



FALCON FLYER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2ND, 2019

FIRELANDS HOLIDAY PREVIEW - The annual Holiday Preview for retired FLSD staff and local community members will be held on December 5, 2019. This free event is a way for us to thank our community for all of the support over the years. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and be entertained by our students. Come home, catch up with friends and kick off your holiday season with some great students!

The event will be held in the FHS Gymnasium, with doors opening at 9 am. You should email Jen Butchko at jbutchko@firelandsschools.org by today at the latest to RSVP for the event.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – Linked here is a schedule for First Semester Exams here at FHS. Semester Exams are worth 20% of the student's Semester Grade, and should be taken at the time listed. Students at the JVS or LCCC will have to make arrangements with their FHS teacher for exams if times conflict. Students are excused from school at the conclusion of the final test on each day, and do not have to stay for lunch. However, lunch will be provided, and if students must stay, a quiet study hall will be provided for them. Busses will run at the regular time each day. Here is the link to the First Semester Exam schedule – [First Semester Exam Schedule](#)

OHIO END-OF-COURSE TESTING – Firelands High School will be administering Ohio End-of-Course tests to select students who still need to meet the requirements of EOC testing. These tests will be held from December 11-13, and will affect less than 30 students in the building, all of them upper classmen. The Spring EOC tests will be held from late March through early May, with dates and times published early in March. The Spring tests are held in ELA II, Algebra and Geometry, Biology, US History, and Government. With the changing graduation requirements, mandated for the Class of 2023 and beyond, these tests will be important to earning graduation seals and meeting requirements. A detailed explanation of the new Graduation Requirements will be available from me before the Winter Break, and will be posted to our website. Students in the Classes of 2020 through 2022 are still under the old graduation requirements of 18 testing points in seven subject areas. Please note that the Class of 2023 and beyond is no longer required to take the ELA I test, which was given to all ninth grade students in English.

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 December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the FHS Band Room for our first community visioning meeting. A second meeting will occur on January 29th at FHS 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

FIRELANDS HOLIDAY CONCERT – Join us on Thursday evening, December 12th for a holiday favorite, the FHS Holiday Concert. Come join us for great performances by both our Band and Choir students as we kick-off the holiday season with our annual performance. The show starts at 7 pm, so get here early to get a seat in the gym which usually is packed for this great concert.

BAND AND CHOIR – CONGRATS ON A GREAT TRIP – Almost 100 Marching Band and Choir students traveled to Walt Disney World on Thursday, November 21st to perform at the Magic Kingdom and Epcot. Congratulations to our students, along with Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Johnson for coordinating the trip as an outstanding experience for our students. A great big thank you as well for the chaperones who attended the trip and helped make this trip an unforgettable experience.

ATHLETIC UPDATES- The Winter Season is in full swing, especially as of this upcoming weekend when the Wrestling team opens at Edison. 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, December 2 – School reopens following Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 5 – Firelands Senior Citizen Holiday Review – 9:30 am

Thursday, December 5 – Community Meeting for Educational Visioning of new FHS Building – 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 12 – Firelands Holiday Concert – 7 pm

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

FHS Google Calendar of Events

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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.

Bob Maver
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