



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Unfortunately we are at a crossroads, battling an epidemic that has taken far too many of our loved ones, friends, and neighbors, while leaving behind those that they loved heartbroken and devastated. At far too young of an age, parents are burying their children and children are burying their parents. The reality is that heroin in our area is an epidemic, and as a community, we must join together to protect those that we care for.

On Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> our district hosted a presentation entitled *Hidden in Plain Sight* that helped educate those that care for our youth on ways in which to help identify behaviors that are indicative of substance abuse. This was a step in the right direction, a beginning, not an end to our responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of our kids. I, along with our Board of Education, feel compelled to consider taking additional steps to ensure the safety of our students. To that end, the Board will soon begin to discuss a random drug testing policy for students at Firelands High School, specifically those involved in co/extra-curricular activities, including those students that drive to school. The purpose of this policy is not intended to be punitive, but rather to identify an issue early and to assist the student and their family in all possible ways. As the Board discerns how to proceed, your input is needed and valued. In the coming weeks, the Board will host community forums in order for you to share your thoughts on this important topic. Information regarding this policy, along with meeting dates and times will be shared on our district website at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org).

As a community, we all share a responsibility for taking care of those around us. It is my hope you will join us in this endeavor.

Mike Von Gunten  
Superintendent  
FHS Class of 1995  
[mvongunten@firelandsschools.org](mailto:mvongunten@firelandsschools.org)  
@FLSDSuper

## FIRELANDS ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the 2016 - 2017 school year beginning on **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst.

Students from ANY DISTRICT in Ohio are welcome to apply. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

**Deadline to apply is August 1, 2016.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU -  
YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR  
TRANSCRIPT (if in grades 9 - 12) AND  
CURRENT IEP or 504 PLAN, IF APPLICABLE.**

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL 440-965-5821

## Firelands Football Reverse Raffle

All Proceeds Will Help Pay For Team Dinners and Summer Camp

Friday, May 13, 2016

New Russia Twp. Hall, 46268 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin



Ticket includes:  
Entrance into the Grand Prize Drawing of \$1500  
Buffet Dinner, Beer and Pop

Doors Open  
6:00 pm  
Dinner Served  
7:00 pm

**Donation \$30 each**

Tickets Courtesy of  
Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, Amherst

50/50 Raffle  
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# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

AN AWARENESS PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

South Amherst Middle School

"snoop and search" starts at 6:00 pm

\*presentation begins at 6:30 pm

*Due to the nature of the materials presented,  
no youth are permitted to attend.*

*The presentation is free.*

- **Astonishing, interactive exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom**
- **Contains 150+ items which may be indicative of dangerous risky behaviors**
- **Topics include substance use, violence, eating disorders, juvenile crime, technology, risky games/challenges and more**
- **Accompanied by PowerPoint presentation and discussion**

Presented by



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County Sheriff's  
Department



For further information contact: Firelands Board of Education-  
440.965.5821

\*The entire presentation is +2 hours in length. If you cannot arrive at  
the designated start time, join us when you can.

For scheduled dates and locations of additional exhibits, visit  
[www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org) or [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us)

# CURRICULUM UPDATE

I cannot believe we are almost finished with the third grading period! Time is flying and spring is in the air. In the world of curriculum and instruction, we are busy preparing for the end of the school year and are already focused on making sure that next year is off to a good start for all, our administrators, our teachers, our parents, and most importantly, our students!

During the last month, our teachers participated in professional learning related to differentiated instruction. Collaboratively we built a definition of what differentiated instruction is—a teacher's response to learners' needs guided by respectful tasks, flexible grouping, and ongoing assessment, according to student readiness, interests, and learning profile. Our teachers also experienced and explored techniques that can be used within their classrooms to help support student needs. General feedback indicates that this was a worthwhile workshop and I believe that the information conveyed will help further our students' educational growth.

The district has also formed an assessment literacy group: this collaborative team's focus is to become experts on the assessment practices of our district, make recommendations related to assessments working within the confines of policy and Ohio revised code, to determine a plan to help our community understand our district's

assessment practices to reduce confusion on the purposes of assessments, and to ensure a consistent focus on the assessments we are using. At this time, the team has built some common language regarding assessments and will shortly release this out to the staff and community as a way to reduce inconsistency across the district.

The district's science team has selected new curriculum materials for Grades K-8 for next year. These materials are pending Board approval and are available for review at the next two board meetings. The materials contain up-to-date information related to state standards, online resources to support student inquiry, and differentiated resources to support students that are on grade level, students that may be struggling, or students that are accelerated in science.

Beginning at the end of April, state achievement testing begins; these assessments have been collaboratively designed amongst educators across the state of Ohio, are aligned to Ohio's Learning Standard, and provide valuable information on the curriculum and instruction happening within our district. As a reminder, the number of testing hours has been reduced this year, the amount of questions has been lowered, and the assessment has been designed in Ohio by Ohio educators to ensure that questions measure crucial grade level concepts with

in the standards. Ohio is using the same vendor that was used last year for science and social studies testing for all testing and we anticipate a smooth experience. To learn more about these tests, please check out the Student and Family Portal found at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>. Additional information regarding testing can also be found on our district's website as well as in the letters that will come shortly from your student's building principal.

Lastly as I mentioned last month, I appreciate hearing from all of you about the wonderful things that are happening throughout the district. I encourage you to reach out and share more feedback regarding the curriculum and instruction initiatives happening around the district. Please feel free to write an e-mail at [bdrost@firelandsschools.org](mailto:bdrost@firelandsschools.org) or to give the office a call at 440-965-5821 x1019.

**Dr. Bryan Drost**



**Director of  
Educational Services**

# SPORTS UPDATES

The FHS bowling teams competed in the North Shore Bowling Conference's Division 2. The girls varsity finished 3rd with 10-5 record. The boys varsity with a 5-10 record finished 5th. The girls varsity rallied late in the sectional tournament to take the 3rd qualifying spot for the district tournament. The district tournament was held Saturday Feb 20th at Rosedale Lanes in Bedford. The girls finished 9th out of 12 teams. The team banquet was held on March 9th with Brianna Krieg and Phillip Saylor named team MVP's. Coaches Awards went to Millie Harris, Lyndsey Cornwell and John Mullins. Most Improved awards went to Katalin Mullins and Devin Dumke. The 9 seniors will be missed next year as most were 3 and 4 year team members.

