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National Merit Honoree



Congratulations to Gemma Hager for earning a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program for her outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test that was taken in the fall of 2020.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year.

Of these 1.5 million entrants, about 50,000 qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either Commended Students or Semifinalists.

Commended students are named based on a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is typically below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states. Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis and are the highest scoring entrants in each state. To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and other requirements explained in the information provided to each Semifinalist.

Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. Congratulations, Gemma Hager for earning this special recognition as a Commended Student!

*Submitted by Cathy Keener
FHS Principal*

Inside This Issue: Basketball Schedules, Art, Pumpkins, Donation Opportunities, Open Enrollment, Powder Puff, Raffle, Gift Guide, Bowling and so much more!

FFA Tackles Distracted Driving

Car crashes are the #1 cause of death for young people in America, and 75% of them do not involve drugs or alcohol; most fatal teen crashes involve reckless and distracted driving. This year, the students of Firelands High School committed themselves to fighting this preventable health epidemic by creating and launching a strategic Distracted Driving Social Media Campaign that uses a positive community norming (PCN) framework.

Peer-to-peer messaging is a critical component to changing the driving culture. By adopting a PCN framework—one that amplifies the positive behaviors and beliefs of drivers and passengers, rather than focusing on risky behaviors—students can harness the power of perception to cultivate better driving and riding habits among the broader community.

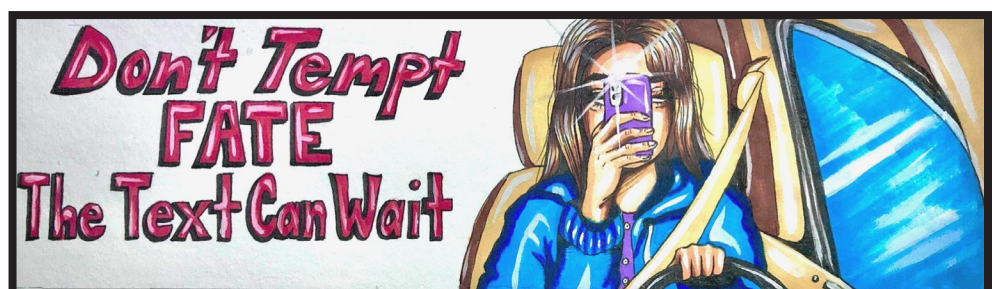
The campaign is part of the Just Drive Contest generously sponsored by New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM), and hosted by the national nonprofit, Impact Teen Drivers (ITD) whose vision is to change the driving culture to one that is distraction-free. ITD works with champions of all ages and backgrounds—from students and teachers to doctors and first responders—to disseminate evidence-based tools and programming to empower good decision-making in the car.

The Firelands High School FFA Distracted Driving Social Media Campaign is an opportunity for teachers or advisors to engage student leaders in the creation of empowerment strategies and

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FHS Senior Wins Contest

FHS Senior Amanda Mitchell won the Teen Driver Safety Billboard Contest sponsored by Lorain County Public Health. There were over 70 entries from high school students across Lorain County. The artwork will be posted on billboards at multiple locations. Amanda won a \$500 Amazon gift card.



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School Board Election Results

Congratulations to current FLSD BOE members Mr. Ben Gibson and Mr. Dan Pycraft and new member Mrs. Ellen Gundersen, who were elected to serve as school board members in the recent election. In early January, these board members will be sworn in and they will join FLSD BOE President Mr. Mike O'Keefe and Vice President Mr. Tom Myers. We thank Mr. Bob Danicki for his many years of dedication to Firelands Local Schools and wish him well on his next adventures.



Open Enrollment for 2022-23

The application process for open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will begin on February 1, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. At that time, the online application will go live and parents and guardians can begin applying for available open enrollment slots.

Open enrollment space is given on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of slots we can offer depends on our current enrollment. Parents will be notified of acceptance or denial no later than the end of March.

Accepted students can be registered online as soon as they receive notification. There

is one exception - kindergarten applicants for open enrollment can register in March with district residents. We will not be able to project the amount of kindergarten open enrollment slots until after that registration period.

More information about open enrollment will be published in the January issue of the Express, and will also be posted on the "Student Registration" section of the Firelands website.

If you have questions, please contact the board office at 440-965-5821 x. 1010.

Grants Awarded to Teachers

Three Firelands teachers have been notified that they have received grants from the Nordson Corporation Foundation.

Please help us congratulate the following teachers for receiving grant funding in order to offer their students opportunities that are not funded through the normal educational process. The grant application process is often difficult, so they are to be commended for their time and effort.

