



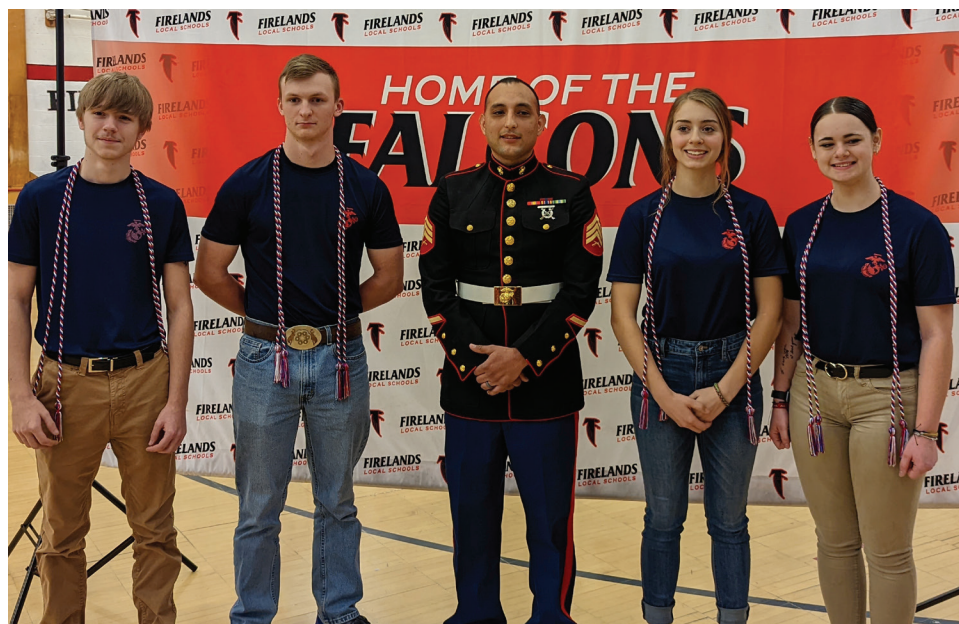
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Celebrating the Class of 2022

The Firelands High School graduating class showed us how to thrive despite all of the obstacles the pandemic threw at them. We are proud to celebrate each and every one of these new Falcon alumni on these pages.

On May 4th a Military Enlistment Celebration was



held in the FHS gymnasium. Six members of the Class of 2022 have committed to enter the military after graduation. Pictured above center, with Sargent Lopez, are future Marines Ethan Krafcik, Robert Clark, Kim Hembree, and Korena Waddell who all were presented with red, white and blue honor cords when Sargent Lopez administered the oath of enlistment. Nicolas Bonness (Army) and Gus Medina (Air Force) have also committed to military service but were unable to attend.

The Senior Awards ceremony was held on April 26th and more information about those honored is on page 2. Pictured above on left and right

are some of the honorees. On the left, Abigail Aslaksen, Natalie Novak, Aidan Engel, and Kaitlin Berry. On the right, Alexis Bower, Aurora Davis, Daniel Oehle, and Jadeyn Ramsey.

JVS Falcons who were honored are listed on page 6.

Tri-M, the national music honorary society, has four new alumni. Pictured at bottom left with their honor cords are Mary Dempsey, Rachael Rennie, Natalie Novak and Gemma Hager.

Our FFA chapter is also celebrating many graduations and accomplishments including those of Holden Harker and Parker Frey (pictured bottom right with

Joel Polen '23). Harker and Frey's Ag Diagnostic Team was 1st in Ohio and they each earned \$10,000 scholarships to the University of Northwestern Ohio.

These are some achievements from the Class of 2022. Join us in celebrating their individual and collective accomplishments!



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Senior Awards Ceremony Highlights

The annual Senior Awards Ceremony was held on April 26, 2022, at Firelands High School. Below you will see a list of the awards that were presented during the ceremony. Additional awards are expected to be presented at the Senior Breakfast at the end of May.

Summa Cum Laude:

Any student having earned a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher by the conclusion of the 7th semester was distinguished as a *Summa Cum Laude* graduate (with highest honors). This distinction replaced the former recognitions of valedictorian and salutatorian. Students were presented gold stoles to wear at commencement. *Ian Borton, Stephanie Landers, Violet Daley, MacKenzie McCann, Aurora Davis, Jadeyn Ramsey, Isabelle Davis, Michael Ranney, Margaret Edwards, Rachael Rennie, Noah Galloway, Lyza Riccardi, Gemma Hager, Noah Robinette, Teah Hildebrandt, Larren Rounds, Alexander Krebs, and Isabella Zvara.*

Magna Cum Laude: Any student having earned a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.999 by the conclusion of the 7th semester was distinguished as a *Magna Cum Laude* graduate (with high honors). Students were presented silver stoles to wear at commencement.