The 7th grade girls basketball season ended with an 8-9 record, finishing in 6th place in the PAC in the regular season, and making it to the second round of the tournament. The girls got considerably better throughout the season due to their effort and hard work. They became much tougher mentally and physically. This was best demonstrated in a double overtime win against Oberlin. Leading scorer for the season was Grace Sherban with 97 points, followed by Shawny Hess with 58, and Madison and Megan Sutton with 40 and 36 respectively. Gracie Yonts chipped in with 29 points. Megan and Madison were monsters on the boards as well with 101 & 75 rebounds respectively, with Shawny corralling 80 rebounds. They were a very nice group of girls that made it a real pleasure to coach. Thanks. Coach Rawlings

The kind of heart, determination, and talent of this year's 8th grade girls basketball team is hard to come by. They may have started the season with a non-conference loss against Avon 26-31, but they dominated the PAC Conference going 15-0 and **won the Pac Tournament against Wellington/Buckeye with a score of 31 - 15.** The Lady Falcons ended with an overall record of 18-1 and the title of conference CHAMPIONS! The team, achieving tremendous accomplishments this year, was led by co-captains Abby Winnen and Lexy Alston. Some of these accomplishments include an 18-game winning streak, scoring 50 points or more multiple times throughout the season, shooting over 50% from the foul line as a team for more than half of the season, not allowing a conference opponent to come within 20 points of their final score, and of course the chance to call themselves champions! All nine girls worked extremely hard throughout the season to improve their skills and contribute to the success of the team. Leading scorers and

rebouncers were never the same, for each game someone new stepped up and became a leader for the team. Other members of the team include Ally Winnen, Emily Stewart, Alaina Becker, Lexie Deaton, Lexy Coggins, Rylee Phillips, and Ashley Strauss. Congratulations on an outstanding season girls.

The Firelands boys basketball team finished the regular season at 9-13, 8-8 in a very competitive Patriot Athletic Conference (PAC). The freshman finished 6-5 in PAC play. The JV team improved with each game and finished the season winning 2 out of their last 3. The varsity team had key wins were over Buckeye, Columbia (with a last second game winning shot by Jeremy Simonovich) and Wellington. The varsity team was led by Junior Colin Myers (12.5 points per game and Chronicle Player of the week), Junior Doc Januzzi (10.0 points per game), Senior Jeremy Simonovich (10.0 points per game), Senior Kaleb Abfall (7.5 points per game) and Senior Jack O'Keefe (6.8 points per game). Myers was first team Div. II all county, Januzzi second team and Simonovich honorable mention. All three of these players also received honorable mention all Northeast Lakes District honors. The falcon boys program will miss its solid senior class and is looking forward to next season. The boys basketball program will be conducting a youth camp at the middle school for next year 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders June 13<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can email Coach Januzzi at [coachjanuzzi@centurytel.net](mailto:coachjanuzzi@centurytel.net).

The Lady Falcons basketball team finished the season with a 16-8 record overall and a 12-4 record in the PAC. The program will miss its 7 seniors who will be graduating and moving on next season. The seniors gave the program something to be proud of winning 3 Pac titles and accumulating a 73-22 overall and 56-8 PAC record the past 4 years. They have left their mark in the record books as well, Keely Hall became the second girl in Lorain County to amass over 1000 points, (1032) (3<sup>rd</sup> at FHS) and 1000 rebounds, (1023) (school record and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lorain County). The following girls received recognition for their efforts on the basketball floor: Keely Hall was 1<sup>st</sup> team All District and 1<sup>st</sup> team Lorain County Div. II, Tori Grasso was Honorable Mention All District and 1<sup>st</sup> team Lorain County Div. II, Dalaney Rogala was 2<sup>nd</sup> team Lorain County, Katie Michener was Honorable Mention Lorain County Div. II, Kayla Unger was Honorable Mention Lorain County Div. II. Dalaney, Keely and Katie will represent Firelands in the Lorain County All Star game held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at North Ridgeville HS. The High School Wrestling team concluded the 2015-2016 season as the Patriot Athletic Conference Dual and Tournament Team Champions. This is the first conference championship for the Firelands wrestling program in twenty years. The team accomplished this

feat by going undefeated in conference duals and placing nine wrestlers during the individual tournament on February 6th. The placements secured all-conference and honorable mention awards for the conference. DJ Childers and Sean Lipscomb were 1st Team All-Conference, Connor Eckman and Miguel Morell were 2nd Team All-Conference, Patric Keown and Israel Bowen 3rd Team All-Conference, and Tyler Bennett, Larry Verhovec and Colin Ransom earned Honorable Mention Honors.

During the post-season seven Falcons, Connor Eckman, Miguel Morell, Jason Norwood, Patric Keown, DJ Childers, Larry Verhovec and Sean Lipscomb, advanced to the district tournament at Fostoria High School. Also, Ryan Hoffman, Tyler Bennett, Bailey Cromer and Israel Bowen served as District Alternates. The team did not accomplish its goal of qualifying a wrestler for the State Championships in Columbus. Next year the program will attempt to have its first state qualifier since 1992 and its first state placer since 1960.

Additionally, the team will have four representatives, Jason Norwood, Patric Keown, Dj Childers, and Sean Lipscomb, at the Lorain County All-Star Meet, March 10th. The Falcons were offered nine total bids for the LCWCOA event, but due to injuries and scheduling, only four were able to compete.

## Youth Wrestling

The Falcon Wrestling Club will be sending three representatives to the Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament, in Youngstown. Kaden King, Rueben Lorenzana and Jonathan Norwood will compete for a state championship March 19th-20th.

Payton Burgdorf will also be competing for an OAC Junior High state championship, March 12th-13th, in Youngstown. Last year Payton placed 2nd in his respective weight class.

## Kennie Searight



Athletic Director

## LEAP DAY FUNDRAISER AT FHS

The Freshman and Sophomore Classes hosted a "Leap Day Celebration" Fundraiser. It was an opportunity for students to win an EXTRA something on this EXTRA day of the year!! Each lily pad was a dollar and gave students the chance to win a prize at the top of every hour on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>! Lily Pads were sold during FAST and during all lunches.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following local businesses that donated to our "Leap Day" Fundraiser and helped make it a success!

