



The Firelands Express



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Serving the communities of Amherst, Amherst Twp., Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp., Camden Twp., Florence Twp., Henrietta Twp., Kipton Village, New Russia Twp., South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

Homecoming 2021: Under the Harvest Moon is a Wrap!

FHS students held their traditional Spirit Week leading up to Friday's activities. The pep rally was held in the Falcon Stadium and it opened with the cheerleaders warming up the crowd! Class representatives were introduced on the 50 yard line, the MFMB played, the senior dance returned after a short absence and the court played hide the sneaker!

Please help us congratulate the following class representatives:

Freshman: McKenzie Janosik and Noah Angle

Sophomores: Morgan Janicek and Alexander Kalassay

Juniors: Alexa Mack and Austin Latham

Seniors Girls: Mary Dempsey, Riiley Etherton, Carley Jones, Jaileena Trimble and Isabella Zvara

Senior Boys: Gary Uhler, Gavin Gede, Carter Janicek, Aidan Newman and Mason Stanley

Later in the evening, we welcomed back the class of 1970 for their 50th reunion (plus 1 year) with a tour led by Principal Keener. The class of 1971 is also scheduled to return later in the month.

Prior to kick off, the Homecoming Queen and King were announced. Congratulations to Mary Dempsey and Gary Uhler! Returning royalty, Jack Valerius and Madison Sutton were on hand for the crowning.

The Falcons celebrated a Homecoming victory over Clearview 34-18! Once again the MFMB welcomed back alumni. The returning guests took the field for the annual combined performance. You can watch the MFMB postgame on YouTube by searching on "Firelands High School Mighty Falcon Marching Band".



Military & First Responders Honored at Falcon Stadium



We had the pleasure of inviting Military and First Responders to the Falcon Stadium on September 24th in recognition of their service to our community.

New this year, all fire departments in our community, Florence Township, Camden Township and South Amherst Fire Departments brought emergency vehicles for the community to see. Children received fire hats and had lots of opportunities for pictures. In addition to the emergency vehicles on site, several of our Purple Star Families took part in the recognition. Purple Star families have someone currently serving our country. Within Firelands, we have over two dozen students that are identified as Purple Star students. We are proud of these students and we are happy that these families were able to join us!

Florence Township Fire Department once again supplied flags for our football team to carry onto the field. After taking the field, the players handed off flags to our first responders who were lined up on the sidelines.

We appreciate the opportunity to say thank you to these men and women who sacrifice for our community and country.

More photos inside!

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Letter of Appreciation from Endowment Trustees

The Firelands Schools Endowment Trustees would like to thank all the donors who participated in the Lorain County Community Foundations "Connect to a Cause" event on Thursday, September 16th. We truly appreciate the continued community support. Over \$4,000 was raised to help the Endowment continue its mission to enhance the educational process in the Firelands Schools.

For over 30 years, the interest generated from the fund has been used to fund staff grants to expand our students' learning in and outside the

classroom and award student scholarships.

The grants and scholarships would not be possible without the donations made by community members and alumni. Thank you all! This support of the Endowment Fund will continue the legacy to enrich the lives of Firelands Local School students.

Many thanks from the trustees: Barb Bechtel, Jerry Born, Ann Buchs, Bob Danicki, Amy Hignett, Scott Norheim, Kristi Palmer, Dan Pycraft, Tammy Schultz, Kathy Whitmore and Diane Zimmer

submitted by Ann Buchs

Gratitude Expressed for Band Booster Supporters

The Firelands Band Boosters would like to recognize those that directly support our program in the form of financial sponsorships and donations. Without their generosity, we would not be able to provide the music rich experience that our band members enjoy. Thank you!