Alexandria Boetticher, Abraham Mastellone, Alexis Bower, Macalan Mitchell, Aidan Engel, Michael Smith, Zackary Hunkin, Gillian Striker, Timothy Jaskiewicz, Kendall Thompson, and Randi Johannsen.

Cum Laude: Any student having earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749 by the conclusion of the 7th semester was distinguished as a *Cum Laude* graduate (with honors). Students were presented black stoles to wear at commencement. *Abigail Aslaksen, Daniel Ohle, Madison Chenoweth, Kate Partlow, Brock Grude, Layne Riley, Carter Janicek, Joy Schlessman, Hunter Johnson, Leah Schmittle, Alison Kobulnicky, William Suglia, Jeremiah Littlejohn, Brooke Taylor, Amanda Mitchell, Aidan Von Gunten, and Jayden Morrison.*

These scholarships were awarded as follows:

Amherst Rotary: Margaret Edwards; FEA Memorial: Mary Dempsey; Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic: Stephenie Landers; Firelands Athletic Booster: Victoria Coggins.

Brownhelm Historical Scholarship: Aiden Engel; Bechtel Family: Joshua Gallo, Daniel Lima, and Madalyn VanCooney; Susan Beecheler:

Jadeyn Ramsey; Debbie Cook Fine Arts: Amanda Mitchell.

Jim Solomon: Michael Ranney; Cameron Greene: Noah Galloway; John & Ethel Lupe Memorial: Natalie Novak; South Amherst Rotary: Isabelle Davis; Marilyn Immler Memorial Scholarship: Alexander Krebs; John W. Hostetler: Stephenie Landers.

Ortner Family FFA Scholarship: Noah Galloway; H.A. Born Scholarship: Noah Galloway; Firelands Community: Ian Borton, Margaret Edwards, Rachael Rennie; Milad & Fanny Abraham: Madison Chenoweth, Mary Dempsey, Gemma Hager, Randi Johannsen, Larren Round.

Traci Johnston Lighthouse Scholarship: Alison Kobulnicky; Michelle Brand Memorial: Kaitlin Berry; Frank Price Memorial Scholarship: Parker Frey; Mr. Muth Memorial Scholarship: Natalie Novak.

Congratulations to all of the hard working seniors that received awards. We would like to extend our gratitude to the individuals and organizations that have chosen to support our students through these wonderful scholarships. The financial contributions to their futures are greatly appreciated.

*submitted by Jennifer Butchko
From the Firelands Blog*

SAMS PTG Brings the Awesome

The South Amherst Middle School Parent Teacher Group recently held a fundraiser with the students from SAMS. They chose Velocity Fundraising's program, Step it Up, which managed the fundraiser over the course of 14 days.

The company built the excitement and enticed students to win prizes by participating. Students contacted adults for donations. Some of the prizes included 4 mini fridges stuffed with cash and a \$250 Amazon gift card as well as many smaller prizes throughout the two weeks.

The culminating event was "A Day of Awesomeness!" Part of this reward included multiple large inflatables that were set up on the soccer field. Each grade level was invited down to play on the inflatables, participate in contests, listen to music and enjoyed a free treat from the Kona Ice Truck.

The SAMS PTG raised \$7,943 which will help support their mission. According to Mrs. Kristine Duke, SAMS PTG president, "The kids had a great time playing outside at the Day of Awesomeness. The funds that we raised will help support students at the middle school and we look forward to becoming a larger organization with additional means of support, next year."

If you would like to become involved with this organization please contact Mrs. Duke at jdukern@hotmail.com

*submitted by Jennifer Butchko
From the Firelands Blog*

(Pictures at left and right)



South Amherst Middle School On the Road

South Amherst Middle School has been extremely busy as we wrap up our last year in this building.

Our 7th graders went to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village on May 6th. Students enjoyed a day of touring the museum and walking through time as well as being able to explore the historical Greenfield Village for the afternoon.

Students were also treated to a tour of the Ford Rouge Plant. This was fascinating as we watched a movie about the history of the Ford plant, we watched current trucks be assembled live and we watched a movie about the future and innovation of Ford. We received many compliments about our Falcons, and they made us proud!!

Our 8th graders went to Gettysburg, Philadelphia and the Flight 93 museum. Students received a guided tour while in Gettysburg as well as a tour provided by our very own Mr. Carlock. Students enjoyed both very much. As we traveled onto Philadelphia, we visited Constitution Hall, Constitution Center, toured historic Philadelphia including Christ's Church and the outside of Betsy Ross' house. We enjoyed lunch at the Reading Market.

