



FALCON FLYER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17th, 2020

PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 17TH – FHS will be closed for President's Day tomorrow, Monday, February 17th. School will reopen on Tuesday at 7:30, beginning with FAST. This week is a normal bell schedule week, with regular block periods on Wednesday and Thursday.

FHS CAREER READINESS FAIR AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – Firelands High School will host Parent-Teacher conferences in teacher classrooms from 3 – 6:30 pm this Thursday, February 20th. Also, the FHS Student Services Department will be hosting the first annual Career Readiness Fair for students and parents at 4 pm that date in the FHS Cafeteria. Come join us for career information from over 20 local employers, which will run from 4-6 pm that afternoon.

STRONG SHOWING AT OMEA SOLO & ENSEMBLE COMPETITION – The Falcon Band and Choir students made a strong showing yesterday at the Solo and Ensemble Competition held at North Ridgeville. Honors Choir took home a superior rating on a Class A piece. Congratulations to all our students on a fine performance.

RESCHEDULED BAND CONCERT – Due to the Snow Day on Thursday, February 13th, the Band will now play a joint concert with the SAMS Concert Band on Wednesday, February 19th, beginning at 7 pm at SAMS. This will be an excellent showcase for our Band Students in grades 6-12. Join us at SAMS on Wednesday night.

HELP FIRELANDS FFA CLEAN UP THE COMMUNITY - Firelands FFA is currently leading the state-wide competition! Help us and help Ronald McDonald House Charities by sharing this information & by promoting donations!

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, Ohio FFA Chapters will work with their local communities to get vehicles donated. 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!

TLC SPONSORS CARING CLOSET - Recently some students, sponsored by the FHS TLC group, have put together a Confidential Caring Closet. This means that anyone who is in need of house supplies, toiletries, and food are welcome to take what they need. This "closet" is in room 102 at FHS. This is supposed to be a source for students to discreetly grab what they need. We are trying to help out other students, and in order to keep the closet going forward we would appreciate if other students or teachers donate to the caring closet. Please contact a TLC member for more information, or Mr. O'Rourke, who is the TLC Advisor.

SENIOR GRADUATION SPEECH PRESENTATIONS - Attention Class of 2020: If you are interested in preparing and presenting a speech at graduation, please stop by Mrs. Notarberardino's room or the main office for an application. Speeches are due to Mr. Maver by 2:30 on Friday, March 13. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and be in good disciplinary standing.

THE CLASS OF 2020 – The dedicated part of our website for the Class of 2020 will begin to populate with important information. Please check that site often for information leading to Commencement Day on Friday, May 24th at 7 pm. [Click here to be Class of 2020 site](#). The first informational flyer will be the important date sheet, which gives Seniors all the important dates of the Spring. This is a live document which can be adjusted and added to in real time.

JUNIOR SAT DAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH – The Ohio Department of Education provides the SAT to all juniors, free of charge. The SAT testing date will be on Wednesday, March 4th, with testing beginning at 7:30 am on that date. This is a mandatory test for all juniors, including students attending the LCJVS and CCP full-day students at both Lorain County Community College and BG-Firelands. Student in the other three grades will not have class that day at Firelands High School. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 should use the day to shadow career interests, or make it a college visit day. The SAT should end that day about noon. They will be excused at that time. Lunch will be provided, but is not required. Students who receive testing accommodations will test that date until approximately 1:30 pm. Please check with your student to see if they will receive special testing accommodations. Students will begin to pre-register for the SAT in class, and counselors will travel to the JVS to pre-register our students who attend school there. Again, this is a mandatory test for all juniors, regardless of what school they attend (LCCC, FHS, LCJVS). Please contact our school counseling office if you need further details.

FALCON SHOWCASE - Come join us on Tuesday, March 10th for the Falcon Showcase, which is student-focused and is a direct reflection of their hard work and dedication. This is an excellent opportunity for the community to see the quality instruction within our buildings, and what the students have produced.

New this year, any student with an existing business is welcome to display and sell their product. For example: students who produce maple syrup, jewelry etc. The students need to pre-register with Jen Butchko or Lori Roemer by Friday, February 14th.

Tables and designated areas will be set up for students to display/demonstrate their accomplishments, all in the friendly confines of the Firelands High School gymnasium.

ATHLETIC NEWS – TWO FALCON TEAMS ARE CHAMPS – The Wrestling team won the Lorain County League Championship this past weekend at Wellington. The Falcons dominated the field, easily outdistancing second place Keystone by 65 points. Individual LC8 Champions were 106 lbs – Ruben Pina-Lorenzana, 132 lbs – Payton Burgdorf, 145 lbs – Bryce Keown, and 152 lbs – Donald Crawford. Burgdorf was named MVP of the LC8, and finishes his senior year as a four-time league champion. FHS also had five runner-ups in Corey Newark, Connor Rogers, Ethan Tester, Luke Dempsey, and Seth Robinette, as the Falcons sent nine wrestlers to the Championship match last night. The Falcons will compete in the Sectional Wrestling Tournament at Bay High School on Saturday, February 29th, beginning at 9:30 am. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to the District Tournament at Norwalk High School on March 6th and 7th.

The LC8 Champion Lady Falcons will host East Technical this Thursday, February 20th in the Nest, beginning at 7 pm. The winner will move onto the District Semi-Finals at Elyria next week.

Finally, congratulations to Michael Smith as he qualified to the OHSAA District Bowling Tournament. Michael competed this afternoon at the District in Avon Lake, and is looking to advance to the State Bowling Tournament in Columbus on March 2nd.

All tournament action can be found by [clicking here](#), and then navigating to the sport you wish to follow. Please note that passes of any type are not accepted at OHSAA Tournaments, even ones hosted at Firelands High School. All tickets can be purchased at the gate, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Prices are set by the Northeast District Athletic Board.

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 FEBRUARY/MARCH

Monday, February 17 – NO SCHOOL – President’s Day

Wednesday, February 19 – 7 pm – Winter Band Concert @ SAMS (Rescheduled from 2/13)

Thursday, February 20 – 3:30 – 7 pm – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 20 - 4 pm – FHS Career Fair

Thursday, February 20 – 7 pm – OHSAA Girls Division II Sectional Final vs East Tech @ Firelands

Tuesday, February 25 – 7 pm – OHSAA Boys Division II Sectional vs Brookside @ Firelands

Wednesday, February 26 – 6 pm – OHSAA Girls Division II District Semi-Final @ Elyria (if win on 2/20)

Friday, February 28 – 7 pm – OHSAA Boys Division II Sectional Final vs East Tech/JFK @ TBD (if win)

Monday, February 24 – 7 pm – Winter Choir Concert

Wednesday, March 4th – 7:30 am – Junior SAT Day – No school for other three grades – Juniors from both FHS and the LCJVS will take the SAT – provided by the State of Ohio at no cost to students. This is a mandatory day for all juniors from both FHS and the LCJVS. More information will be coming in the next few weeks

Tuesday, March 10th – Falcon Showcase – 6:30 pm – FHS Gymnasium

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Have a great week, remember, no school tomorrow.

Bob Maver
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