



## *FALCON FLYER*

### *WEEK OF DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

**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 this week, 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.

**FFA HOLIDAY CALENDAR** – The FHS FFA Students have created a Holiday Calendar of giving, letting all our students know that giving is the way to celebrate the holidays. The challenge is for each student to complete at least five days of tasks on the calendar. Some examples are: write a thank you letter to a serviceman or woman or first responder; call a relative just to say hi and talk; stop a negative conversation, donate a toy, etc. The calendar is located at the front of the school, and students who complete a task should initial the date of the activity. Thank you to our FFA program and students for promoting giving to our entire FHS community.

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS** - On Monday December 9, Senior Class counselor Miss Cozza will be working with the class of 2020 to introduce the local scholarship opportunities available to our Senior Class. Local scholarship programs include the Firelands Local Endowment scholarships, Community Foundation of Lorain County, College Now Greater Cleveland, and more. All information will be posted in the Class of 2020 Google Classroom for all students, including off-campus students at the JVS, LCCC, and BGSU Firelands. Students may contact Miss Cozza for more information.

**CHANGE IN POWERSCHOOL GRADE POSTING** – Settings have been changed in Powerschool where a Semester Grade is showing as an F. Please note that the only accurate postings in Powerschool are previous and current grading periods. The Semester Grade will not be accurate until all grades have been posted for the first two grading periods, and the Semester Exam. The students have already been informed of this change in Powerschool reporting. In short, the semester grade listed will not be correct until all grades for the semester are posted and archived.

**TLC HOLIDAY TO DRIVE** - Running until December 20th, Firelands TLC would like everyone to participate in our annual Ronald McDonald House toy donation. Toys must be slightly used/new. Bring your toys to 3rd period and TLC members will pick them up at the beginning of the period. A cookie or donut party will be given to the winning third period class. We hope to have everyone help out in support of the less fortunate this holiday season.

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY STATE DRIVING SURVEY** - Researchers at Ohio State University are collecting information about Ohio drivers ages 15 ½ - 24 and their use of media and driving opinions and behaviors. These results will be compiled in a report for the Ohio Department of Public Safety who will share the results with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and our state legislators. Your responses will help us tailor future public safety campaigns and learn more about how people form risk perceptions and attitudes.

The survey will only take about 10 minutes and can be completed by computer, phone, or tablet.

Over 18? You can [participate here](#).

Parent of a driver under 18? Please give your consent and child's contact [information here](#).

Under 18? Your parent or legal guardian will need to fill out the contact information for you. Please send them to [this link](#).

For questions about this research, please contact Dr. Brittany Shoots-Reinhard at <mailto:shoots-reinhard.1@osu.edu>

**FHS CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK** – Firelands High School will be on Winter Break from December 21 through January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. School will reopen at 7:30 am on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, which will also be the first day of the second semester. Students with semester only classes should consult their Powerschool accounts to check for schedule changes due to the semester change. Students in full-year courses, which are most of our classes, should not have any type of change for the second semester. Also, please note, the last Flyer update will be delivered on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consult the school calendar for events over the Holiday Break. The Flyer will return on Sunday evening, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**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 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

**FIRELANDS HOLIDAY CONCERT** – Join us on Thursday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ATHLETIC UPDATES-** 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**

Thursday, December 12 – Firelands Holiday Concert – 7 pm

December 18 – 20 – First Semester Exams

December 20 – First Semester concludes

**December 21 – January 5, 2020 – WINTER BREAK**

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

#### **FHS Google Calendar of Events**

[Click here for Home Events](#)

[Click here for Away Events](#)

Have a great week. One more week to get ready for First Semester Exams. Good luck.

Bob Maver  
Principal  
Firelands High School