Students had the choice to visit the Aquarium or the Revolutionary War Museum. We ran the "Rocky Steps" and were treated to a fantastic evening of dinner and dancing on a dinner boat cruise. The final leg of the 8th grade trip was to stop at the Flight 93 museum. It was a very somber end to a wonderful trip. Lessons were learned and memories were made.

Our 6th graders went to their annual 3 day outdoor classroom at Beulah Beach. Students learned about outdoor cooking, tie-dying and had a lot of water fun, campfires and teambuilding exercising. Students had the time of their lives on a field trip that is often referred to during high school graduation.

Our 8th grade bridging will take place on June 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM and we will have an early release for all SAMS students at 12:30 (June 1). This bridging will mark the last event held at South Amherst Middle School.

Over the summer we will move and open in the fall as Firelands Middle School (FMS) in what is currently the high school. We are excited to see everyone in our new home in the fall. Have a great summer!!!

*submitted by Cara Hutchinson
SAMS Principal*

SAMS Track Team Wins LC8 Championship, Sets Records

The LC8 championship title goes to both Firelands middle school girls and boys track teams this year! Both dominated the meet, scoring in every event. Every one of the athletes contributed to the win and many set new personal records.

New school records were set by Jimmy Berry in the 100 and 200 meter hurdles and Ayden Fortner in the 200 meter dash. The 4 x 400 relay team of Dane Vanderpool, Carter Jones, Kase Rogers and Zack Zimmerman also set a new school record, as did the 4 x 800 relay team of Tanner Tubbs, Kase Rogers, Carter Jones and Max Dougan. The 4 x 200 Relay Team of D'Mari Campbell, Zack Zimmerman, Finn Pruitt and Alex Duke set a school record as well.

Audrey Smith set a new school record in the 100 meter dash, as did the 4 x 800 relay team of Dilynn Copley, Hazel Littleton, Gianna Camera, and Peyton West. The 4 x 400 relay team of Audrey Smith, Jordyn Copley, Hazel Littleton, and Audrey Smith added another school record to bring the total to 9 new school records for SAMS!

On May 14th the athletes who qualified went to the OHSAA Middle School Track Meet. They were the first from Firelands to ever participate in this state event! Audrey Smith placed 12th in the 400, 13th in the 200, and 21st in the 100. Jimmy Berry placed 7th in the 110 Meter Hurdles and 24th in the 200

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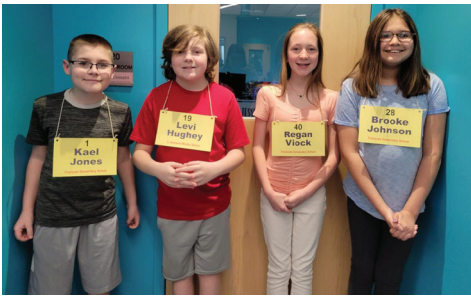
A Banner Day for Firelands at the Special Olympics

For a complete story see the Firelands Blog for May 19th.

The link can be found on the Firelands website, www.firelandsschools.org.



Firelands Elementary School - End of Year News & Updates



Lorain County Spelling Bee

Gavin Dziubek, Madison Robenolt, Jack Wotton and Liam Wagner represented Firelands Local School District on May 5th at the 3rd and 4th Grade Lorain County Spelling Bee. The students competed at Northwood Middle School in Elyria with 42 students total. All students made it past the first round. They did a fantastic job representing FES at the Spelling Bee.

Kael Jones, Levi Hughey, Brooke Johnson, and Regan Vioc represented Firelands Local School District on May 12th at the 5th and 6th Grade Lorain County Spelling Bee. These students also competed at Northwood Middle School in Elyria with 45 students total. Levi made it through the first two rounds, Brooke and Regan made it to round 4, and Kael made it to round 6! We are so proud of them!

Mock Trial Experience

Students in Mrs. Dempsey's 5th grade gifted ELA class participated in a mock trial experience, hosted by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County Gifted

Department, on Tuesday, May 10th. The event was held virtually on Zoom, with judges from the Lorain County Justice Center presiding over the trials. Gifted classes in grades 5 through 8 from several local school districts participated in this valuable learning opportunity.

Students worked hard to learn courtroom terminology, the parts of a trial, how to question a witness through both direct and cross examination, discovering and supporting facts and evidence, public speaking, and more! Magistrate Adam Bryda of the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office visited FES in April and worked closely with students to prepare for their trial.