We would like to graciously thank the following people, organizations, and businesses for their support:

- Miller's Apple Hill, Ltd.
- Pit Stop Mini Mart
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- Sassy Chics New and Rustic Trading
- Schlecter Brothers Country Harvest
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submitted by Shannon Smith

From Director Dustin Wiley

The Firelands Band Boosters are hosting their first ATV raffle this year. (See page 4.) We have been selling tickets at home football games, but I now have tickets available for purchase. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please email me. We recently had a donor that will cover all tax and title fees so you can win a Brand-New ATV and trailer for only the price of your ticket! There are only 400 tickets being sold and the drawing will be at the last home game of the season. Thanks for your support of our programs!

dwiley@firelandsschools.org

Homecoming Photo Gallery



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Military & First Responder Photo Gallery



FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC - NOVEMBER 13th

for athletes with disabilities, held at Firelands High School from 12:00-1:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.empowersports.org or call 216.400.8598.

Food Service Updates & Important Information

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, but the instructional school fees will not be waived. *When completing the application, be sure to check mark the box for fee waiver. Fees will not be waived if this is not marked.*

Food supply shortages. Nationwide food supply chain shortages due to issues with labor, transportation, and raw materials continue to affect

breakfast and lunch menus. For example, there are long term shortages for bread, bottles for drinks (like Gatorade), eggs, condiment packets, and much more. These shortages may force us to make substitutions at short notice.

Firelands App. Download this free app to have information at your fingertips. (See p. 10.) 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 or you can use the new Firelands app. You can filter the menu for allergens, check the nutritional information and even print the menu.

Links for Food Service

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

Menus – go online to www.myschoolmenus.com, or use the new Firelands App or the MySchoolMenu App. Select the district, then the school. When you download the free apps it should recognize your district and save you 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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Elementary Students Exemplify Positivity & Leadership

Class Dojo

Our students have begun to earn multiple Dojo points for their positive behavior. In early October, we were able to have students select rewards based on their point level. They will be given the opportunity to pick a reward monthly. We are excited to have the Falcon Pride Store available this year. (Pictures p.5)

Falcon Leaders

Mrs. Choe, Mrs. Groboske, Ms. Conner and Mrs. Schuster are excited to work with the 4th and 5th grade Falcon Leaders this school year. Students were

nominated by their previous and current teachers. These students were selected based on their demonstration of leadership qualities. As Falcon Leaders, they will assist with ideas and problem solving of student concerns throughout the building. We have plans for them to be leaders for different service projects and assist with various events at FES. Congratulations to the following 5th graders: Brayden Alberti, Rhys Davis, Marley Dimacchia, Toni Dolan, Emily Frenk, Morgan Greene, David Hartung, Aleah Jardonek, Lyla Keathley, Carson

Miller, Ashton Molina, Tristian Schigel and Ben Wagner. Congratulations to the following 4th graders: Ayden Ayers, Riley Bauder, Caleb Bednar, Justin Harris, Evelyn Leonhardt, Colten Quester, Logan Ramsey, Sophia Rowley, Charlee Stillman and Molly Tansey. (Picture p. 5)

Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 25th, FES will be participating in Red Ribbon Week, which is part of a nationwide effort to prevent substance abuse by our children. It is a week we set aside to educate students in a developmentally appropriate way about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, teach refusal skills, and celebrate a drug-free lifestyle. Healthy choices are emphasized.

The theme of this year's celebration is "I've Got Better Things to Do Than Drugs". There are countless productive ways to spend our time and be healthy such as playing sports, games, music, dancing, reading, painting, etc. This week we will focus on learning to make healthy choices in all areas of our life.

As part of this celebration, the entire school may participate in dress-up days. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Oct. 25 – **Wear RED Day.** Wear red from head to toe. In addition, everyone will be given a red ribbon to wear.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 – **Better than Drugs Activity Day.** Show us what you do that's better than drugs. Wear your sports/cheerleading uniform, scout uniform, dance clothes, or dress in some way that shows what healthy things you like to do with your time!

Wednesday, Oct. 27 – **Falcons on the Fly Day.** Wear your most comfortable walking/

running clothes and see if you can complete more laps today than you've ever done before!