SAMS teacher, Mr. Chuck Latto, will utilize grant funds to once again offer his students the opportunity to take part in a 4-String Guitar Build. Students in his STEM elective class will design and build 23 4-string guitars from scratch. Students will build the box, measure, cut, drill the neck, and add fret wire. In addition, students will design and create original artwork on the front of the guitar body. Mr. Latto stated, "Upon completion, students will learn about the science of sound as it applies to the 7th grade science standards and learn how to play some basic notes from a professional guitarist."

According to 4th grade FES teacher, Mrs. Susanne Scalli,

her grant funding will be used to "unleash 4th grade math students' potential through the integration of creative math, inspiring messages and innovative teaching. It (integration) is an approach to teaching which includes intentional identification of naturally aligned standards, taught authentically alongside meaningful assessments which take both content areas to a whole new level." Her goal is to show all students that they can enjoy and succeed in math.

Ms. Danielle Morgan, FHS Special Education teacher, will be utilizing her grant funding for off-site learning experiences for her students. Ms. Morgan states, "It is essential for our students to go out into the community and learn how to navigate in public, such as around a grocery store, in a restaurant, in a shopping mall setting, etc. Students also need opportunities to practice their communication skills in various public settings." According to Ms. Morgan, "The funding of this grant application will better equip her students with daily living and employability skills."

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Rub a Dub Sub by Preston Dean, Grade 1



Pumpkin Painting by Parker Haponek, Kindergarten

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FHS Students Immerse in Art in Cleveland

The FHS Art 3, Art 4 and AP Art students were lucky to spend Oct. 7 on a field trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art. On hiatus from any field trips last year, the students were grateful for this off-campus inspiration to launch their work in the studio this year. Nineteen students accompanied by three gracious chaperones spent the day working in small groups to solve the various assignments to be developed into classroom projects.

Students drew one-square inch of the museum, created

their own customized tours for fictional characters in the museum's "ArtLens" app, completed individual scavenger-hunt tasks for a group slideshow and found inspiration for self-portraits or their AP portfolio sustained investigations.

The museum staff were so happy to see students in the museum again and complemented their focus and behavior. Transportation was paid for by the Nord Family Fund through the museum.

*submitted by Laura Tawil
FHS Art Teacher*



FHS students in the courtyard of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Firelands Community Giving Opportunities

One of the hallmarks of the Firelands community is that we come together in times of need to support students and their families. The amount of generosity we have seen these past few years has been incredible. Here are some more opportunities.

FES Coats for Kids

There will be a collection box at FES to collect new or like new coats, scarves, mitten/gloves, hats, sweaters and any other warm clothing for children. Mrs. Schramm will have the collection box at FES until December 15th.

Musical Instruments

We are currently looking for individuals that would like to donate musical instruments to Firelands students. Several students would like to participate in the bands, but are unable to purchase or rent instruments at this time.

Instruments need to be in good working order and would be permanently donated to the music programs. Instruments needed at this time include clarinets, trumpets, trombones, saxophones and flutes. In

addition, we are able to take monetary donations in order to purchase instruments for the students to borrow.

If you would like to donate an instrument or make a monetary donation please contact Jennifer at 440-965-5821 ext 1015 or jbutchko@firelandsschools.org.

FOF Gift Card Drive

Our social worker and our counselors do a fantastic job at supporting our families in need. They utilize local agencies and programs to help fill in many gaps that our families face. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly for our community but during the holidays the need increases.

The Friends of Firelands is holding a gift card drive to help fill these gaps. Gift cards will be collected from November 15 to December 15, and can be for any amount and location. We suggest stores like Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Giant Eagle, Meijer and any other large chain locations near Firelands.

Gift Cards can be mailed or dropped off. Once received, cards will be divided between the counselors from our three

buildings. From there they will be distributed to families in need.

Cards can be sent to:

*Firelands Board of Education
Attn: Jennifer Butchko
112 North Lake Street
South Amherst, OH 44001*

Many of our student groups are also holding drives and making time to support others. Tri-M will have a food drive in November, and FFA will have a

food drive in January.

Art students are creating holiday cards for deployed servicemen and women. Tri-M is sending Christmas cards to veterans.

In January, Tri-M is having a drive to collect food and supplies for the Animal Protective League.

Thank you for your support this holiday season and beyond.



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FHS Art Students at CCAD Exhibition, Best in Show Awarded

Five Firelands High School Art students had their work selected for a statewide art exhibition at the Columbus College of Art and Design in early November. Over 200 works were submitted digitally last spring and less than 130 works were selected this fall for the annual “Emerging Artist” exhibition.