In the virtual courtroom, students played their roles as defense attorneys and witnesses in a criminal trial that involved

arson charges. The defense attorneys confidently questioned witnesses on both direct and cross examination, which demanded listening closely for details, critical thinking, and their ability to think on their feet. The bailiff showed his leadership skills as he took charge of the process and also swore in each witness.

What a rewarding way to learn about our judicial system and also about future career possibilities!

Fun Run Fundraiser

The FES PTG and principals partnered with Boosterthon to conduct a fundraiser event that was a wonderful event for our students. A Fun Run was held on Friday, May 13 for our students. All were able to participate and were outside for approximately



one hour completing laps on the designated track. They were cheered on and supported by classmates, staff members and PTG volunteers. It was a super motivating and fun experience for all! The money that was raised will be used to support our PTG and building needs. Thank you to all that contributed!

Career Exploration

An important role of school counselors is delivering programs that have an impact on student growth academically, socially, emotionally, and in exploring future careers. FES School Counselor, Christian Conner, has been working with 3rd and 4th grade students on career exploration and education through social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons. She has been working with students to discuss how their interests, passions, skills, and goals relate to careers. Miss Conner worked with students to determine their preferred "career clusters" and 3rd and 4th graders explored some of the jobs/careers that align with their designated cluster!



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Congratulations Firelands High School Class of 2022!

Firelands Alma Mater
For Firelands, our Alma Mater
The Falcon will fly high;

Our Faith in you will stand strong,
Will guide us on our way,
For Firelands High School Honor

We always will be true;
Allegiance we will pledge thee
For all our lifetime through



**Devan
Adkins**



**Max
Anderson**



**Abigail
Aslaksen**



**Alyssa
Baker**



**Connor
Bates**



**Emily
Bennett**



**Kaitlin
Berry**



**Christopher
Berthold**



**Collin
Berthold**



**Kaleb
Blainey**



**Alexandria
Boetticher**



**Nicholas
Bonness**



**Ian
Borton**



**Alexis
Bower**



**Hannah
Brandt**



**Jordan
Brock**



**Olyvia
Butler**



**Madison
Chenoweth**



**Noah
Cibroski**



**Jordan
Cikalo**



**Robert
Clark**



**Kaden
Clay**



**Victoria
Coggins**



**Austin
Copen**



**Connor
Cordy**



**Alyssa
Cornwell**



**Luke
Costello**



**Gwennyth
Crain**

Firelands High School Fight Song:
O come on Firelands "fite" for Victory
O come on Falcons you're the team for me
Fight for victory, "fite" for Fame and glory

"Fite" for Falcons Red and White.
We're with you now
and every game you play, boys
Whether it's home or far away

So come on Red and White
Show us your Firelands "fite"
O come on Firelands Falcons - "Fite"!

I AM
LCJVS

Success!



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Firelands
Class of 2023

**William
Hasley**

LCJVS Cybersecurity
and Networking

IT Summer Intern at
Firelands School District

JVS Celebrates Falcon Grads

May is a special month in education. A month filled with celebrations. For Lorain County JVS the month was filled with special events like Career Tech Signing Day, Outstanding Senior Breakfast, National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Scholarship Ceremony, and Senior Recognition.

Numerous Firelands students took part in all of these events. They are listed by event below.

Career Tech Signing Day

Aiden Harker, and Mason Hickman, Precision Machine Technology seniors, signed with Bettcher Industries, Inc.

Outstanding Senior Breakfast

Alison Kobulnicky, Sports, Health and Fitness Technology; Kacey Meredith, Job Training

Program; Jason Milks, Welding and Fabrication; and Michael Smith, Project Lead the Way Engineering.

National Technical Honor Society

Izeck Manges, Industrial Electricity junior, first-year member.

Scholarship Ceremony

Victoria Coggins, Teacher Education Exploration senior, is the recipient of the Janet McMinn Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Victoria with study early childhood education at Ohio University this fall.

Congratulations to all of these students!

*submitted by Cheryl Fridenstine
PR & Marketing Coordinator
Lorain County Joint Vocational School*



Izeck Manges, LCJVS Industrial Electricity junior, receives his first-year National Technical Honor Society certificate from Dr. Glenn Faircloth, Lorain County JVS superintendent.

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Congratulations Firelands High School Class of 2022!