Thursday, Oct. 28 – **Be a "Jean-ius" and Be Drug-Free Day.** Wear jeans and denim!

Friday, Oct. 29 - **Red Ribbon Parties in FES classrooms.** Students may dress up according to their grade level's theme.

FIRE Intervention Time

Students have completed their benchmark assessments. This information was used to determine focused area of need for individual students. Our teachers are able to provide students with that focused intervention for 30 minutes per day. Parents should be aware that FIRE time is in the schedule for all students. Teachers will monitor student progress and adjust the focus as needed, based on student progress.

FES Parent Teacher Group

Firelands Elementary is very lucky to have an active PTG. Parents of FES students are encouraged to become involved with this group. They meet monthly and find ways to further enrich the environment for all of our students. The next meeting will be November 4 at 6:00 pm. Feel free to reach out to 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).

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 25-29 is Red Ribbon Week, fall parties will occur on Oct. 29 at 2:30. No school for students on November 1. COSI on Wheels will be at FES on Nov. 22-23. No school on Nov. 24-26.

submitted by Laura Groboske
Assistant Principal

Firelands Band Boosters 1st Annual

ATV Raffle

Buy tickets at the home varsity football games next to the ticket booth.

Proceeds benefit the Firelands local schools instrumental music department.

Drawing will take place no later than the last home varsity game during halftime. Presence not required to win.



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Middle School Plans Trips

It is hard to believe it is already October! This year is flying. Students are settled into their routines and engaged learning is happening. I cannot express how happy we are to have our students in person.

Academics

MAP testing was recently administered and it has provided us with incredibly rich data that will aid our educators in taking students from exactly where they are and move them along. We really feel having access to this kind of specific data will be a game changer for the educational process and are working to enrich teacher's knowledge of what to do with this data.

Athletics

Our volleyball team, football team and cross country teams have been engaged in their games for a while now and are doing great. Their seasons are wrapping up and tryouts for winter sports will be happening soon.

Additional information:

PBIS, Our Positive Behavior Supports Team, has decided that our first goal with students is to teach and support them through using their agendas on a daily basis. Students who routinely do this will be recognized in a number of ways through-out the 9 weeks. We realize that many of our students have not been in physical class for up to 18 months, so our first goal is to reteach a lot of the procedures and practices that they may have forgotten.

Class trips:

We are planning on all three grade levels taking a trip this May. Our 8th graders are planning on a May 11-13 trip to Philly.

7th grade is also planning on taking a trip. They will be going to the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan on May 6th.

6th graders are planning on Beulah Beach May 23-25. Info will come out in the future for parents regarding this trip.

*submitted by
Cara M. Hutchinson, Principal*

France Trip Available at FHS

Registration 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: mrice@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>*

Firelands FFA Graduates Earn Ohio AgriBusiness Association Credentials

The Ohio AgriBusiness Association provides an industry-recognized, agribusiness credential that verifies high school student expertise in the areas of agriculture, agribusiness and production systems.

To be eligible for the credentialing, a student must be enrolled in a career-technical agricultural program and complete four courses, where they are engaged in learning and applying technical skills in foundational agricultural concepts.

As one of the four required courses, students must complete **Business Management for**

Agricultural & Environmental Systems. These upper-level courses test students' knowledge of global agriculture marketing and business principles applied in agribusiness.

Students must have a Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) project that

involves real world agricultural activities done by students outside of the planned classroom and laboratory time are also integral in attaining the OABA credential.

To be considered, a student's SAE must be an entrepreneurial, placement, or research-driven project pertaining to the agriculture industry. The student



must document at least 500 hours of work on their project(s) and identify the Ohio Agricultural &



Jessel's SAEs were placement on Lorain County Junior Fair Board, Hillcrest Orchard, and Lewis Beef Farm.



demonstrates to the community and employers that the student is knowledgeable, properly trained and equipped to carry out his or her duties. For many students, earning an industry-recognized credential

Environmental Systems Career Field Technical Content Standards achieved through their SAE.

