



## *FALCON FLYER*

### *WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**JUNIOR SAT DAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>** – The Ohio Department of Education provides the SAT to all juniors, free of charge. The SAT testing date will be on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 1:15 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 Mr. Maver will travel to the JVS this Thursday 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.

There will be no Block Schedule next week. Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, will be a Tuesday-Friday FAST Schedule day to make-up for missed remediation time for the week. Again, due to the nature of resources required by College Board to administer the SAT, there will be no school for students in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades on SAT Day, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**OPERATION STREE SMART** – South Amherst Middle School will be hosting Operation Street Smart, on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 8 pm. Come and find out how children and teens acquire and hide these dangerous substances right in plain sight!

Franklin County Sheriff's Department will be here with models of the paraphernalia that is out on our streets hurting our kids.

Due to the nature of this event, it is **ADULT ONLY**.

Any questions? Contact South Amherst Middle School at 440-986-7021

**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!

**CAREER FAIR A BIG HIT** - The FHS Student Services Department, led by Dr. Zimmer, hosted a very successful and well attended first annual Career Readiness Fair for students and parents last Thursday afternoon in the FHS Cafeteria. With 20 local employers FHS Students, Parents, and Community members were able to see what was out in the community in regard to job opportunities. Congratulations to Dr. Zimmer and Ms. Cozza on a job well done, as we are already looking forward to next year's fair.

**FHS BLOOD DRIVE** - "Would you like to help? Friday March 6th is your chance to donate blood! One pint of blood can save up to three lives and the LifeShare bank needs your help. Their service provides blood specifically to Lorain County patients, sign ups are outside Mr. O'Rourke's door along with parent consent forms for those who are 16 who wish to donate."

**CBI SPONSORS CARING CLOSET** - Recently some students have put together a Confidential Caring Closet. Mr. Kovi, along with students Mackenzie Mack, Mackenzie Roby, and Jasmin Schuler are sponsoring the 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 these students, or Mr. Kovi, for more information on this closet.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, and is due to be published around the second week of March.

**WINTER CHOIR CONCERT** – Join us this Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, for the Winter Choir Concert. The show starts at 7 pm in the FHS Gymnasium. Come watch our Choir students perform as they get ready to compete in OMEA Competitions in the spring.

**FALCON SHOWCASE** - Come join us on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 – TOURNAMENT TIME FOR FHS** – Below is a list of Falcon Tournament Action. If you want to follow your favorite winter sport, please [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.

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Firelands v Brookside – Boys BB – 7 pm at Firelands High School

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Firelands v Rocky River – Girls BB – 6 pm at Elyria High School

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – (If Tuesday win) – Boys BB – 7 pm – Firelands v TBD at TBD

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – Sectional Wrestling at Bay High School – 10 am

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – (If Wednesday win) – Girls BB – District Championship Game at Elyria HS – 7 pm

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (4 pm) and Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> (9:30 am) – District Wrestling at Norwalk High School

**SPRING SEASON TO BEGIN** – Spring Season practices begin on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Students must have all their forms complete in Final Forms, along with submitting a valid physical to Trainer Joe Menges. Also, all athletes **MUST be passing the equivalent of 5 one-credit classes** at the end of the third grading period. All students must ensure they are currently scheduled for, and passing, at least five classes (not counting PE) at FHS. Students who take College Credit Plus courses must also ensure they will be passing the equivalent of five one-credit HS Classes as of the end of the third grading period. A rule of thumb is this, each college course which is three or more semester hours counts as the equivalent of **TWO** one-credit high school courses. So, as an example, if a student is taking two classes at FHS, they must be passing their high school courses and their two college courses to get to the minimum of five one credit courses for the grading period to be eligible. This is an OHSAA regulation and Firelands BOE policy. For more information, check out the [OHSAA Eligibility Guidelines](#).

Please also note that the Firelands Local Schools require a student to also earn at least a 1.5 GPA in the previous grading period to be eligible for the current grading period.

**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 24 – 7 pm – Winter Choir Concert

Tuesday, February 25 – 6 – 8 pm – Operation Street Smart at SAMS (Adults Only)

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 v Rocky River @ Elyria

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

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – OHSAA Division II Sectional Wrestling at Bay High School – 10 am

Saturday, February 29 – 7pm – Division II District Championship Game v TBD @ Elyria (if win)

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 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.

Friday, March 6 – FHS Blood Drive

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (4 pm) and Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> (9:30 am) – OHSAA Division II District Wrestling at Norwalk High School

Friday, March 6 – OMEA Large Group Choir event

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Falcon Showcase – 6:30 pm – FHS Gymnasium

**Friday, March 13 – END OF THIRD GRADING PERIOD**

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

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Good luck to all our Falcons this week in their events.

Bob Maver

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