The focus of this exhibition is to feature advanced design and crafting skills and encourage the brightest potential among underclassmen. Sophomores Reagan Evans (oil pastel), Saige Loyd (paint pouring) and Madi Pitts (plaster sculpture) and



Madi Pitts and Cohen Overstreet with their sculptures at the Columbus College of Art & Design’s Emerging Artist Exhibition.



juniors Cohen Overstreet (plaster sculpture) and Lauren Valerius (watercolor) qualified for this exhibition with their works. Madi Pitts earned “Best in Show” in the sculpture category - a school first!

Winners and all participants celebrated with an awards program and reception. The Ohio Art Education Association, a non-profit professional organization of art educators, hosted this exhibition for the first time at CCAD.

*submitted by Laura Tawil
FHS Art Teacher*

Distracted Driving, from p. 1

solutions that address reckless and distracted driving. Students leading the effort develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills through conducting research and building strategic communications, as well as advance their technical and creative writing skills. Students in Agribusiness Management Class have created a marketing plan and all materials and media to complete the campaign. The Firelands Distracted Driving Social Media Campaign took place October 25-29, 2021 and can be found on YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter all under the @firelandsffa handle.

Winners will be selected by a panel of qualified judges based on the campaign’s concept and creativity (25%), execution of the campaign (25%), and the effectiveness of the message (50%). The winning campaigns will be announced the week of April 26-30. Prizes will be awarded to the schools with the best campaigns as follows: First place - \$10,000, second place - \$5,000, and third place - \$2,500.

Thank you for your commitment to make our

community safer by helping us stop the number one killer of young people. Together, we can engender meaningful behavior change that will save lives not only in this generation of drivers, but also in generations to come.

*Submitted by Shanna Finnegan
FFA Advisor*



Grants, from p. 2

The Nordson Corporation Foundation awards grants to non-profits throughout the United States. Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded more than \$60 million to improve the quality of life, with a special focus on causes related to education.

*Submitted by Jennifer Butchko
Firelands Blog*

SAMS Creative Writers Decorate Pumpkins

6th grade students enjoying a little creative story writing and pumpkin decorating! Thank you to Grandma and Grandpa Dodd for donating the pumpkins for Mrs. Mahon’s second period class.



We love our staff at SAMS! Here are SAMS paraprofessionals on twin day during Red Ribbon week: Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Doane. Thank you for all you do to support students and teachers every day!



7th Grade Volleyball Team Wins Conference Title

The 7th grade volleyball team came together on Saturday, October 16th to win their conference championship game. Each girl played a part on leading their team to victory throughout the season. It was the first year playing volleyball for majority of the girls on the team, and they definitely fell in love with the game. It was such an amazing group of girls to work with.

Submitted by Coach Sarah Schmittle



8th Grade Volleyball Team Ties for 2nd in Conference

The South Amherst Middle School 8th grade team ended the season tied second in the conference and 4th in the conference tournament. This team was made up of smart, talented, kind, and thoughtful young ladies that I had the pleasure to end my coaching career with. In 1988 I was fortunate enough to coach the first SAMS volleyball team after the Firelands/South Amherst merger and honored to coach the final season 33 years later. Thank you Jocelyn, Jeannette, Micah, Audrey, Emaley, Lea, Corin, Kayla, Reagan, Cara, Lexi, and Mya! Continue to work hard and to be the best you can be!!!

Submitted by Coach Ellen Gundersen



South Amherst Middle School News & Updates

South Amherst Middle School students are engaged in their studies and cruising through the second quarter! Our Positive Behavior Supports Team (PBIS) is continuing their first goal through November. They are working on guiding and supporting students through using their agendas on a daily basis.

Winter athletics are underway and students have been practicing and playing hard in basketball and wrestling. Both the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams

defeated Clearview on November 5th, Oberlin on November 9th and Wellington on November 12th. The boys basketball teams begin their season on January 5th. The wrestling team has their first meet on December 18th. Schedules are online at firelandsathletics.org.

The SAMS new student breakfast was held on Friday, November 12th. Students were served bacon and waffles and shared time together. We discussed what they liked and what was different about SAMS than their other schools. The first

band concert of the year was held on November 17th.

We had a speaker on November 16th to work with students on Perseverance. Brad Hurtig shared his powerful message about overcoming obstacles. As a teen, he lost both hands yet still was able to excel in football. His message "Find A Way" helps students figure out how to move past adversity and succeed. Thank you to our guidance department for setting this up!

We are already thinking about Spring as all three grade

levels are taking a trip this May. Our 8th graders are planning on a May 11-13 trip to Philadelphia. 6th graders are planning on Beulah Beach May 23-25. Information will come out in the future for parents regarding this trip. 7th grade is also planning on taking a trip. They will be going to the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan on May 6th.