Congratulations to Donald Crawford, Olivia Galloway, and Steven Jessel, all 2021 graduates for earning OABA Credentials. (Pictured above.)

Crawford maintained SAEs in swine & poultry entrepreneurship as well as job placements in lawn care, landscaping, and grounds maintenance at Lorain County Fair.

Galloway maintained SAE records in job placement at Burnham's Orchards and also had dairy steer entrepreneurship projects.

According to Ohio Department of Education, "Connecting students to opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials puts them on a path to success after high school. Students who earn industry-recognized credentials are poised to directly enter the

workplace or go on to two-year or four-year colleges. Industry-recognized credentials are an innovative approach to truly recognize and account for a student's hard work in becoming career ready. Possessing an industry-recognized credential not only helps a student prove competency and capability in a given field, but also

can be an important step toward qualifying for high school graduation."

*submitted by
Shanna Finnegan
Agricultural Educator/FFA Advisor*

Family & Community Engagement

Join us on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:15 pm in the library at FHS for a powerful discussion on substance use and abuse in teens. Teens and adults are welcome to listen as a local mother shares her story about the tragic loss of her daughter through substance use and abuse. It is her life's mission to educate parents and kids on the dangers of substance use and she will discuss early warning signs and symptoms.

[LCADA](#), the Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, will be available to offer

resources and information on education and support to the community.

Parents, students and community members are encouraged to attend. Please note that there will be candid discussion on this topic - parental discretion is advised.

Free childcare will be provided.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Deanna Watts, FLSD Social Worker, at dwatts@firelandsschools.org.

FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Family/Community Engagement

WHEN: OCTOBER 26TH AT 6:15 PM

WHERE: FHS LIBRARY * FREE CHILDCARE

TOPIC: SUBSTANCE USE & ABUSE IN TEENS



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Firelands High School Decked out for Halloween

Homecoming was a great success this year. We kicked things off with our annual Deck the Halls. The seniors and the freshmen did a fantastic job with decorations.

We held our Homecoming Pep Rally in the stadium. The marching band played while students entered and exited. JVS students were bused back to the high school early so that they could also participate in the pep rally. Mr. Stillman announced the Homecoming court and students watched as they played "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Shoe." This was played elimination style with Gary Uhler emerging as the winner.

We ended the Homecoming Festivities with the dance on Saturday night. Our Student Council put on a great event with about 400 students in attendance. It was great to see the students dancing and having a good time with their friends.

(See more on Homecoming on page 1.)

On September 22nd, the counselors and Ms. Keener traveled to the JVS to meet with all of the Firelands students that are attending high school at the JVS. We spoke with them about upcoming events at the high school and the counselors gathered information from the students about their interests and goals. This is an important outreach that we will continue to do every year to help maintain a strong relationship with these students that we are unable to see on a daily basis.

Our freshman students have been participating in leadership sessions with the group from ELA (Effective Leadership Academy). This is a group that has been working successfully with the sixth graders for the last few years on transitioning to middle school. We are excited to have them working with our freshmen on the skills needed to be successful in high school.

On September 21st and 28th, a small group of teachers participated in professional development on implementing Project Based Learning in their classes. They learned about the gold standard of Project Based Learning and had some time to work on developing a lesson that they could use in their classes. The goal of Project Based Learning is to engage students in authentic and dynamic learning experiences, tied to the state standards, where they are given choice on how to demonstrate their learning.

On October 13th, we had our annual PSAT testing for all 9th and 10th grade students as well as some 11th grade students. 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.

*Submitted by
Cathy Keener, Principal*



Firelands High School hallways are ready for Halloween!