**THANK YOU:** Starbucks, Firelands FFA, Do or Dye Salon, Sassy Chicks, Miller's Apple Hill, Kaleidoscope Hair Design, Mr. and Mrs. Reaser, Mama Jo of Amherst, Bowyer Family, Sassy Chicks, and Classic Touch. Thank YOU so much for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Classes of 2018 and 2019  
Submitted by: Debbie Van Cooney

### APRIL FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

\$1.50 – BREAKFAST    \$0.30 – REDUCED BREAKFAST  
\$2.85 – LUNCH        \$0.40 – REDUCED LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
4	5	6	7	8
Pepperoni stuffed calzone Or French bread pizza BBQ baked beans Seasoned carrots Applesauce	Dominos pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Italian green beans Romaine garden salad Chilled mandarin oranges 100% fruit smoothie	Falcon burger w/ whole grain bun Shredded Iceberg lettuce, Cheese, Sweet potato fries Chilled pears	Chicken bowl w/ gravy, cheese Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Fresh fruit Whole grain roll	2 Gilardi Cheese Breadsticks Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks Seasoned broccoli Chilled pineapple
11	12	13	14	15
Chicken parm w/wg roll or Chicken patty/bun Spaghetti / sauce Italian green beans Chilled peaches	Pizza Hut or stuffed crust pepperoni Baby carrots Grape tomatoes Chilled pears Mini rice krispie treat	Beef & cheese nachos Or Taco Fries w/cheese Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll	Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese Chicken strips w/roll Shredded lettuce Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Strawberry shortcake cookie	Toasted cheese Or cheesy bread /garlic Steamed broccoli Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
18	19	20	21	22
BBQ pulled pork wg bun Or Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions BBQ baked beans Crispy tator rounds Chilled peaches	Dominos pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots Chilled pears 100% fruit smoothie	Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce Or meatball sub Romaine salad Cucumber slices Chilled applesauce	General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie	Ham & Cheese calzone Or Fish fillet sandwich w/shredded lettuce Seasoned cauliflower / cheese Red pepper strips Chilled mandarin oranges
25	26	27	28	29
Salisbury steak or Breaded pork chop Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	Pizza Hut or stuffed crust pepperoni Seasoned broccoli Celery sticks Fruit Mini rice krispie treat	Chipotle day-seasoned beef steak or fajita chicken Ultra grain wrap Shredded iceberg Seasoned pinto beans Seasoned rice Mandarin oranges	Wg Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll California blend vegetables Baby Carrots Grape tomatoes Fresh fruit	Deli sub bar or Burger bar w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, peppers, banana pepper, black olives Italian vegetable blend Chilled pineapple

## SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER

### Seniors:

Seniors please continue to check Naviance for updated scholarship information including:

- The Firelands Endowment Scholarships
- Lorain County Community Foundation
- College Now

**CollegeNow Resource:** College Now Representative, Jacquie Anderle, is available to schedule individual financial aid meetings each Tuesday at Firelands High School. She can also be reached through email at [janderle@collegenowgc.org](mailto:janderle@collegenowgc.org)

### Juniors:

- Juniors interested in participating in the **College Credit Plus program** for the 2016-2017 school year please submit a CCP application which is available in the Counseling Office by **April 1st**. ACT and SAT registration information and test dates are on their websites: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Information packets are available in the guidance office with dates of testing and how to register online. College bound juniors please register for the ACT this spring at **actstudent.org**. For those students eligible for free/reduced lunch, an ACT fee waiver can be provided. Please stop by Counseling Office for more information. Test dates are listed below:

**Test Date:** June 11th  
**Register by:** May 6th

CollegeNow ACT Boot Camp will be offered at **Firelands High School July 25-29th from 9am-12:15pm**. More information about the registration process will be available in the near future. For additional questions please contact the Counseling Office.

### Sophomores:

- Students have scheduled online during the week of **February 8th-12th** and their course selection can be viewed on Powerschool under course registration.

- Students who applied to the Lorain County JVS by **February 19th** will be contacted by the JVS the first week of April. Students who have been accepted need to sign their letters and return them to Mrs. Zimmer or Miss Goss. Students who are placed on the further review list will have an interview with Mr. Keller.

Sophomores interested in participating in the **College Credit Plus program** for the 2016-2017 school year please submit a CCP application which is available in the Counseling Office by **April 1st**.

### Freshmen:

Students have scheduled online during the week of **February 16th-19th**. The student's course selection

can be viewed on their Powerschool accounts under course registration. The FHS course selection guide can be located on the school website.

### -Career Prep Information-

#### EXCEL SUMMER 8th/9th GRADE CAREER CAMP

**Tues-Thurs, June 14-16, 2016 9 AM - 12 PM**

A three-day career exploration program for students who are entering the 9th or 10th grades this fall.

- ◆ There is no cost to attend, but all campers must be registered participants.
- ◆ Campers are transported to and from their local district's middle school.
- ◆ Campers are provided with a FREE nutritious lunch each day.
- ◆ Campers participate in hands-on activities in a different career tech lab each day.
- ◆ Campers learn skills needed to be successful in today's competitive job market.

### -College Credit Plus Information-

- Juniors and Sophomores: Please pick up a CCP application in the guidance office if interested in participating for the 2016-2017 school year. A COMPASS test is required for enrollment that can be taken at LCCC.

- Students who submitted CCP Applications by **March 5th** completed the COMPASS test at FHS on March 9th or 10th.

For more information please on how to complete the COMPASS test at LCCC visit <http://www.lorainccc.edu/Admissions+and+Registration/compass>

### -Incoming Freshmen-

- Those interested in participating in College Credit Plus Program for their freshmen year must fill out an application and complete the COMPASS assessment at LCCC. Please submit application to Mrs. Novak or Miss Goss by **April 1st**.

8th grade students completed class registration through Powerschool on **February 29th**. To view their course selection, please log onto your Powerschool account. For any questions about scheduling for 2016-2017 school year please contact Miss Goss at [kgoss@firelandsschools.org](mailto:kgoss@firelandsschools.org).

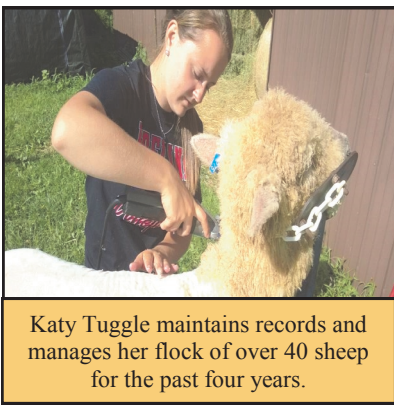
## Three Firelands FFA Members Selected as Star State Degree Finalists



Brandon Palmer sells his maple syrup and maple cream product after processing each year at local markets.