*Submitted by
Cara M. Hutchinson, Principal*

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Firelands High School News & Updates

The Effective Leadership Academy has been coming in to work with freshman every Monday since the start of the school year to help bridge the gap between middle school and high school. They just finished up the last session and will be back two more times before the end of the year for additional follow up. The Transitions model helps students prepare to navigate a new environment, realize the importance of first impressions and presentation of self, learn to become an Iconoclastic thinker, have a deeper understanding of who they are, recognize learning styles to become an effective learner and application of new found negotiating skills for a win-win outcome.

We completed PSAT Testing on October 13th. The freshman took the PSAT 8/9, the sophomores took the PSAT/NMSQT along with a group of juniors. The PSAT test is designed to help students prepare for the SAT, college, and careers. Studies show that students that take the PSAT do better on the SAT. Data from



the PSAT can be used to help students prepare for the SAT test, taken in the spring of junior year, by giving students and families specific information about individual student strengths and weaknesses. This is also the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship Recognition.

Thank you to the Friends of Firelands for the senior rally t-shirts. Every senior was able to receive a shirt. The students were very grateful for this generous donation. Rodd Torbert, our Jostens rep, met with the sophomores about class rings and the seniors about graduation items in October. A rep returned to take orders during lunches the following week. Students that have not yet ordered class rings or graduation items can still do so online through the Jostens website.

We are excited for new course offerings for next year at the high school. We



are looking to add Robotics, more 3D printing and design, TV production, as well as enhance our current Design Principles class. These courses will be taught out of the production lab in the new building. We are excited that we can share staff between the middle school and high school to maximize the teaching potential of our staff.

Our choir and band performed their Fall concerts and are getting ready for their annual combined Holiday concert. The Holiday concert will be on December 14th in the high school gym.

The Teen Leadership Corps hosted a Powderpuff football game held in the stadium after the end of the football season. Members of the football team acted as coaches and cheerleaders, while the girls played. The seniors won against the underclassmen. We would like to do this again next year, making it a new

Firelands tradition.

The Firelands TLC is also hosting a Blood Drive next month. This is an important project that the students are excited to continue. The Red Cross has recently been experiencing blood shortages, making the act of donating blood even more critical.

The Firelands FFA held their Greenhand Ceremony on November 18th. In order to obtain a Greenhand Degree, members must complete a set of requirements. They must be enrolled in an agricultural education class and have plans for an SAE. They must learn and explain the

FFA Creed, Motto, Salute, and Mission Statement. They must demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket. They must show they know the history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.

*submitted by Cathy Keener
FHS Principal*



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Firelands Elementary School News & Updates



Pumpkin Activity for 1st Grade

During this season of thanks, the first graders at FES are thankful for Schlechter Brothers Country Harvest! Over the years, the Schlechter family has generously donated pumpkins for each and every first grader at FES with the intention that they are used to strengthen math skills and conduct science experiments. The students had fun measuring the height and circumference of their pumpkins as well as conducting an experiment to see if they sink or float. A great time was had by all! If you are interested in supporting the Schlechter Brothers Country Harvest Market, they are located at 51593 St. Rt. 113, Amherst, just north of FES. They will be open until late November and offer fresh seasonal produce, pies, and homegrown pork and beef. Check them out on Facebook for further details. Thank you Schlechter family!

FES 4th Grade Winter Concert

Mrs. Woods and the FES fourth graders are excited to announce that they will be able to have a concert showcasing their vocal talents. This will be held on December 16th at FES and is titled "Snowflakes Falling." Guests will be limited, but the performance will be streamed for viewing by family and friends. If

you know a fourth grader, please take the time to wish them luck on their upcoming show.

SHINE Program Returns

In late October, FES was able to welcome back volunteers for the SHINE program. We are so excited to have these individuals back in the building. The SHINE program is initiated by volunteers from a local organization that are interested in reading with our students in order to provide them with



more of an opportunity to be exposed to text and to practice their reading skills. Students that participate were selected by teachers and are excited to meet with their assigned volunteer weekly. We are thrilled to have this partnership.



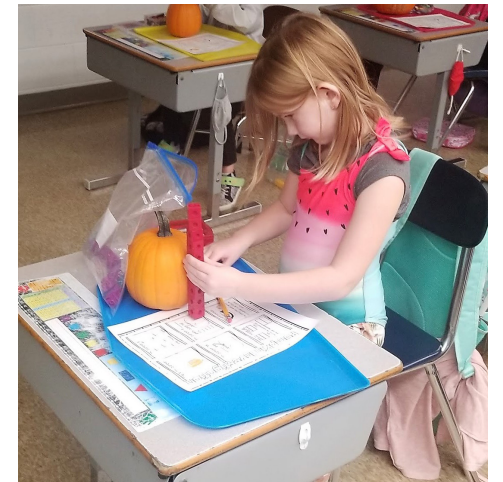
Falcon Friends

Mrs. Fejedelem's third grade class and Miss Gasparini's kindergarten class get together once a month for Falcon Friends. Falcon Friends is a time where third graders and kindergarteners partner up to learn and grow together throughout the year. During Falcon Friends, the possibilities are endless!