FALCON SPORTS INFO
<https://firelandsathletics.org/>
Follow Athletic Director Ty Stillman
on Twitter @FirelandsFalcon



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Firelands Elementary Artists Featured at County ESC

Congratulations to the following FES students who will have artwork featured at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County during the month of October:

Kindergarten: Brantley Wiley. First Grade: Annabelle Cole, Lillian Haponek, John Machovina, and Carter Maurer. Second Grade: Graylie Beam, John Cooper, Lana Adams, and Lydia Beltz. Third Grade: Zoey Miller and Cooper Varndell.

Fourth Grade: Madison Bainbridge, and Avelynn Sparks. Fifth Grade: Isabella Lazzaro, Addy Bement and Ava Camera. Some of the artwork is shared here.

Each building also has online art galleries on their individual website pages. Visit www.firelandsschools.org and click on the building.

*Submitted by Cara Proehl
Visual Arts Instructor
Firelands Elementary School*

***At right: Madison Bainbridge, Shoe Drawing
Below left: Ava Camera, Mola
Below right: Cooper Varndell, Fish Relief***



Wide Variety of Help Available for Families

Deanna Watts, LSW, LSSW is a full-time social worker for our district. She explains her role here:

My main goal is to provide as much support as possible for our families, students, and school staff. As your school Social Worker, I can help provide and/or assist with:

☑ Mental Health Supports (Counseling services, individual, group, tele-therapy).

☑ Community Resources (Food pantries, financial assistance programs, COVID relief information).

☑ Kinship Care Resources (grandparent/guardian support systems).

☑ Liaison from home to school concerns (Online school issues, internet/hot spot help).

Please feel free to contact the school guidance counselor or me directly via email or phone

to discuss any concerns or to schedule a face-to-face or virtual meeting. Confidentiality and safety are my highest priorities.

Email: watts@esclc.org or dwatts@firelandsschools.org
Call or text: 440-334-8801

Counselor Offices
FES 440-965-5381
SAMS 440-986-7021
FHS 440-965-4255



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Are Your Final Forms Final?

All school forms will be completed through Final Forms: <https://firelands-oh.finalforms.com/>. Any changes in contact information, including phone numbers or email addresses must be updated in this platform throughout the school year.

Delays in important email communications from principals or the district can happen if ALL the forms, including student forms, are not completed. Alerts have been sent to students and parents/guardians to complete forms.

Please do not ignore these notifications. PowerSchool will not be updated until all documentation in Final Forms is 100% finished.

It is extremely important for forms to be completed today. Contact information is critical in case of an emergency.

If you are experiencing any problems with FinalForms please contact your student's main office or the board office.

*submitted by Lori Roemer
Director of Educational Services*

We Need Good Subs!

Firelands is always in need of reliable substitutes to cover for both classified staff positions and teachers. The classified positions we need subs for are: custodial, kitchen, secretarial, lunch or recess aides, SAFE aides, bus drivers, bus monitors, and special needs paraprofessionals.

These positions are linked on the Employment tab of our website. <https://www.firelandsschools.org/Employment.aspx>. An application must be filled out online, followed by a background check. Background checks are \$60 (includes state and federal both), and are done through the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. They require appointments, so call (440) 324.5777 to schedule.

We do not interview without having received a clean background check first. Once you have been hired, your contact info will be shared and you will start getting hours. Call 440-965-5821 x. 1010.

Substitute Teachers Encouraged to Apply

Certified staff positions are filled through our partnership with the North Coast Shared Services Alliance. <https://www.applitrack.com/ncssap/>

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Firelands App Provides News, Events & More

Firelands Local Schools has launched an app that is available for iOS™, Android™, and Windows™ devices. This new avenue of communication has been well received!

The app gives anyone the ability to stay connected and informed about what is happening within our schools. The app is free and provides quick access to everything school related including calendars, directions to events, contact information for teachers and administrators, important



documents and more. To install the app, scan the QR code on the left or visit your app store under Firelands Local Schools. Once you have installed the app, you can choose buildings and the amount of push notifications that you want to receive. We recommend that you stay connected with your child's building and the district for important updates! Once installed, place the app on your home screen and you will begin to receive notifications!