Alex Sabine works two jobs at fruit and vegetable farms each year.



Katy Tuggle maintains records and manages her flock of over 40 sheep for the past four years.

Each year Ohio FFA selects a total of 12 outstanding students as the best-of-the-best in the state. There are three categories for the award; Star State Degree in Agribusiness, Star State Degree in Agricultural Placement, and Star State Farmer. Each school may nominate one outstanding student in each area. The student must have a top-notch Supervised Agricultural Experience experiential learning project and must have earned the State FFA Degree and may not be older than a first year graduate. Firelands submitted the applications of Brandon Palmer in Agribusiness for his maple syrup and maple cream businesses.

Alex Sabine applied for Star in Agricultural Placement for her jobs at Aufdenkampe Farm and Hillcrest Orchards.

Katy Tuggle applied for Star Farmer for her sheep breeding and market project. All three have been deemed state finalists in their areas.

This is the first time that Firelands has any Star State finalists. Firelands is the only school in the state to qualify in more than one area! Students will receive a visit from the evaluation committee at their farm, home, or job to complete the interview process and to be evaluated for

final placings in each category. Good luck to Brandon, Alex, and Katy as you compete for final placings in the top four of each Star State area. Results will be announced at the second session of the Ohio FFA Convention on May 5, 2016.

# FHS NEWS

**FFA WEEK A HUGE HIT**— Students participated in FFA week last week, March 7-11. Each day was a different theme, promoting college and the military, FFA, and other fun activities. Two highlights of the week are an old Firelands tradition, and a new one. Last Friday morning, students drove their tractors to school to celebrate the end of FFA week. It is always fun and exciting to see the top of the line agricultural technology. FFA also started a new tradition. It is a "I've Decided" wall for seniors. It is an opportunity for our seniors to post their post-FHS choice, albeit a college, career, or the military. Hats off to our FFA for continuing a great tradition and starting a new one.

**FES ART CAMP**— The first ever Firelands Express Art Camp will be held the week of July 18th - 22 at FES. The camp will be for grades kindergarten through five and will be run by Grace Pohorence and advised by Mrs. Tawil. If you are interested in volunteering your time as a camp counselor and assisting with art activities, please pick up an interest form in the art room (209). Forms are due to Mrs. Tawil by March 11th and the first planning meeting will be held March 14th after school. Congratulations to Grace for developing and executing an outstanding community service project which will benefit many elementary students interested in Art.

### FHS ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT IN THE 2016 REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART SHOW

—The Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition has been providing a program to recognize, exhibit and honor excellence in visual art from 7-12 grade students for nearly 50 years. The 2016 exhibition kicked off Jan. 19 and includes artwork from 21 Firelands High School students with 37 works. That's 46% of our work entered! The exhibit was hosted at the Stocker Center gallery on the campus of Lorain County Community College Foundation and Lorain County Community College. The exhibit ran from Jan. 19 – Feb. 21 and was open to the public.

**KATY IS OUTSTANDING AGAIN**—Senior Katy Tuggle did not waste her day off of school on Friday. Katy competed in the Oberlin Rotary Four-Way Test Speaking Contest. Katy was the winner of the competition, and will now move onto a regional contest. Congratulations Katy, as we are confident you will perform well in both your FFA competitions and the Four-Way Speaking Contest.

**OGT RETAKES**—Next week, March 14-18 is OGT retake week for juniors and seniors who have not yet passed all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test, which is being phased out by the Ohio Department of Education with the Class of

2017. School Hours will be normal hours, and students who have not yet passed have been notified of their testing times. Good luck to our juniors and seniors.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK**— March 7-13 was National Foreign Language Week. The students taking a foreign language participated all week. Friday, March 11, was a Spanish class cultural dress-up day.

**BAND EARNS SUPERIOR LARGE GROUP RATING**—Congratulations to the Band for achieving a Superior Rating at the District Band Competition at Westlake High School on Friday evening. Good luck as they progress to State Competition in North Royalton in April.

**KEELY HALL—1ST TEAM ALL DISTRICT**—Congratulations to senior Keely Hall for being named to the First Team Division II All-District Basketball team last week. This is the second time that Keely has been named first team All-District. Also, congratulations to Boys Basketball players Jeremy Simonovich, Colin Myers, and Doc Januzzi on being named Division II All District Honorable Mention. Well done.

**THIRD GRADING PERIOD CONCLUSION**— The third grading period will conclude on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards should be distributed on or about Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should frequently monitor their progress in the Parent/Student Access portal, which is available through the School Counseling Department. Please call them for log-in information and further details.

Bob Maver



FHS Principal

# SAMS NEWS

The year is flying by at SAMS. It's hard to believe the second semester is already underway! We have a "guess that theme" contest each week on the morning announcements. Each morning we play different songs that all connect to one central theme. The staff and students seem to enjoy this competition and it encourages collaborative thought and discussions around theme each morning.

Many parents, teachers, and students enjoyed a presentation on Tuesday, January 26. Mrs. Neal's Book Club and Mrs. Johnson's Performing Arts Class collaborated and performed a play that centered around Martin Luther King Junior. The students did an amazing job of reenacting the bus scene with Rosa Parks, as well as a typical freedom march with signs. Both classes sang, "We Shall Overcome", while the marchers paraded around the gym. We are very proud of all of the students involved.

The first annual 8th grade prize calendar fundraiser was a huge success!!! Students sold an astounding number of calendars totaling..... \$16,000.00!!!! Six students were able to sell enough calendars to pay for their ENTIRE Philadelphia trip. Our top six sellers were Jacob Mullins with 71, Chance Coultrip with 66, Alyssa Thompson with 53, Brianna Toledo with 52, Jenna Selent with 51, and Rylee Maggard with 51. Ms. Coultrip has done an OUTSTANDING job on this project and we are so grateful for her hard work!

One of our 6th grade students submitted a poem to the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans and her poem was accepted. This is a huge honor for her and for SAMS! Once I receive more information, I will pass that along.

We held our first "Good Guy Day" that was created by the Student Advisory Committee. We had well over 300 students that were able to have some open gym time and some time spent with friends. We are hoping to have all of our students able to participate in the next event.

We have our next Fabulous Falcon coming up on February 9 and we anticipate almost 200 people in attendance.

The Choir students are working hard preparing for their spring musical.