In October, the two classes got together to complete fun Fall themed STEM activities. The third graders and kindergarteners worked together to build towers using toothpicks, marshmallows and candy corn, used spoon catapults to launch candy pumpkins at a target, observed baking soda

pumpkins react in vinegar and even witnessed a carved pumpkin erupt with elephant toothpaste! Mrs. Mitchell, a retired Firelands teacher, came to participate in the fun and help. This time together provided students with the opportunity to form hypothesis, create and execute building designs, and collaborate. The students had so much fun with their partners and look forward to the next Falcon Friend activities!

FES PTG



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.

Their next meeting will be December 2 at 6:00 pm. Feel free to reach out to them to see how you can assist and hear more about how you can be involved during the 2021-2022 school year!

You can find them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG) or on Twitter (@FESPTG).

*submitted by Laura Groboske
FES Assistant Principal*

Upcoming FES Important Dates

COSI on Wheels will be at FES for students on November 22-23.

No school for students on November 24-26.

Not Forgotten Box Toy Collection will be December 6-17.

PTG Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, December 10 - time TBA.

PTG Santa Shop is scheduled for December 13-17.

*Students will be able to shop during their scheduled Library class.

4th Grade Winter Concert will be December 16 with limited guests.

Classroom Winter Parties are held on the afternoon of December 21.

No school for staff and students December 22 - January 2.

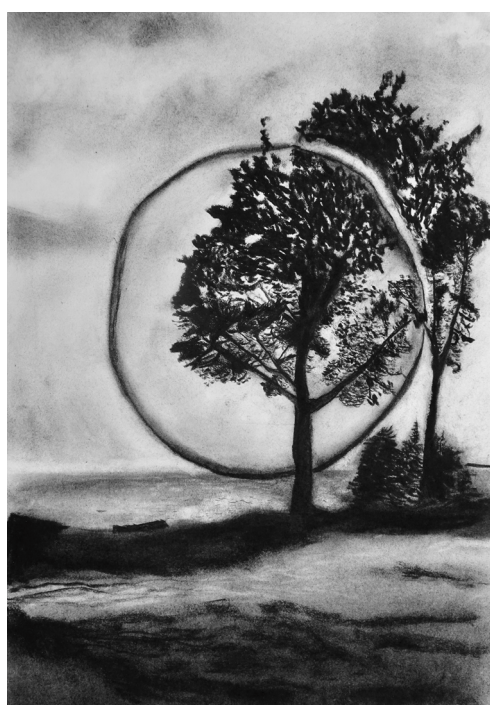
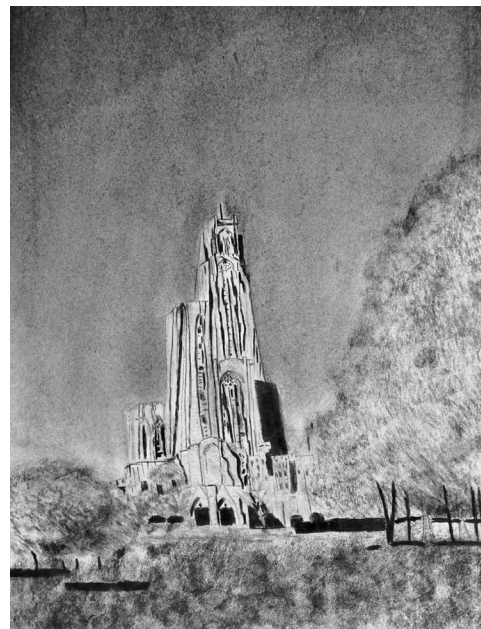
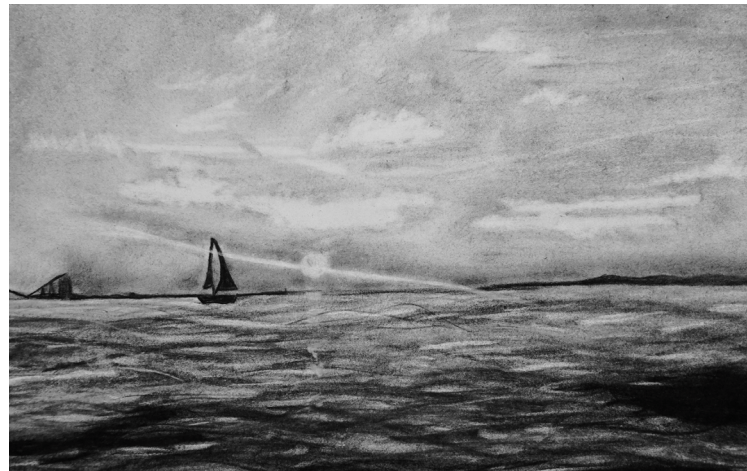
End of the 2nd Quarter is January 14th.

