



## *FALCON FLYER – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019*

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>** – Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, FHS will be hosting Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3 – 6:30 pm each day, on a first-come, first-serve basis in teacher classrooms. This is a good way to talk to your student’s teacher about their progress, and any suggestions the teacher may have for improved progress. We ask that you limit your conference to 10-minutes per teacher, so that others may have a chance to meet with the teachers. There will be a map at the front door of FHS upon your arrival.

**NEOEA DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** – Firelands High School will be closed for NEOEA Day on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope that everyone will have a nice long weekend as we head down the home stretch of the first grading period.

**THE DANGERS OF VAPING** – Here is an article from Forbes Magazine on these increased dangers. Please have a discussion with your student, as we all want them to be safe from the harmful effects of this dangerous activity. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/lisettevoytko/2019/09/27/13th-vaping-related-death-reported-total-number-of-cases-increases-52/#287d44596ddf>

**SENIOR GRADUATION ORDERS** – Jostens was here on Thursday to meet with the Seniors about Senior Year Graduation Orders. From announcements, to grad gear, to the most important item, Caps and Gowns, Jostens gave all Seniors Graduation packets at the meeting on Thursday. They will be returning to FHS on Tuesday during lunch periods to take any early graduation orders. There will also be a dedicated FHS Class of 2020 Website from Jostens, which will not be active until next week. The website will be linked on the FHS Website, and placed in the weekly Flyer update. Students at the JVS will have a separate meeting with Jostens in November, and have their Caps and Gowns delivered to them at the JVS. FHS Caps and Gowns will be delivered in the spring.

**MEAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION** -An updated meal assistance application must be filled out every school year if you wish to receive or continue with benefits. We have an online portal which is the preferred method. You can complete an application at <http://www.payschoolscentral.com>. Direct Certification letters must be signed and returned to waive instructional school fees, do not fill out an application. A paper application can be printed from the Food Service tab on the school website or each school office has paper applications available. If your child received meal assistance last year that status will roll over until Sept. 30th if a new application has not been received. On Sept 30th the meal status will automatically change to denied if an updated application is not received.

### **Online payments / Account payments**

Online payments can be made at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). This site can also be used for the reporting system to view what your child has purchased as well. The reports can be seen at no cost to you. There is a small convenience fee to use for online payments.

**FHS TRIP TO SPAIN ENROLLMENT ENDS OF OCTOBER 31** - The spring break 2020 study trip to Spain is now enrolling through the end of October. Current FHS juniors and seniors who have studied Spanish language or upper-level Art and their parents are invited to join the group. Take a look at the tour at <http://www.eftours.com> Search for "Madrid and Andalusia". We plan on departing April 10 and returning April 19, 2020. Students can join the Google Classroom page to access more information about this EF Tours trip at class code - jfub2i.

A price increase is coming October 1. You can lock in the September price by enrolling before the annual Oct. 1 increase. An in-depth meeting for interested students is being held Wed. Oct. 2 from 8:15-9:00am in FHS room 104 (art). Mrs. Tawil will hold an informational meeting for parents on Wed. Oct. 2 during parent-teacher conferences at 6:30pm in room 104. A second parent-teacher conference night is Thur. Oct. 10 for follow-up. Contact Group Leader Laura Tawil, FHS art teacher for more information at [ltawil@firelandsschools.org](mailto:ltawil@firelandsschools.org).

**PSAT TESTING AT FHS** – All FHS Freshman and Sophomores, and 75 Juniors who have signed up will be taking the PSAT test at FHS on **Wednesday morning, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 7:30 am. This is a mandatory day of school for all Freshman and Sophomores, and the 75 Juniors who have signed up for the test. The PSAT 9 is a great personal assessment tool for 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and the PSAT/NMSQT for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders is an excellent tool to prepare for the PSAT and to possibly qualify for scholarships. All Freshman and Sophomores at the JVS should report to FHS that day, and will not be required to return in the afternoon. The test should end that day around 11:45, with lunch available to all students after testing. Students are excused from school at the end of the PSAT. Juniors and Seniors who are not testing are expected to use the day as a college visit, job shadow, or career/military exploration. For students who cannot get an early ride home, busses will run at the normal time of 2:30 pm, and a study hall will be provided for students who have to ride the bus home.

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM TIP PARENTS** – You should be now receiving Google Classroom updates, at least once per week on a Friday, if you have accepted the invitation to the Classroom. This is an informational email, reviewing things done during the week. If you have a Google account, you can set this to receive daily updates, as a Google account affords people the ability to have more flexibility in how they receive these emails.

The Classrooms themselves are only for students, as they are only accessible through a student's FHS Google account. Please email me if you are not receiving these updates, as the weekly updates come at 4 pm on Friday afternoon's, a time that is pre-set by Google.

Students taking CCP Classes will not be utilizing Google Classroom, as LCCC utilizes Canvas, which is their prescribed student portal for assignments and grades.

**HOMECOMING ROYALTY, 2019** – Congratulations to all our students who made the Homecoming Court for 2019. Also, congratulations to this year's Queen, Jordan Janosik, and King Chance Coultrip, as they reigned over the game and dance this past weekend.

**FIRELANDS PARADE OF BANDS** – Come on out this Saturday evening, starting at 7 pm for the Firelands Parade of Bands. Come see the Mighty Falcon Marching Band, along with several other schools perform in Falcon Stadium

**FIRELANDS EVENT CALENDAR** – You can access the FHS Events Calendar by [clicking here](#) for away events and accessing home events by [clicking here](#). You can then customize to a weekly, monthly, or agenda view. If you would like to have access to both home and away events at the same time, click on the plus sign in Google Calendar page in the bottom right of the FHS Home page, and it will allow you to add both home and away event calendars at the same time so you can access both on the same calendar.

**ATHLETIC UPDATES** –The Golf team finished as runner-up at the Division II Sectional Golf Tournament at Forest Hills this past week. The entire team has qualified to the District Tournament at Windmill Lakes in Ravenna, which is also the home course of the Kent State Golden Flashes. This tournament gives the Falcon golfers an opportunity to qualify to the State Division II Tournament at Ohio State. The Boys Soccer team, by way of their 2-1 win over Brookside, have taken the lead in the Lorain County League by one point. The Falcons have three games remaining in league play. The Girls Soccer team remains in second place, five points behind front running Wellington, as the girls also have three LC8 games remaining. 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).

Have a great week Falcon Nation.

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