Our 7th grade Boys Basketball team won the PAC championship! Our girls basketball and boys wrestling are all doing great! I read a lot of announcements that include Wins for Firelands. We will be holding our winter sports pep rally on February 19.

The TLC group from the high school has been coming over and working in classrooms and mentoring our students. The relationship building that has been going on is very powerful. The students feel like they have at least one connection now as they move on to FHS. The TEE students that have been coming over are also very helpful and welcomed by all.

We are proud to tell you that we have become the newest chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. We will have many more details on this as the months go on. This is very exciting for SAMS and for the Academic Excellence vision that we have and are fostering.

We will be attending a Robotics exploration day on March 17 to see what it will take to bring a competitive robotics club to SAMS. We will be visiting the Brookside site to see the Elementary and High School clubs and to get information about funding and how to secure sponsors. We will also be attending the Lorain Longfellow Middle School site to see their state ranked middle school team and learn how to set the robotics club into motion.

We will also be hosting a Techie Camp in June for Lorain County students. This is sponsored by Nordson. More will be coming on this as well.

Every day is a new adventure and I am very proud of my staff and my kiddos and their progress this year so far. I can't wait to see what the second half of the year brings us!



**Cara Gomez**



**SAMS Principal**

## Amy Rister ties for 2nd in Art Competition

SAMS student Amy Rister tied for second in the 2016 Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Open, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA). The late Jerry Tollifson was one of OAEA's most beloved, colorful, dedicated, and influential members. He conceived this writing competition as an annual opportunity to recognize students for their ability to articu-

late and compose critical responses to artworks. The competition supports the Common Core within Ohio's Visual Art Standards by encouraging students to use critical thought and judgment to reach deeper understandings of an artwork's meaning, value, and significance. SAMS ART appreciates the ELA teachers and their support during this effort and always.



**Amy Rister's poetic response to Cosme by Amy Sol**

A bright, young woman sees nature's soothing sunset,  
With a help of a beautiful waterfall.  
As she fluffed her dress, she said to herself,  
"Maybe this planet isn't so bad after all."

After the show, she clapped and cheered like a thunderstorm.  
She was slightly sad, even though the sky looked like flan.  
The girl whispered, "what can I give to the residents to say 'thanks'?"  
Seconds later, she thought and had a little plan.

She reached into her pocket and pulled out a star,  
But the star she had in her hand had minute value.  
The girl bent down with a forest behind her back,  
And she said, "planet, here is my gift to you."

She let go of her hand and watched the star go down,  
All of the way down to the end of the line.  
The girl was very happy that she had given her gift,  
To make the people on Earth healthy and fine.

She turned to her back as she floated away,  
And left without a trace of her existence in sight.  
Now when make a wish on a shooting star,  
Say "thank you" to Cosme, it would be her delight.



## SAMS Falcons Racing Team

Monday kicked off the first team meeting of the SAMS Falcons Racing Team.

Parts were sorted and tools were organized.

Steering Stops & foot braces were installed which includes Mr. Swift helping.

Students used an online manual and video instructions to start the build.

Race Day is Saturday, May 14th

Team Members include:

Jaidyn Keene

Emily Campbell

Sam Solowiej

Leah Harris

Abigail Landreth

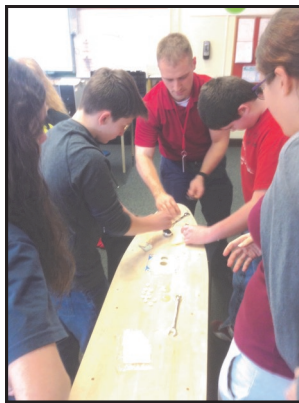
Abigail Kerby

Garrett Varndell

Grace Sherban

Liam Lockhart

Anne Bartish



## OMEA and Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Competition

Congratulations to the 5 vocal soloists and the 2 vocal ensembles that participated in the Ohio Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble held at Cuyahoga Community College on February 6. Firelands choral students received 5 Superior Ratings and 2 Excellent Ratings!

Congratulations to 23 vocal soloists and 10 vocal ensembles that participated in Lorain County Solo and Ensemble held here at Firelands High School on Saturday, February 20! Firelands choral students received 20 Superior Ratings, 10 Excellent Ratings, and 3 Good Ratings!

**We had 83 students participate this year, that is a school record!!!!**

A special thank you to Mrs. Lynn Fannin for working with the groups, opening up her home for additional practice time, and spending all day at the competition accompanying them!!

## South Amherst 7th and 8th Grade Musical

by Brian D Taylor

Music by Bill Francoeur



Come one, Come all to the 23rd annual South Amherst Musical. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir members will be presenting on the SAMS stage, *Dorothy in Wonderland*. Come and see many familiar characters and even some new ones perform at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23. Tickets are on sale now during school hours. Reserved floor seats are \$5.00 and General bleacher seats are \$3.00. You may also purchase tickets on the nights of the performances. Come support the arts!!

## 2 FHS Students Receive an Award

from The University of Akron

## Engineering Department as Future Engineers



Emily Novak and Ryan Alcorn each received an award from The University of Akron Engineering Department as future engineers. Thirty Sophomores through seniors in honors math classes accepted an invitation to The University of Akron last month to take a tour of the campus and spend some time in a few engineering labs including Corrosion and Chemical, Bio-medical, and Mechanical. Our students observed Akron students working on projects for designing proper footwear for diabetics and the schools official Formula Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) race car taken to competitions across the country and internationally. Emily and Ryan each received \$100 in addition to the certificates seen in the picture.

### Firelands Athletic Booster Club STEAK FRY

Saturday, March 19, 2016 6:00 pm

New Russia Township Hall

46300 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin

Food Provided by Convenient Food Mart  
Steak, Potato, Salad & Rolls  
Unlimited Pop, Water & Beer

Tickets \$25.00 Per Person

Tickets Courtesy of Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, Amherst

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50/50 &  
Raffles

Corn Hole  
Tournament

The Firelands Athletic Booster Club is hosting a steak fry on March 19th at New Russia Township Hall.

Please contact any booster officer to purchase tickets.