No school for staff & students - January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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All Ten Art 3 Students Selected for County Exhibition

The FHS Art 3 students did such an amazing job on their charcoal drawings that all 10 were selected for the 2021 Lorain County High School Exhibition. This annual exhibition was organized by the Educational Service Center and hosted at the Elyria West River Branch Library and is now closed. Winners were announced after this issue of the Express went to press, but will be shared on our website and social media. Congratulations to all students for being selected and kudos to the final winners!



From left to right:

Olivia Bonomolo

Madi Pitts

Reagan Evans

Jorja Weber

Lesia Leskovska

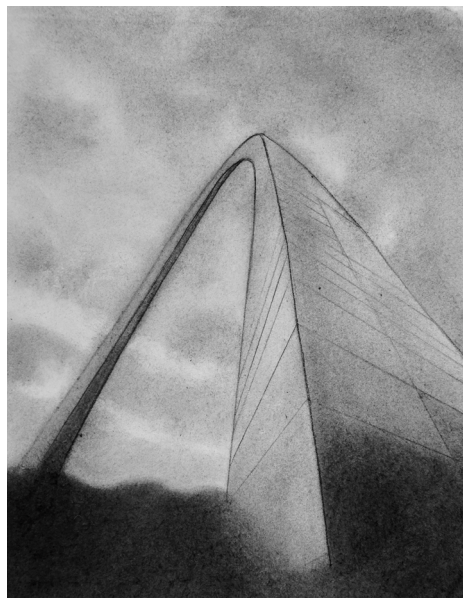
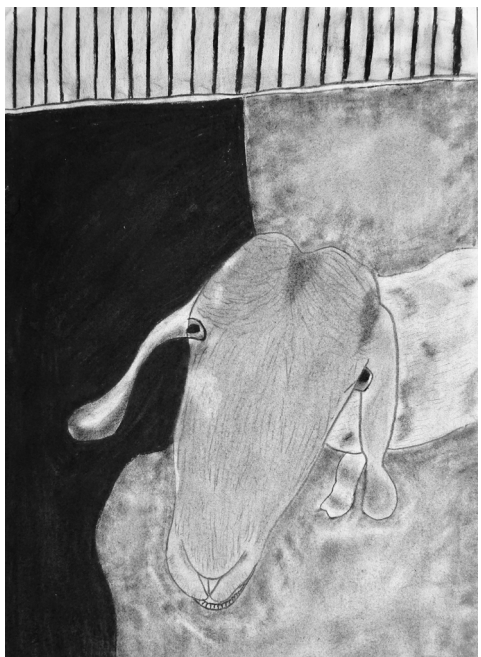
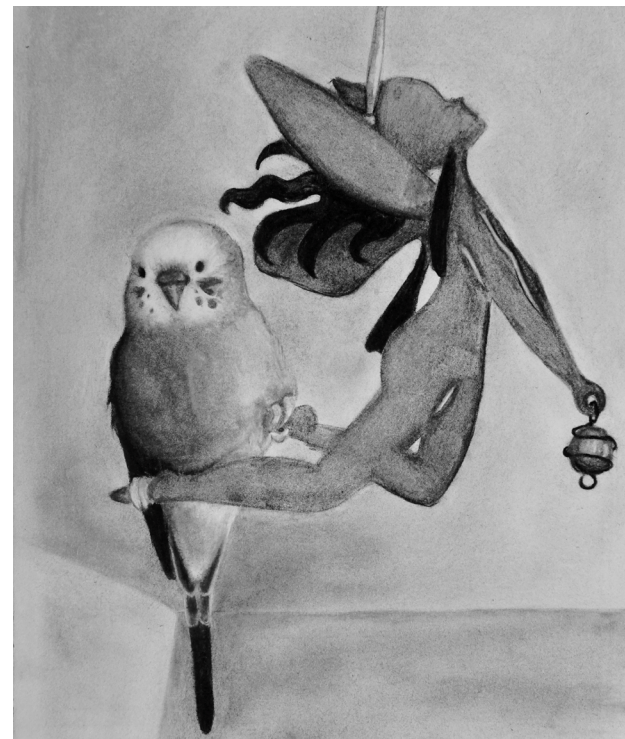
Saige Loyd

Alyssa Cornwell

Jocelyn Bednar

Cohen Overstreet

Gabby Smith



FFA Launches Local Gift Guide



Ag Business Management students are proud to present the Firelands Community Gift Guide! This guide was created to promote local shopping this holiday season while providing exposure to small businesses!

