



FALCON FLYER- WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4TH , 2019

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.

REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE IN POWER SCHOOL ACCOUNT – Students and Parents may now access the first grading period report card in Powerschool. This can only be accessed through your account on a web browser. Report cards cannot be accessed through the App, although the grades that are posted on the App are exactly the same as what is seen on the Report Cards.

TURN BACK THE CLOCKS – Eastern Standard Time started early this morning, as everyone should have set their clocks back by one hour. This will mean brighter mornings. Please remind your students who drive to check their lights when they arrive at destinations. This is a time of year where car lights that are left on in the parking lot.

FHS ARTISTS REPRESENT OHIO IN DC - 56 trees surround the National Christmas Tree in President's Park each year. The trees are decorated with ornaments created by students in each state, territory and the District of Columbia. In 56 schools across the country, students are creating one-of-a-kind ornaments for the 2019 National Christmas Tree display on the Ellipse in President's Park. These handcrafted ornaments will adorn 56 smaller trees that surround the National Christmas Tree. The 56 trees represent each U.S. state, territory and the District of Columbia as part of the America Celebrates display. Firelands has been selected to represent the State of Ohio this year. Congratulations to Mrs. Tawil and our students on receiving such a high honor.

TLC SPONSORS VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE – Teen Leadership Corps is sponsoring a Student Blood Drive through Vitalant this Friday, November 8th. Students 16 years and older may donate, with 16-year olds needing to submit a Parental Consent Form to donate blood. TLC is eligible for scholarship money through FHS participation in the Vitalant Blood Drive program.

FFA – OPERATION GRASS - 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. Interest in this program has been robust, but donations are greatly appreciated, as the overhead to produce these products runs in the \$15 - \$20 per product range.

FFA TO INDY – Congratulations to our FFA Students, and Advisor Mrs. Finnegan, on their participation in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this past weekend. The students are involved in competitions and several Agricultural Educational events throughout the very busy weekend. Thank you again to our Chaperone who help us organize and supervise the students during this time.

GREENHAND CEREMONY – FFA will be sponsoring the FFA Greenhand Ceremony on Monday, November 11th at 6:30 pm in the FHS Cafeteria. Come join us as we welcome our new members to FFA, and celebrate the great things our FFA Chapter does on a weekly basis.

RESTROOM UPDATE – We cannot thank the students enough for their patience and flexibility while our back restrooms have been restored. The delay from the contractor was unacceptable, but our students have adjusted to what is available. I am happy to report that the back bathrooms are almost completed, giving us two sets of newly remodeled restrooms. I also would like to remind our students that any type of chicanery that damages these bathrooms will be dealt with in a serious manner. Possible suspension and expulsion, combined with vandalism and criminal damaging charges, could be coming to any person who damages school property. 99% of our students treat FHS with great respect, so this is a notification to anyone who feels the damaging might be humorous. It is not, and will be dealt with in a very serious manner. Please, respect all property at all times. Always display Falcon Pride!!

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 Alessandra Davis as she competed in her third Regional XC Meet a week ago in Boardman. Winter practices have begun or about to begin in Bowling and Wrestling. All students must have a valid physical and complete forms on Final Forms to be eligible to participate in tryouts/practices. 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! Again, remember that our clocks turned back this morning.

Bob Maver
Principal
Firelands High School