## APRIL

## SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL

\$1.50 – BREAKFAST    \$0.30 – REDUCED BREAKFAST  
\$2.85 – LUNCH    \$0.40 – REDUCED LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
4 Pepperoni calzone Or French bread pizza Seasoned cauliflower Celery sticks w/pb Chilled applesauce	5 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust peppro Romaine salad Grape tomatoes Chilled Fruit	6 Falcon burger w/wg bun w/ iceberg lettuce cheese, sauce BBq baked beans Sweet potato fries Chilled pears	7 Popcorn chicken bowl, gravy & cheese Seasoned corn Whipped potatoes Fresh fruit Whole grain roll	8 Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup Or beef ravioli /breadstick Seasoned broccoli Chilled mandarin oranges
11 Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun Spaghetti / sauce Seasoned Green beans Chilled applesauce	12 Pizza Hut or stuffed crust peppro Romaine salad Baby carrots w/dip Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	13 Taco salad or soft taco wrap, cheese Shredded iceberg lettuce Seasoned refried beans Grape tomatoes Chilled peaches Salsa / sour cream	14 Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese Or Chicken strips w/roll Shredded lettuce Steamed broccoli Fresh fruit	15 Toasted cheese Or Cheezy bread /garlic Seasoned peas Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
18 BBq pulled pork wg bun Whole grain corn dog Baked beans Celery sticks Chilled peaches	19 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust peppro Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled Fruit	20 Cheeseburger / bun Or Hamburger / bun Oven baked fries Romaine salad Chilled mandarin oranges	21 General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie	22 Egg & cheese on wg roll or pancake & sausage stick Hashbrown potato Sweet potatoes Orange juice cup Chilled mixed fruit
25 Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop Whipped potatoes Seasoned corn Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	26 Pizza Hut or stuffed crust peppro Seasoned broccoli Celery sticks w/dip Chilled Fruit Or 100% fruit smoothie	27 Chipotle day Fajita chicken or steak beef Shredded iceberg Seasoned pinto beans Seasoned rice Chilled mandarin orange	28 Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll Baby carrots Seasoned Green beans Fresh fruit	29 2 Gilardi cheese breadsticks or Spaghetti w/ meat & roll Romaine salad Grape tomatoes Chilled pineapple

## APRIL

## FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$1.50 – BREAKFAST    \$0.30 – REDUCED BREAKFAST  
\$2.50 – LUNCH    \$0.40 – REDUCED LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
4 Popcorn chicken Hashbrown patty Bbq baked beans Chilled peaches	5 Domino's pizza Or school peppro pizza Seasoned mixed vegetables Sliced red peppers Chilled fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	6 Chicken strips Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled pineapple Chez it crackers	7 Hamburger w/bun Smiley fries Coleslaw Chilled pears Sliced pickles	8 Pizza Day Seasoned corn Sliced cucumbers Chilled applesauce
11 Roasted hot dog/ bun Bbq baked beans Match stick carrots Chilled pears	12 Pizza Hut Or school peppro pizza Seasoned peas Celery sticks Chilled fruit	13 General Tso's Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Seasoned Rice Chilled pineapple tidbits Fortune cookie	14 Soft beef taco Ultra grain wrap Shredded lettuce & cheese Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Salsa cup	15 Cheesy bread Romaine garden salad Grape Tomatoes Chilled mandarin oranges
18 Sausage links French toast sticks Hashbrown potatoes Celery sticks Orange juice cup Syrup cup	19 Domino's pizza Or school peppro pizza Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots Chilled fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	20 Baked chicken fries Seasoned french fries Bbq baked beans Chilled pears Dipping sauce	21 Pepperoni Calzone Seasoned green beans Sliced cucumbers Fresh fruit	22 Toasted cheese Tomato soup Saltines Seasoned peas Chilled peaches
25 Baked chicken nuggets Sweet tots Celery sticks Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll Dipping sauce	26 Pizza Hut Or school peppro pizza Seasoned Corn Baby carrots Chilled fruit	27 Beef teriyaki dippers Seasoned rice Green beans Sliced cucumbers Chilled pineapple	28 Taco salad Lettuce & cheese Seasoned refried beans Fresh fruit Salsa Tortilla chips	29 Bosco sticks Romaine garden salad Grape tomatoes Chilled mandarin oranges Marinara sauce Tray treat

## THANK YOU from the Wakeman Masonic Lodge

On behalf of the brothers of the Wakeman Masonic Lodge, we would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous donations given for the Rylan Andrews Fund Raising Benefit Fund. Rylan, is a 6 year old that has been diagnosed with Mowat Wilson Syndrome.

A soup and sandwich benefit was held Tuesday, February 9th at the Wakeman Lodge. Over 225 people attended and supported the cause.

The Lodge would like to thank the many community businesses, organizations, and donors throughout the areas for the generous support, and donations in the fund raising endeavor. It was a very successful benefit.

A total of \$8,000.00 has been received for the Rylan Andrews Fund. The amount included the incoming donations and the support given at the supper. Funds are still being received.

With our gratitude a heat warming thanks to everyone for your gracious support. Your dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated.

~Members of the Wakeman Masonic Lodge



## Upcoming Events Firelands Band Boosters

**April 10th - Pancake Breakfast**  
Florence Township Fire Station  
8:00am to 1:00pm



**May 22nd - Car Wash**  
at Tuffy's on Route 58  
8:00am to 3:00pm

**June 25th - Band on the Run 5K**  
at Mill Hollow Time TBA



**July 31st - Car Wash**  
at Tuffy's on Rt 58  
8:00am to 3:00pm

Band Booster meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month! Come join us in the HS Music Room at 7:00pm



# FES NEWS

March has been a busy and exciting month at FES! We would like to welcome Mr. Mark Bregar as our new interim assistant principal. Mr. Bregar comes to FES with over 35 years of experience in education. Most recently, Mr. Bregar was the principal of Dover Intermediate in Westlake. PTG is busy planning what promises to be a great few months. Duct Tape Family Night took place on Friday, March 11 and was a great success. Thanks to Jackie Conry for scheduling our Family Fun Night. The Mother-Son Luau is scheduled for April 22nd, followed by the Me and My Guy Dance on May 5th. The Walk-a-Thon promises to be a fun and successful event and is scheduled May 20th with a rain date of May 27th. Field day is scheduled for June 6th, 7th and 8th. A special thank you to PTG for all of their hard work and dedication to making FES a great place to be! Book Club is underway. A big thank you to the teacher leaders:

Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Ollis, Mrs. Hignett, Mrs. Lewi, Ms. Cramer and Mr. Nerlich. Students will meet two times a week to improve their reading skills and expose them to various types of text. Strong reading skills are critical for academic and professional success.