Please feel free to share this link! Check out the incredible deals, coupons, and specials at over 30 local businesses.

Access the guide here: <https://sites.google.com/firelandsschools.org/firelands-ffa-gift-guide/home>. We will continue to add businesses until Small Business Saturday, so check back often! Join us in shopping local this season!

Firelands Band Boosters Annual Calendar Raffle



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The 2nd Annual Calendar Raffle will occur during the month of December! Calendars will go on sale in November and will continue through the end of the raffle. Each calendar is \$20.00, with daily prizes exceeding the cost of the calendar. The grand prize is a 2021 65" LG 4K Smart TV, and there are numerous other cash and prizes to be had!

Drawings will begin the twelve days before Christmas and will be live streamed on Facebook on the Firelands Band Fan Page. The drawing for the TV will be held on Christmas Eve. See any band student to purchase a calendar, or you may reach out to us at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com.

General Membership Meetings

Firelands Band Boosters meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Our mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program.

We meet in the high school band room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows: January 18, 2022; February 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 19, 2022; May 17, 2022; and June 21, 2022.

Food Service News

If you received a Direct Certification letter saying your child was approved for free meals, you MUST sign and return the form in order to get fees waived. Fees will not automatically be waived.

Free meals for all students for 2021-2022- USDA has extended the free meals for all students regardless of need. All students may get a free breakfast and lunch every day.

School meals - Our number of meals have more than doubled from last year. This is great for our students to be able to have access to nutritious meals. Students must take the required components to qualify for a reimbursable free meal.

Ala cart items are not free. Items may be purchased using money that has been put on your child's account or they can bring money to school in the form of check or cash. Accounts cannot go into the negative for ala cart items. Students must have money on account or cash to purchase.

Meal / Fee application: The meal application is being used to determine if your child/children qualify to have instructional fees waived. If you have completed a meal / fee application and receive a letter stating your child qualified for reduced or denied meals. They can still get FREE meals this year, the instructional school fees will not be waived.

Food supply shortages: Nationwide food supply chain shortages due to issues with labor, transportation, and raw materials continue to affect breakfast and lunch menus. This continues to be a great issue each week. Many vendors have halted production on certain products hoping they can get caught up on their better selling items. These shortages have

forced us to make substitutions at short notice.

Firelands App: Download this free app to have information at your fingertips. There is a menu link for all three schools. You can also go to the Food Service tab to see our department news.

Online menus: Download the free my school menu app for free or you can use the above, Firelands app. You can filter the menu for allergens, check the nutritional information as well as print the menu. Due to the supply chain issues, menus many not be up to date.

Links for Food Service

Online payments and Meal application / fee waiver www.payschoolscentral.com mark the box for fee waiver

Menus – www.myschoolmenus.com or use the Firelands App, select the district then the school or download the free Firelands app or download the free my school menu app. When you download the free apps it should recognize your district, saving a step.

Food Service Director – Judy Baumann, jbaumann@firelandsschools.org, (440) 965-5821 ext 1011

THANK YOU to all the Food Service staff for your hard work each and every day. **YOU** are very much appreciated!!



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FHS Basketball Schedules

Varsity Boys

Away	Nov. 24	N.Ridgeville@Midview
Away	Nov. 27	Western Reserve
Home	Dec. 3	Brookside
Away	Dec. 10	Clearview
Home	Dec. 17	Oberlin
Away	Dec. 21	Wellington
Home	Dec. 28	Westlake
Home	Jan. 4	Columbia
Home	Jan. 7	Black River
Away	Jan. 8	Avon
Away	Jan. 11	Keystone
Away	Jan. 14	Brookside
Home	Jan. 18	Amherst Steele
Home	Jan. 21	Clearview
Away	Jan. 28	Oberlin
Home	Jan. 29	Edison
Home	Feb. 1	Midview
Home	Feb. 4	Wellington
Away	Feb. 9	Vermilion
Away	Feb. 11	Black River
Away	Feb. 15	Columbia
Home	Feb. 18	Keystone

Varsity Girls

Away	Nov. 20	M.HighInds@Rittman
Home	Nov. 23	Vermilion
Home	Dec. 1	Brookside
Away	Dec. 4	Clearview
Home	Dec. 8	Oberlin
Away	Dec. 15	Wellington
Home	Dec. 18	Lorain
Home	Dec. 22	Columbia
Away*	Dec. 28	Padua @RockyRiver
Home	Jan. 3	Edison
Home	Jan 5	Black River
Away	Jan. 8	Keystone
Away	Jan. 12	Brookside
Away	Jan. 17	Amherst Steele
Home	Jan. 19	Clearview
Away	Jan. 22	Oberlin
Home	Jan. 26	Wellington
Away	Feb. 2	Columbia
Away	Feb. 5	Black River
Home	Feb. 10	Keystone

FES Art - Shoe Drawing
by Alexa Leimbach, Grade 4.



