



FALCON FLYER

WEEK OF MARCH 9th, 2020

SPRING FORWARD – Daylight Savings Time began on Sunday morning, as we moved our clocks ahead one hour. If you have not yet done so, please move your clocks ahead. Also, as a reminder to all our driving students, please be aware that it will again be dark in the morning, so, as always, please exercise caution while driving in the darkness. Also, don't forget, when you arrive, to turn your headlights off as you turn off your ignition. Spring forward, and please Drive Safely. Also, Never Drive Distracted.

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.

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. The showcase begins at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, we hope to see everyone there.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) INFORMATION - Please see the linked letter from Superintendent Mike Von Gunten on the COVID-19 Disease. We take all of our direction from Lorain County Public Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal and state institutions. Please click here for [Mr. Von Gunten's letter](#) about COVID-19.

OMEA LARGE GROUP COMPETITION THIS WEEKEND – Congratulations to the FHS Choir and Honors Choir as they earned a Superior rating at their District Competition this weekend, earning all but 1 point en route to qualifying for State competition in April. Also, congratulations to the FHS Concert Band for earning an Excellent rating this weekend. Hats off to our students, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Wiley on a successful competition weekend.

UPCOMING WEEKS AT FHS – This week is Music Appreciation Week, while next week is FFA Week. Help FHS celebrate music and agriculture the next couple of weeks.

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>

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 1st. 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 10th 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 10th and 11th 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.

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

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY – Come join FHS in honoring our newest members of the National Honor Society (NHS) with the annual induction ceremony on Monday evening, March 23rd, beginning at 6:30 in the FHS Gymnasium.

GRADING PERIOD ENDS ON FRIDAY – The Third Grading Period comes to a close this Friday, March 13th. There will be double-teacher tutoring on Wednesday morning, March 11th, beginning at 7:30 am. Come in, get caught up, and prepare for the end of the third quarter. Good luck Falcons!!

BURGDORF A FOUR-TIME STATE QUALIFIER – Congratulations to Payton Burgdorf, who won the Division II District Wrestling Championship at 132 lbs. this past weekend in Norwalk. Payton will move onto the State Wrestling Championships in Columbus this weekend, as he returns as a 4-time State qualifier, as well as a District and Sectional Champion. Payton has allowed only seven points to be scored against him during his Championship run. Good luck to Payton this upcoming weekend as he heads to Value City Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University.

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.

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 MARCH/APRIL

March 9 – 13 – MUSIC APPRECIATION WEEK

Tuesday, March 10th – 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

Monday, March 23 – NHS Induction Ceremony

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

April 10 – 19 – SPRING BREAK – School reopens on Monday, April 20th

FHS Google Calendar of Events

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