A big thank you to Mrs. Woods for coordinating enriching music experiences for our students. The first grade students took part in a workshop with guest musician Terry Boyarsky. Using a varied repertoire of music and movement, Mrs. Boyarsky taught the first grade students listening skills, problem solving, team work and kinesthetic awareness. Students estimated, measured, and analyzed musical patterns and forms through rhythmic games, body percussion and song. They used spatial reasoning to connect musical forms with geometric figures.

The 5th grade students took part in a workshop with guest musician Hal Walker. Mr. Walker guided the students in activities that focused on shaping sound and experiencing how sound travels. The students explored music and sound with everyday materials. They even created an instrument with just rubber bands, 2 strips of paper and 2 Popsicle sticks. Many musical terms were introduced when the students were challenged to become "scientists of sound." Our students were able to experience both Mrs. Boyarsky and Mr. Walker due to funding in part from the Center for Arts Inspired Learning. Additional grants were also received

from The Nord Foundation and The Fireland's Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Proehl has also planned some hands-on art experiences for our students as well. First Graders will be experiencing a 2-day mask-making workshop with visiting artist Wendy Mahon, on March 11th and 18th. Fifth graders will be doing distance learning with the Cleveland Museum of Art, right before Spring Break. The program they'll be completing is Angles and Answers: Origami and Math. Thank you to Mrs. Proehl for arranging these enriching and engaging experiences for our students.

Teachers have been busy the last few months working with Dr. Drost. Our K-5 language arts teachers have been working hard on updating and aligning curriculum maps as well as creating common assessments and rubrics. Grades 3-5 math teachers have also been working on updating and aligning their curriculum. Common assessments provide regular and timely feedback regarding student attainment of the most critical standards and also foster consistent expectations and priorities within a grade level, course, and department regarding standards, instruction, and assessment. Most importantly, common assessment results enable educators to diagnose student learning needs accurately in time to make instructional modifications.

Mrs. Christofferson, our district Occupational Therapist, took a special trip at Christmas time to Brazil to visit her daughter's mission and involved many students and staff members in the giving experience. The staff at SAMS and FES donated toys and school supplies to share with the very poor along the Amazon River in Brazil. Mrs. Olivia Krumwiede's class at FHS donated toys to share also. Mrs. Starwalt's class sent superhero pictures to experience the trip and Mrs. Schuster's 2nd grade class had their picture taken in Brazil. Several classes and all the 2nd grade classes got to view a slideshow and see the differences in cultures as they were doing reports on different countries. Mrs. Starwalt's class got to view the slideshow as well and the class loved the stuffed piranha. Two of Mrs. Krumwiede's students got to make a lesson including geography, math and



science to go with the slide show and share with their classmates. All of the students got to see how we can be generous with others and thankful for what we have. Students got to see beautiful children just like them who like to play and learn but who might not have a school or even running water. It was a growing experience for all involved.

Mrs. Schneider and her team are busy working on a fun-filled week for Right to Read week. Our culinary-themed week will take place from May 16th-20th. The team has events planned for the week such as: Wear Green, Dress like Chef, and wear the color of your favorite hotdog topping and MORE!!!!

We have some great things happening in the building curricular wise. Mr. Horne is teaching 4th and 5th grade students how to play badminton. 4th graders are doing an extension activity called "story in a can". Students take a story and write about the main character, setting, beginning, middle, and end. Then connect the pieces of paper and scroll it inside of a Pringles can that they have decorated to match their story. On March 2nd, kindergarten students celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss and honored him by wearing pajamas and bringing their favorite Dr. Seuss book to school. They also read his stories and did other fun activities like making hats.

A special thanks to the following teachers for volunteering their time after school to have Lego Club for 48 2nd and 3rd graders: Maggie Andorka, Wendy Baxter, Carrie Jaskiewicz, Keely Krumwiede, Sandy Lima, Ashley Schuster, and Bill Yakunovich. The students are building a different theme each week, and we have seen some awesome creations! Other clubs/activities taking place include: Honors Choir with Julene Woods, Club Invention, Lego Club, Art Club, Invention Convention, and Young Authors. All of these activities are vital experiences for our students to develop the whole child by giving students a well-rounded education. This month we also had an anti-bullying assembly where Mrs. Mudore talked with the students about what to do if you are being bullied, if you are a bystander watching someone who is being bullied or if you yourself are a bully. We discussed the difference between being rude, being mean and being a bully. We also talked about ideas students could do when they are upset with someone instead of using mean words or hitting.



