVING AS THE WEATHER TURNS – This is a reminder to our students to take extra-caution as they drive in November and the upcoming winter months. The weather can turn at a moment's notice, so students should always drive defensively. Slower speeds, along with more awareness in the morning and at night, as animals will be exceptionally active at dusk and dawn, will help alleviate road incidents. Also, be aware of school busses and pedestrians. Please do not drive distracted and always drive safely.

WINTER ATHLETICS REMINDER – Students who are planning to play a winter sport need to have their current physicals on file with Trainer Joe Menges before the beginning of tryouts. Also, all prospective winter athletes must complete all of their required information in Final Forms before the first day of tryouts/practice. Athletes who already have forms on file in Final Forms will have all of their information rolled over to their winter team, so there is no action required from parents or students, unless you would like to update your athlete's information.

2ND GRADING PERIOD ELIGIBILITY - Students must be passing the equivalent of five 1-credit classes during the first grading period to be eligible under OHSAA rules for the second grading period. Students must also maintain a minimum GPA of 1.5 in the first grading period to remain eligible in the second grading period without the possibility of academic ineligibility. The eligibility period for the second grading period begins this Thursday, October 31st. The second grading period ends on Friday, December 20th, with grades posting on Wednesday, January 8th. Third grading period eligibility begins on Thursday, January 9th.

Students taking CCP courses outside of Firelands High School are required to display their current CCP grade as of last Friday, October 25th, to either Mr. Stillman or Mr. Maver to maintain their eligibility status for the second grading period.

FINAL FORMS TIPS for UPCOMING WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON – For student-athletes that are new, parents need to register their student in Final Forms, and sign-up for the sports their student is trying out for. If a student-athlete already exists in Final Forms, a parent just needs to sign the student up for the sport in which they are trying out.

One last Final Forms item. **Please have your student use an email address that is NOT their Firelands Gmail address.** Due to the educational suite, Google security blocks access to emails from Final Forms, so your students will not be able to complete all of the forms required before participating in tryouts, games or practices. Thank you for your cooperation.

The link to Final Forms can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

ATHLETIC UPDATES – Congratulations to our Volleyball team on a fantastic showing at the District Volleyball Tournament last Thursday. The Lady Falcons went toe-to-toe with #1 seed and defending State Champion Holy Name. Even though they fell in straight sets, the Falcons pushed Holy Name harder than they have been pushed all year, as they have lost only one set while remaining undefeated. The Girls should be proud of their efforts on the season. Girls Basketball practice started last Friday at FHS. The Boys begin practice this Friday, November 1st. Bowling practice begins on November 4th, and Wrestling practice begins on November 15th. All students must have a valid physical and complete forms on Final Forms to be eligible to participate in tryouts/practices. The Football team will play their final game of 2019 on Friday night, November 1st, at Wellington, game time is 7 pm. 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 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Monday, November 4 – No School for Students. District wide Professional Development Day

Friday, November 8 – FHS Blood Drive

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day Remembrance

Monday, November 11 – FFA Greenhand Ceremony

November 14-16 – OMEA Honors Choir and Band Festival at Cleveland State University

November 21 – 26 – Band & Choir performing at Disney World

November 27 – December 1 – THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Monday, December 2 – School reopens following Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 5 – Firelands Senior Citizen Holiday Review

Thursday, December 12 – Firelands Holiday Concert

December 18 – 20 – First Semester Exams – Schedule coming in mid-November

December 20 – First Semester concludes

December 21 – January 5, 2020 – WINTER BREAK

Monday, January 6, 2020 – School Resumes – 2nd Semester Begins

Have a great week!

Bob Maver
Principal
Firelands High School