FALCON SPORTS

<https://firelandsathletics.org/>

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SAMS Bowling

Season Wrap-Up

The South Amherst Middle School bowling team wrapped up their season with their awards and pizza party. The Boys A team finished 3rd out of 11, while the B team finished 9th out of 11. The league broke the team up into divisions and the A team was 3rd out of 4 and the B team was 5th out of 7 in divisions.

Achievement Awards

A Team High Game: Cole Williams 199; A Team High Series: Katie Smith 387; A Team Most Improved Average: Gavin Williams +13.

B Team High Game: Landon Born 136; B Team High Series: Landon Born 240; B Team Most Improved Average: Anakah Spaetzel +25.

2021 Bowler of the Year was awarded to Katie Smith. Katie finished the season with a 162 average, SAMS highest individual average, the NSBC Middle School League's highest girl average, and third highest overall in the League. Katie had the high game in league play 5 of 6 weeks in the girls division and had the high series 6 of 6 weeks in the girls division during league play. She bowled 1945 pins in 12 games giving her the most pins bowled by a SAMS bowler, the most for girls in the NSBC Middle School League, and third highest overall in the league. Along with achieving and displaying bowling skills she demonstrated leadership skills, was helpful, and most importantly maintained her grades (4.25 GPA) along with bowling she also is participating in the Academic challenge.

The kids had a great season, and are looking forward to next year.

submitted by
Coach Willie Smith

France Trip

Deadline Dec. 26

FHS students will have the opportunity to travel to France over Spring Break 2022! Juniors or Seniors who are enrolled in or have completed French 2, Art 3, or Art History are eligible to sign up for the trip.

The trip is organized through Education First which has been operating tours for over 55 years. The dates are April 15-23. This nine day trip will take students to Paris, Loire Valley and Normandy. While in Paris, opportunities include a tour of Versailles Palace, a visit to the Louvre, and a cruise on the Seine River. Loire Valley activities include a Troglodyte dinner and a visit to Mon Saint Michel Abbey. In Normandy, students will visit the American Cemetery in Coleville and the Caen Memorial. These are just a few items on the itinerary.

For more information about the trip, email Madame Rice at: rice@firelandsschools.org or visit the link below. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 26th, 2021.

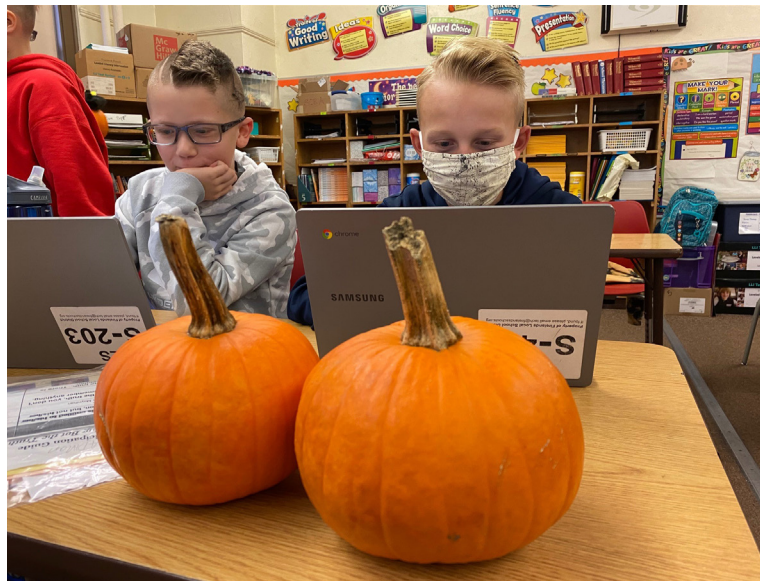
submitted by Madame Rice
FHS French Teacher
<https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2402731dp>



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We Ran Out of Room!

There were so many submissions this month that we ran out of room. Here are some more pictures from Mrs. Mahon's 6th grade Creative Writing class. And we have more artwork from FES below as well. A big thank you to all of the staff and community members who submit content to the Express!



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FES Art - Zapotec rug style weaving
by Violet Born, Grade 2.

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