



## *FALCON FLYER* *WEEK OF MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020*

**JUNIOR SAT DAY – THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>** – The Ohio Department of Education provides the SAT to all juniors, free of charge. The SAT testing date is this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, with testing beginning at 7:30 am sharp 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 have all been pre-registered. 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 this 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>.

**OMEA LARGE GROUP COMPETITION THIS WEEKEND** – The Band and Choir, both coming off very successful Solo and Ensemble competitions in the last few weeks, compete in the District Large Group events this weekend, with a chance to advance to OMEA State Competition in the spring. The Choir will perform at Elyria on Friday at 5:20 pm, while the Band performs at Olmsted Falls on Saturday at 10 am. Good luck to all our Choir and Band members as they compete for a chance to advance to state competition.

**STOP THE HATE ESSAY FINALIST** - Freshman Ethan Boggs is one of three ninth grade finalists for the Maltz Museum's "Stop the Hate" essay competition. He wrote his winning essay as an assignment for Honors English One. He will find out if he is the winner of the \$500 prize at a ceremony later this spring. Congratulations Ethan, and good luck.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** - The Brownhelm Historical Association is in need of student helpers. If anyone needs volunteer hours the BHA is requesting help! They need help taking items from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor of the school in preparation of their Grandma's Attic Sale. Help is needed on April 4th starting at 10am at the Brownhelm School (1950 N. Ridge Road, Vermilion).

An email contact for Kate at the BHA is: <mailto:brownhelmhistory@gmail.com>

**FHS BLOOD DRIVE** - "Would you like to help? This Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, is your chance to donate blood! One pint of blood can save up to three lives and the LifeShare bank needs your help. There 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."

**STATE OF OHIO END OF COURSE EXAMS ARE COMING** – The State of Ohio requires all students to achieve certain benchmarks on state testing to be eligible to receive a diploma in Ohio. The first tests are the English-Language Arts tests, which will be on Tuesday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Testing this year has been reduced to only ELA II Exams, as the Department of Education has eliminated the ELA I testing requirement for the Class of 2023 and beyond. Students who are in 10<sup>th</sup> grade will test from 7:30 – 10 am on both of these dates, with the other grades having a late arrival on those dates and an abbreviated school schedule. Some 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students may also have to re-take the ELA I test to achieve their graduation requirements, which differ from the Class of 2023 and beyond. The testing schedule for these two dates is located on page 49 of the student handbook.

**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 next Friday, March 13. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and be in good disciplinary standing.

**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.

**SPRING SEASON TO BEGIN** – Spring Season practices have begun. 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.

**ONTO THE DISTRICTS** – Congratulations to the Firelands Wrestling team as 7 Falcons placed in the top four in the Sectional and advance to next weekend's District tournament at Norwalk on Friday and Saturday. Sectional Champions were Seniors Payton Burgdorf at 132 lbs and Bryce Keown at 145 lbs. Burgdorf captured his third Sectional Championship. Also advancing were Rueben Pina-Lorenzana, who was the Sectional runner-up at 106 lbs. Luke Dempsey (3<sup>rd</sup> place – 220 lbs), Corey Newark (4<sup>th</sup> place – 138 lbs), Mason Stanley (4<sup>th</sup> place – 170 lbs), and Ethan Tester (4<sup>th</sup> place – 182 lbs). The Falcons finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sectional with 132 points. Wrestling begins at Norwalk at 4 pm on Friday and 9:30 am on Saturday. Good luck to our Falcons who are competing to advance to the Division II State Wrestling Championships March 13-15 at the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University.

**BASKETBALL CLOSSES OUT SUCCESSFUL 2019-20 SEASONS**– Congratulations to both our Girls and Boys Basketball teams as they bowed out of the State Tournament this past week. The Girls fell to Rocky River, 57-47, last Wednesday at Elyria in the Division II District Semi-Finals. The Girls were a perfect 14-0 in the LC8 to clinch the league title, and finished the year at 20-4. The Boys fell in the Sectional Finals last Friday at East Tech, 46-25, in a game that was close until the end. The Boys finished the season at 16-8, and 9-5, one game out of first place, in the LC8.

**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**

**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. More information will be coming in the next few weeks

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 – 5:20 pm at Elyria High School

Saturday, March 7 – OMEA Large Group Band event – 10 am at Olmsted Falls High School

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

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

March 16 – 20 – FFA WEEK

**Friday, March 20 – A Tradition like no other – Drive your Tractor to School Day**

**Tuesday March 31 & Wednesday April 1 – State EOC Testing for ELA II**

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

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[Click here for Away Events](#)

Have a great week Falcons. Don't forget, the time changes to Daylight Savings this upcoming Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2 am (Spring Forward). That will mean it will be again dark in the mornings. Take care driving and don't forget to turn off your car lights upon arrival. Always stay safe.

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