



FALCON FLYER—WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18TH, 2019

SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILL – Firelands High School, in conjunction with the Lorain County Sheriff and SRO Cody Norheim, held a Safety Drill on Thursday, November 14th. The drill went well on a cold morning. We were able to evacuate the building, with over 500 students and staff, in 52 seconds, and those who barricaded in less time. Thank you to the Lorain County Sheriff, and Firelands SRO Cody Norheim for assisting us in the drill. Unfortunately, in this day and age, we have to prepare our kids for the unthinkable. They all did a fantastic job.

BAND AND CHOIR TO THE MAGIC KINGDOM – Good luck to members of our band and choir members who will be departing for Walt Disney World this Thursday, November 21st, where they will be entertaining the masses at Walt Disney World. Congratulations to our students, we hope you have a great experience “The Happiest Place on Earth”.

OMEA HONORS BAND AND CHOIR EVENT – Congratulations to our Band and Choir members who were selected to participate in the OMEA Band and Choir Honors Concerts this past weekend at Cleveland State. It was a three-day event, culminating in concerts from Honors Band and Choir students from all over Northeast Ohio. Congratulations also go out to Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Johnson, who are key contributors to this Honors OMEA Event.

THANKSGIVING BREAK – Please remember that FHS will be closed from Wednesday, November 27th through Sunday, December 1st for Thanksgiving Break. We would like to wish a safe, restful, and happy time with friends and family. Also, please note, the next flyer will be published on December 2nd, due to the short week of school Thanksgiving week.

NO TARDY PARTY – The Firelands PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Committee hosted a No-Tardy Party last Friday during FAST. Over 200 of our students were on-time to every class and school day during the first grading period. They celebrated with donuts, provided by Republic Services, and music in the gym at that time. Congratulations to our students who made it on-time every day and every period. Well done. Also, thank you to Republic for also providing pencils during our PSAT day in October.

FFA HARVEST FOR AMERICA FOOD DRIVE - Thank you to everyone that helped to make Harvest for America Food Drive a big success. Firelands FFA is proud to announce the final statistics of the drive at FHS. The top 3 donating classes are: Finnegan (388 donations), Jones (308 donations), Johnson (92 donations) - and Miss Myer’s class will also earn a donut party with their 62 donations! The food donation from FHS is estimated to weigh 2,300 lbs. According to Feeding America, the donation from FHS has a wholesale value of \$3,841 or \$7,682 tax deductible value and will provide about 1,920 meals to those in need in our community.

Firelands Elementary's top 3 donating classes are: M. Andorka (161 donations), J. Andorka (104 donations), Menzing (88 donations)! The food donation from FES is estimated to weigh 3,210 lbs. According to Feeding America, the donation from FHS has a wholesale value of \$5,360 or \$10,720 tax deductible value and will provide about 3,000 meals to those in need in our community.

The combined value of the drive is nearly 5,000 meals provided with a value of over \$18,000! Some of the on-date food was used to make the Thanksgiving baskets for the 6th grade Thanksgiving service project. The vast majority of the food will be donated to the foodbank that serves the Firelands School District. All food up-to-one-year-expired will go to the Harvest for Hunger program at Second Harvest food bank. Only 170 lbs of the food was past the use-by date meaning over 5,000 lbs of food will stay in our school district!

Thank you to our FFA members and Mrs. Finnegan, who make-a-difference in the school and Firelands Community every day!!

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT - The school counseling department has been busy with college and career readiness activities:

The class of 2023 is working on GPA goal setting to help them finish their semester to the very best of their ability.

The class of 2022 is busy with career exploration: is using Naviance for personal self-reflection on their interests, skills, and strengths; Believe in STEM Field Trip to LCCC; and presentations from Lorain County Community College on Scholarships and University Partnerships, Lorain County JVS on Vocational & College Tech Prep Programs, and a panel with a recruiter from each branch of the military on the ROTC program, Scholarships, Jobs, and lifestyle.

The class of 2021 is focusing on their career dreams, plans, and what they need to do to make it a reality.

The class of 2020 is busy with applying for college, completing their FAFSA, and enjoyed the first ever Application Celebration last week. Forty seniors celebrated all the college applications they have submitted and worked on additional applications.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS – The Freshman Class is sponsoring a fundraiser at Chipotle in Amherst, from 4-8 pm, on Monday, November 18th. Just access the flyer, which is on the @FHSFalcnPrin Twitter account, show it, enjoy the food, and a part of the proceeds are donated to the Class of 2023.

The Firelands Band will also be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday night, November 23rd, from 4-8 pm at Chipotle. Look for the flyer which is on Twitter through the Band and myself.

ATHLETIC HONORS AND UPDATES- Congratulations to several of our coaches and former coaches, who were recognized for their excellence over the last few weeks.

Head Boys Basketball Coach Alan Januzzi was recognized by the Ohio High School Boys Basketball Coaches Association by being awarded the 2019 OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award. Coach J will be given this award during the Boys State Basketball Tournament in Columbus. Each year,

only one coach in the State of Ohio in each sport is awarded this prestigious award. Congratulations to Coach Januzzi winning this well-deserved honor.

Middle School teacher and Coach Ty Grude is receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Association of Track & Cross-Country Coaches for his 16 years of outstanding service to the Firelands High School and SAMS Track programs. Ty not only coaches, but he runs meets and managed league meets in the former WSC, PAC, and now LC8. Congratulations to Coach Grude on this well deserved honor.

Finally, last Tuesday night, the late Coach Jim Muth was inducted into the Lorain County Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. A well-deserved award for a highly respected teacher and coach here at FHS. Please join me in congratulating Coach Januzzi, Coach Grude, and the family of Coach Muth on these distinguished and well-deserved awards.

The Bowling team kicks off the 2019-20 season on Wednesday when they face Amherst at Pence Lanes. The Girls Basketball team opens the season on Saturday as they host Vermilion for a 5:30 pm JV start, and Midview next Monday, November 25th. The Boys will open the season next week when they travel to Midview to play in the DiFranco Basketball Classic next Wednesday, November 27th at 3 pm against Medina. Finally, the Wrestling team opened practice this past Friday and will start their season on December 7th at the Edison Invitational. Good luck to all our winter athletes as the season is about to commence.

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

November 21 – 26 – Band & Choir performing at Walt 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

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Have a great week, and safe travels to our students heading to Florida with the Band and Choir this upcoming Thursday.

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