**Violet
Daley**



**Aurora
Davis**



**Ethan
Davis**



**Isabelle
Davis**



**Mary
Dempsey**



**Evin
Denney**



**Morgan
DiCesare**



**Jadeyn
Dickel**



**Caden
Domin**



**Caitlin
Eckman**



**Margaret
Edwards**



**Aidan
Engel**



**Riiley
Etherton**



**Parker
Frey**



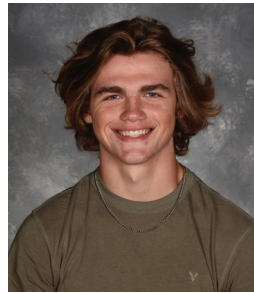
**Noah
Galloway**



**Gabriel
Gargasz**



**Gavin
Gede**



**Gavin
Gifford**



**Brock
Grude**



**Jayden
Gurchik**



**Gemma
Hager**



**Caleb
Hamilton**



**Vlad
Hamilton**



**Aiden
Harker**



**Jackson
Hartung**



**Kimberly
Hembree**



**Mason
Hickman**



**Teah
Hildebrandt**



**Austin
Hoyt**



**Zackary
Hunkin**



**Matthew
Huston**



**Carter
Janicek**



**Timothy
Jaskiewicz**



**Randi
Johannsen**



**Hunter
Johnson**

FES, from p. 4



End of Year Celebrations

The 2021-2022 school year wrapped up with an abundance of activities to celebrate our students and their accomplishments. Students were recognized for demonstrating expected behaviors throughout the school year.

Some of those celebrations were based on Class Dojo and students following through with the building PBIS expectations. Those that required zero reminders through Class Dojo were treated to a snow cone and the top 5 Dojo earners in each class were rewarded with a dance party.

Other celebrations were planned for our 5th graders as they spent their last days at FES. One celebration was a kickball game (or volleyball depending on the weather) against staff members. Players were selected so that each 5th grade homeroom was represented.

We also held the 5th grade Bridging Ceremony on June 1st. This was such a fine way to say good-bye to our fifth graders and send them with well wishes next door to the new Firelands Middle School.

Special Olympics

Friday May 13th, 2022

Firelands students attended the Special Olympics in Elyria, Ohio.

The weather was perfect, the athletes worked hard, and judging by the smiles on everyone's faces they had a wonderful day. Lots of ribbons were won for long jumps, long throws of softballs, and many fast runners crossing the finish lines being cheered on by their fans.

A huge clap out and thanks are given to Jennifer Urbansky for all of her time organizing everything so that the students could attend. Thank you to all the staff that helped make this day one that the students will never forget.

Young Authors Conference

This spring, 70 student writers in grades 3, 4, and 5 wrote, illustrated, and published their own books. Recently those students celebrated their writing by attending the Young Authors conference field trip, where several FES students received awards for writing and illustrating.

Students nominated for Best of Show Writer were June Brown, Ian Elkin, and Amelia Branco. Students nominated for Best of Show Artist were Winter Freeman, Nathan Doane, and Addisyn Bement. Fourth grader Nathan Doane (pictured at top left, jumping for joy) won this category for his beautifully illustrated book!

Congratulations to all of the student authors for the hard work they put into publishing their books!

3rd Grade Tacos vs. Burgers

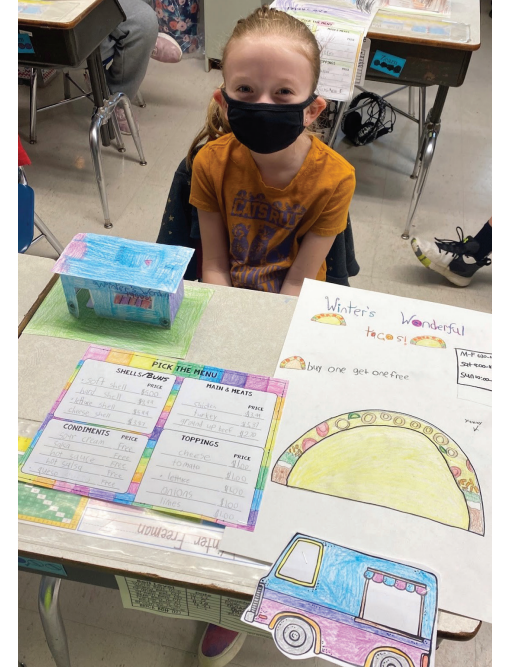
Third graders conducted serious research on hamburgers and tacos by learning everything from their historic origins, toppings, pricing and local availability. They used the information to build a food truck



business, which included actual truck assembling and marketing.

They worked on their menus, toppings and pricing. Then they got busy spending fake cash at each other's food trucks. Top earners in each classroom were June Brown of Brown's Best Burgers (Mrs. Fee), Winter Freeman of Winter's Wonderful Tacos (Mrs. Fejedelem), Allison Pelfrey of Burger Hearts (Mr. Klinec), Amelia Holland and her Seafood Truck (Mrs. Klinec), and Danica Born of Big Tasty Tacos (Mrs. Ollis.) Danica is pictured above left and Winter is above right.)