Firelands Band Boosters

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:

November 16, 2021
January 18, 2022
February 15, 2022
March 15, 2022
April 19, 2022
May 17, 2022
June 21, 2022

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for athletes with disabilities, held at Firelands High School from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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One Team, One Dream: Firelands Athletics Capital Campaign

The ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM campaign is one in which Firelands Local Schools will generate privately raised funds to turf the existing high school football field through selling naming rights to our current and future athletic facilities. By placing artificial turf on the existing football field we will be able to move both boys and girls soccer from the SAMS campus to the Firelands campus. We will be able to have a state of the art practice and playing facility for the marching band, football, baseball, softball, and soccer teams as well as all of the youth sports.

With the new building coming in 2022, moving our athletes to one campus is going to be critical for not only financial reasons, but a

logistical reasons as well. We would no longer have to travel for home soccer games, and there would be no need to maintain the SAMS field with fertilization, cutting, electricity, and restrooms.

"This is a game changer for the entire Firelands Community."
- Mike O'Keefe,
Firelands School Board President

I believe that a synthetic turf field could be used 12 months a year and benefit the entire community in these ways:

- Baseball and Softball throwing, catching/skill development. Can hold practices after school rather than waiting for gym time. Can hold scrimmages on a turf field

per OHSAA bylaws.

- Track and off season field sports would use it for speed development/ skill development.
- Band can use the field for practices and performances, spring tune-up, and summer camp.
- Soccer can have practices and games for all levels, open fields for camps and clinics. Host OHSAA playoff soccer.
- Football can have year-round practices for all levels, plus camps and clinics, throwing and games. Host OHSAA playoff football.
- Graduation and other community events.

grass replaced with synthetic saves 2,200 gallons per year. Synthetic turf conserves 4 to 8 billion gallons water annually.

Synthetic turf eliminates the need for harmful pesticides and fertilizers, a principal cause of water pollution, which can lead to algal bloom, depleted oxygen and damage to wildlife.

Helps reduce noxious emissions from maintenance equipment and mowers. A push mower emits as much pollution in one hour as 11 cars. A riding mower emits as much as 34 cars.

Synthetic turf has been proven to be a highly cost-effective investment. A synthetic turf field pays for itself over 3-4 years. The cost of installing and maintaining a synthetic turf field over a 20-year period (including one replacement field) is over 3x less expensive per event than the cost of a grass field.

Maximize land use with the same surface space. Synthetic turf promotes greater utilization of land than natural grass, as you

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FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL TRI-M CHAPTER PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT. 31ST
11-1:30 PM

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT
(BEHIND THE SCHOOL)

Come in costume!

Donations appreciated!



Games, Prizes,
and lots of Candy



COPS & COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 29th 5-8pm



TRUNK OR TREAT





LOCATION:
CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR
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Bring your best dressed kids in their favorite costume to Trunk or Treat with Northern Ohio law enforcement officers. Candy will be passed out. Refreshments will be provided.



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can achieve more with the same surface space. This is especially useful for highly urbanized environments with limited access to recreational areas, maximizing event spaces, or areas in drought.

Ideal for inclement weather climates. Preparing and maintaining natural turf can be particularly challenging in cold or very hot climates. Natural turf is generally in poor condition after long winter months, requiring extensive maintenance and re-leveling. Hot climates experiencing drought face significant water shortages. Synthetic turf playing fields remain uniform and consistent, season after season, and can be used within hours of installation—without worry of damage.

For more information on how you can support this campaign:

**Contact Ty Stillman
at (440) 965-4255 or 263-0683
or email tstillman@firelandsschools.org.**

**Visit the website at
<https://www.firelandsturf.org/>**

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The next meeting of the Firelands Board of Education will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the board office building.

We are located at 112 North Lake Street in South Amherst. For more information call the board office at 440-965-5821.

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