The culminating event was free tacos and burgers for all the 3rd graders from Vermilion's Taco Bell and McDonalds! Many



thanks to these businesses for their support!

FES Parent Teacher Group

Firelands Elementary is very lucky to have an active PTG (Parent Teacher Group). Parents of FES students are encouraged to become involved with this group. They meet monthly and find ways to further enrich the FES environment for all of our students. They are actively planning events for the students. Feel free to reach out to them to see how you can assist. You can find them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG).

*submitted by Laura Groboske
FES Assistant Principal*



TLC member and Senior Corey Newark is pictured with Mrs. Fee's 3rd grade class. Ms. Conrad said he did an absolutely wonderful job helping out in the art room and the kids just loved him.

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**Carley
Jones**



**Shauna
Kalassay**



**Dylan
Katitus**



**Alison
Kobulnicky**



**Ethan
Krafcik**



**Jana
Krause**



**Alexander
Krebs**



**Alexander
Kyer**



**Stephenie
Landers**



**Peytin
Linn**



**Jeremiah
Littlejohn**



**Abraham
Mastellone**



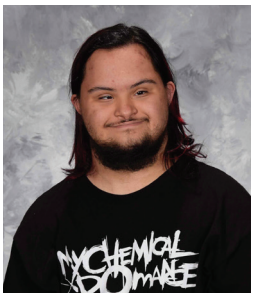
**MacKenzie
McCann**



**Nathan
McDonald**



**Gustavo
Medina III**



**Kacey
Meredith**



**Ella
Meszaros**



**Jason
Milks**



**Miriam
Miranda**



**Amanda
Mitchell**



**Gavin
Mitchell**



**Macalan
Mitchell**



**Madison
Moore**



**Jayden
Morrison**



**Tyler
Mullins**



**Corey
Newark**



**Aidan
Newman**



**Natalie
Novak**



**Daniel
Ohle**



**Antonio
Ortiz**



**Rebekah
Parker**



**Kate
Partlow**



**Gavin
Pignitella**



**Connor
Pleban**



**Audria
Polovich**

Firelands High School News & Updates

It has been a very busy time at FHS with a lot of congratulations due to students!

Congratulations to junior Lauren Valerius! Valerius was just awarded the LC8 Field Athlete of the Year by the coaches of the LC8 conference. During the last meet, in addition to an outstanding season, she finished 1st in the discus throw (107.09) and 2nd in the shot (35-11.25) with PR's in both. Well done Lauren!

Congratulations to Aiden Bokulich, grade 9, for winning the "Lorain County Beautiful Day" Billboard Contest. Aiden's illustration wins \$50 and his work will be published on a full-sized billboard! Great job Aiden!

See page 2 to read about seniors who were recognized at their award ceremony for academic achievement. Additional scholarships were handed out at the senior breakfast at the end of May.

On May 2nd, students at FHS were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Congratulations to the following students for being inducted into Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 6986: Andrew Bartish, Grace Bates, Sarah Blankenship, Caley Bomback, Joe Formholtz,



Lorain County Beautiful Day

Aiden Bokulich Grade 9 Firelands High School

Aubrynn Reichle, Conner Rogers, Lydia Schlechter, Mia Streby, Anna Sweinhagen, Aubrey West and Emmarose Woods (picture below, Blankenship and Reichle not pictured.)

We celebrated our senior students who are enlisting in the armed forces on May 4th (see page 1). On May 6th, we celebrated our students that have earned Honor Roll status for all three quarters of the 2021-2022 school year. Students that earned this honor for the first time receive an Academic Letter and students that have earned this honor previously in high school earned a pin. We had a total of 166 students that earned either a letter or a pin this year.

Mrs. Finnegan took her FFA students to the Ohio FFA Convention held May 4-6. We

are excited to announce that Firelands students received awards in all five sessions this year! The seniors receiving awards are: Noah Galloway & Garrett Schlechter, Chapter Charitable Giving Award; Holden Harker, Equine Management Proficiency, 1st place in Ohio (moving on to national evaluation); Jocelyn Bednar,

Outdoor Recreation Proficiency, 2nd place in Ohio; Holden Harker & Olivia McGrath, Gold Rated National Chapter; Olivia McGrath & Morgan DiCesare, Gold rated officers; Holden Harker & Parker Frey, 1st in state Ag Diagnostics CDE; State FFA Degrees: Madison Chenoweth, Morgan DiCesare, Maria DiCesare, Randi Johannsen, Holden Harker, Joel Polen, and Matthew Schnell.

On May 13th, some of our students were able to compete in Special Olympics, held at Elyria Stadium. We were fortunate to be able to have one of our students represent Firelands in the mascot race as well! Students had a great time and were able to take home some wins.

*Submitted by Cathy Keener
FHS Principal*

One More Visit in South Amherst

South Amherst Middle School, formerly South Amherst School District, was open on May 1, 2022, for the community to walk the halls for a final visit. Doors of every classroom and each gymnasium were open for visitors to enter and reminisce. Alumni and staff of both South Amherst District and Firelands Local Schools, along with community members, enjoyed walking through the building and visiting with old friends.

Mrs. Helen Simashkevich, member of the South Amherst Class of 1940, is pictured here with her granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Her granddaughters graduated from FHS and her great-granddaughters will graduate from FHS as well.

For many more photos and stories, please see the school website and the Firelands Blog for May 2nd.



SAMS Track from p. 3
Meter Hurdles. Ayden Fortner placed 18th in the 200 Meter Dash.

Congratulations to all of our SAMS track and field team members and their coaches!

For a complete run down of scoring and times, see the Firelands Blog for May 9th.



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**Veronica
Prideaux**



**Jadeyn
Ramsey**



**Matthew
Ramsey**



**Michael
Ranney**



**Kyle
Ransom**



**Corey
Reising**



**Rachael
Rennie**



**Lyza
Riccardi**



**Oliva
Ridenour**



**Layne
Riley**



**Aiden
Robertson**



**Noah
Robinette**



**Hailey
Rogers**



**Rachel
Roland**



**Larren
Rounds**



**Joy
Schlessman**



**Leah
Schmittle**



**Abigail
Schmitz**



**Brian
Shinsky**



**Taylor
Shupe**



**Jasmine
Smith**



**Michael
Smith**



**Mason
Stanley**



**Terran
Stevenson**



**Blake
Stinson**



**Robert
Stipe**



**Gillian
Striker**



**William
Suglia**



**Mitchell
Sweinhagen**



**Brooke
Taylor**



**Madison
Tennant**



**Brooklyn
Thomas**



**Kendall
Thompson**



**Jaileena
Trimble**



#FirelandsProud

#FirelandsStrong

#FirelandsGrad

Firelands Food Service USDA Ends Free Meals for All

The federal universal free meal program will end on June 1, 2022. This program has helped many families the last two years and we are so grateful for it. Please be prepared for lunch fees for next year.

Meal assistance application

PLEASE fill out a meal application even if you are unsure if your child/children will qualify. We want to make sure all our students are able to get a free or reduced price meal, if eligible. *After July 1*, you can complete an application online at www.payschoolscentral.com. Paper applications will be available in each school office or at the board office. Online applications are preferred.

Direct Certification/Free Meals

FLSD will run the Direct Certification a few weeks before school starts. This process will automatically approve students for free meals if they qualify. If you receive a letter stating your child/children were approved, **YOU MUST** sign and return the letter which will allow instructional school fees to be waived. *FLSD* will run the Direct Certification several times throughout the school year to catch any students that may qualify after the initial run.

Self-Supporting

Our FLSD Food Service department does not use any tax dollars or general funds to operate the department. The department is funded by federal dollars which are received from each meal that is sold. Your children can get a breakfast and lunch each day for free, reduced or the cost of the meal for those that are full pay.

Senior Meal Accounts

Remaining funds on accounts can be moved to a siblings account, or refunded by contacting Mrs. Judy Baumann. It can also be donated to our emergency fund to help others with meals. If Mrs. Judy Baumann is not contacted about a refund, the remaining balance will transfer to the emergency fund.

2022-2023 New Cafeteria

6th through 12th graders will transition to the new cafeteria. This is very exciting! The cafeteria and kitchen are absolutely amazing. The new facility will have stations the students can choose from allowing them to build a reimbursable meal from their choice of station. The same meals will be offered to both middle and high school students. Smart snack approved, a la carte items will be available as well. The allowable beverage items vary for middle school students. These items will be placed in an open air cooler specifically for middle school and another for high school students.

Lunch Menus Online

Menus can be found on www.myschoolmenus.com, download the free My School Menu app or download the free Firelands app.

submitted by Mrs. Judy Baumann
Food Service Director
440-965-5821 ext. 1011
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National Junior Honor Society SAMS Inducts New Members

South Amherst Middle School inducted its 2022 National Junior Honor Society members on May 4, 2022. Initial candidacy for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is determined through academic achievement, specifically, all As and Bs for the first 3 quarters of the school year. These candidates must

then submit details of leadership experience, extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, and an essay to explain why they are a good candidate for NJHS. These documents, as well as input from teachers, help the faculty committee make their selections.

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Senior Yard Signs

We would like to extend a thank you to the Friends of Firelands (FOF) for once again supporting our seniors with yard signs. In addition, our FHS staff volunteered to place the signs in our seniors' yards. We are extremely grateful for these partnerships. Visit the FOF Facebook page to learn about this active group!

Congratulations!

The Firelands Band Boosters would like to congratulate the Mighty Falcon Marching Band Class of 2022 and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!



Friends of Firelands Golf Outing July 31, 2022

Registration and/or Sponsorship

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Friends of Firelands
Attn: Golf Outing
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If you need additional information regarding our golf outing, please contact Mike O'Keefe at (440) 670-6469 or by email at okeefe24@icloud.com. You may also register for the golf outing by emailing Mike O'Keefe directly. We appreciate your support!




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Honor Society from p. 12

The following students were inducted:

6th Grade: Kendall Bachman, Cole Deitz, Reece Hunt, Layla McGuire, Khloe Meinke, Spencer Meyer, Aaron Powers, Grace Rice, Savannah Seely, Natalie Smith, Nikolas Zagar, Landon Zarelli, and Emmerson Zidar

7th Grade: Amalee Caldera, Dilynn Copley, Caleb Crawford, Ava Dekam, Alexander Duke, Stella Frederick, Alexander Hunkin, Josephine Kirby, Preston Kirschner, Zoe Klingshirn, Evan Meszaros, Mackenzie Parrish, Andrew Pawlak, Anastasia Phelps, Gabriella Rivera, Reece Robinson, Ayden Schafer, Brody Schlechter, Maggie Tansey, Justin Wagner, Mariah Woodrum, and Katherine Yakunovich.

8th Grade: Kayla Aslaksen, Addison Beal, Benjamin Blatt, Gianna Camera, Lillian Chenoweth, Jordyn Copley, Jeanette Crawford, Boaz Dattilo, Callie Finnegan, Lyla Fontaine, Lauryn Kennedy, Micah Lee, Hazel Littleton, Nathan Ludwig, Charlee Polen, Breanna Pullins, Kase Rogers, Alexis Schrader, Jordyn Simpson, Audrey Smith, Brady Smith, Katherine Smith, Sara Smith, Cara Thomas, Jocelyn Wyatt, and Aaliyah Yost.

*submitted by Michelle Radanovich
SAMS NJHS Advisor*

Crime Scenes & Ice Cream for SAMS 6th Grade

Students from 6th grade enjoy a little real life experience using what they have read in class to conduct a CSI fingerprinting experiment.

These 6th graders applied their comprehension skills to use common household items,

story directions and details, to discern a mock crime scene investigation.

SAMS 6th Grade students also enjoyed a donated Ice Cream Party from Sal & Al's for their hard work during the third quarter. Students earned this

reward for their positive school behavior and responsibility in the classroom. Thank you, Sal & Al's in Amherst, for partnering with us as a local business to encourage outstanding student progress and school citizenship.

*submitted by Char Muth
SAMS 6th Grade Teacher*



South Amherst Alumni Banquet on July 16th

The South Amherst alumni board has announced that the annual alumni banquet will be held on July 16, 2022. They will be honoring the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972. Invitations will be sent out after Memorial Day and RSVPs must be returned by **June 24, 2022.**

If you have changed your address, please contact Barbie Stargell Standen at (440) 988-

3505. They are also accepting donations for the scholarship fund. Any senior who has parents or grandparents that graduated from South Amherst High School may apply. Hope to see you there!

Save these dates!

Safety Town Registration for July 11-13



Parents can now sign up new kindergarten students for Safety Town! It will be held July 11-13 at FHS. The deadline to register is June 1st. Registration forms are available on the website and should be returned to the FES office. To locate the form, go to www.firelandsschools.org and click on the FES Link. There is a news article with a link to the form right on that page. Please direct any questions about Safety Town to Natalie Saylor at nsaylor@firelandsschools.org or the FES office at (440) 965-5381.

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7:00 – 12:00 Class Photo & Dancing to DJ

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Firelands Band Boosters Schedule 2022-2023

The Firelands Band Boosters' mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Programs in grades 5-12. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. Our June meeting is June 21st. We will not meet in July, but will resume August 17th. We look forward to seeing you in the 2022-2023 school year! For more information contact firelandsbandboosters@gmail.



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