**Colleen Mudore**



**FES Principal**

# HONOR ROLL 2ND QTR MERIT ROLL

<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	John Gall*	Noah Metzger	Tyler Patchin	Sean Perry	Michael Kelley	Daniel Ohle	Vitoria Russo	Clay Palmer	Julia Landreth
Ryan Alcorn*	Sarah Gallo	Jacob Montgomery*	Tyler Rado	Maribeth Petrey	Julia Krynak*	Alexander Pennington*	Lauren Salkiewicz	Olivia Peterson	Isabel Massie
Jacob Bailey	Abigail Gifford	Morgan Nance*	Chace Riley	Grant Price	Allison Lake	Audria Polovich	Ashlee Saylor	Colin Ransom	Amber Michalski
Brittany Brlas	Maxwell Hertensteiner	David Nary	Juliette Scheufler*	Gracie Ransom	Abigail Landreth	Jadeyn Ramsey*	Jarett Solnick	Mason Rogozinski	Savanah Murray
Raymond Conry	Chloe Hewlett	Olivia Novak	Emma Sherban	Lorenzo Reyna	Emilia Lewis*	Matthew Ramsey	Madison Stanley	Sydney Sexton	Luke Oliver
Lyndsey Cornwell*	Kyle Hieb	Justin Ollis	Isabel Solowiej*	Chad Rich	Alyssa Lilak	Michael Ranney	Noah Stevens	Jacob Shaffer	Nathaniel Pignitella
Dakota Dembek	Daniel Hribal	Madison Palmer	Emily Solowiej*	Amy Rister	William Lockhart	Rachael Rennie	David Vaughn III	Brian Smith	Sophia Prideaux
Devin Dumke	Hailey Koster*	Abrianna Perry	Nicholas Street*	Mackenzie Roby	Audrey Lyons*	Lyza Riccardi*	Claire Vilagi	Julia Smith	Arianna Seymore
Allison Ennes	Randy LaMar	Hannah Reynolds*	Timothy Street*	Robert Rose*	Amaris Bush-Madding*	Layne Riley*	Wesley Yonts	Tate Smith	John Willis
Roy Folley*	Benjamin Laughrey	Faith Rico*	Isaac Sultzter	Austin Schuler*	Andria Mains	Noah Robinette*		Brady Stanton	
Keely Hall	Elizabeth Lewis	Angelina Rivera	Rachel Taddeo	Jenna Selent*	Ashlee McGuire	Lauren Rounds	<b>11th GRADE</b>	Sarah Stitchick	<b>7th GRADE</b>
Dylan Hickman	Mikayla Mains	Grace Schlessman	Nathan Thompson*	Chloe Simko	Madison New	Leah Schmittle*	Aaron Alston	Logan Strader	Caden Boetticher
Jared Holowenko	Hailey Mezurek	Jacob Selent	Trevor Weller	Konnor Sirow*	Samantha Novak	Michael Smith	Halle Borer	Spencer Street	Nathaniel Boucher
Jerrold Horwedel	Elizabeth Miller	Caleb Singleton	Logan Willis	Jacob Smith	Delaney Overstreet*	Mason Stanley	Hope Caruso	Calvin Stull	Zachary Brill
Victoria Hritsko	Emma Mowry*	Melanie Stapleton*	Carlie Wotton	Emily Stewart*	Seth Robinette	Blake Stinson*	Rachel Coggins	Ian Valerius	Chandler Brotko
Kathryn Iwanek	Colin Myers	Kassidy Stevens	<b>8th GRADE</b>	Ashley Strauss*	Logan Rush	William Suglia	Roxanne Curry	Ryan Wilhelm	Emily Campbell
Michaela Jeffers	Demetria Nicolaou	Autumn Swiers	Alexis Alston	Autumn Szakal	Bridget Rutkowski	Caitlin Thomas	Brenndan Frankish	Jordan Wilson	Sarah Conn
Cassidy Johannsen*	Sydney Novak	Aaron Turnbull	Alaina Becker*	Alyssa Thompson*	Jasmin Schuler	Kendall Thompson	Adeline Grame	Alyssa Yorko	Sidney Deidrick
Brylee Jones	Jordyn Phelps	McKenna Turton	Kaylee Boggs	Brianna Toledo*	Rebekah Selent	Gavin Varndell	Victoria Grasso	Alexandria Zenda	Jacob Farley
Jesse Jones	Grace Pohorence	Joy Vaughn	Claire Boucher*	Jordan Vaughn	Grace Sherban*	Aidan Von Gunten*	Olivia Harris	<b>9th GRADE</b>	Liberty Gonia
Eric Kasper	Sophia Pohorence	Nathaniel Weitzel	Megan Bowling	Samantha Walcott*	Samantha Simko	Autumn Wiley	Alexus Herrera	Sawyer Bayus	Leah Harris
Victoria Krejci	Connor Price	<b>9th GRADE</b>	Michael Campbell*	Ryan Walker*	Samuel Solowiej*	Logan Wright	Dominic Januzzi	Max Bellman	Jared Ives
Brianna Krieg	Ashley Riggs	Mackenzie Allsop	Kaleb Carver	Lauren Warner*	James Steindl*		Nathan Kovach	Daniel Bender	Rachel Metzger
Alexis Lough	Kyle Riggs	Elizabeth Balas	Shelby Clark	Kaylee Wells	Jackson Talbot	<b>*Denotes all "A's"</b>	Colin Lehman	Abigail Berry	Joshua Norwood
Bradley McGinnis	Aerin Rizzuti	Zachary Baldwin*	Ryvers Cogar	Nicholas Wells*	Dylan Taylor		Clayton Lucki	Jade Bowen	Garrick Sebolt
Rachael Minek*	Elizabeth Skolnik*	Victoria Barnett*	Alexys Coggins	Christine Whitacre	Alexandra Trendle*		Nicholas McCrary	Marley Buckner	Madison Sutton
Adriana Nigro*	Sarah Slack*	Alexander Bauer	Chance Coultrip	Lauren Widener*	Aaron Urban		Loren Myer	Micheal Carty	Megan Sutton
Emily Novak*	Nicholas Squires	Grace Bayus	Alyssa Danicki*	Lauren Willbond	Paiton Widener		Jenna Pleban	Emily Cody	Madalyn VanCooney
Julia Ohle*	Carol Lynn Stevens	Riley Bayus	Alessandra Davis*	Abigail Winnen*	Madison Witter		Hailey Riggs	Isabellea Cogar	<b>6th GRADE</b>
Emily Rich	Megan Vaughn	Logan Bishop	Logan Davis*	Allison Winnen*	Gracie Yonts		Lynn Schmittle	Joseph Elswick	Alyssa Baker
Brooke Robey	Emily Wagner*	Cora Born*	Alexandra Deaton	Justin Wossilek*			Zoe Simmons	Dylan Fullgrave	Victoria Coggins
Johnathon Rovere	Meagan Weller	Zachary Born	Justo Delgado	Vincent Yoby	<b>6th GRADE</b>		Madison Sims	D'Aviagh Gonzalez	Austin Copen
Alexandra Sabine	Michael Whitacre	Estelle Bowling	Luke Dempsey	<b>7th GRADE</b>	Devan Adkins		MacKenzie Smith	Christopher Stocking	Madison Detamore
Phillip Saylor	Andrew Williams	Sean Bowsher	Mackenzie Denney	Zachary Ambroz	Abigail Aslaksen*		Bradley Soltis	Trevor Stefanski	Brock Grude
Shelly Shupe*	<b>10th GRADE</b>	Alexander Brill	Holly Eberhardt*	Alexander Angle	Kaleb Blainey		Taylor Aslaksen	Robert Harker	Jackson Hartung
Jeremy Simonovich	Michael Bansek	Macey Butchko*	William Folley	Amelia Bacs	Alexandria Boetticher		Robert Becker	Matthew Kovach	Timothy Jaskiewicz
Aaron Stevanus	Adam Bechtler	Allison Crawford	Samuel Formholtz*	Chayce Baldwin	Ian Borton		Jennifer Beckett	Brandon Mele	Shauna Kalassay
Alyse Taddeo	Briana Bowyer*	Trinity Craycraft	Sierra Frazier	Anne Bartish	Aurora Davis		Dennis Browning	Mark Molnar	Nathan McDonald
Bradley Thrasher	Megan Brandich-Stamm	Elizabeth Dempsey	Daniel Giacopelli*	Trevor Bauer	Isabelle Davis*		Dylan Davis	John Mullins	Jordan Mitchell
Kathleen Tuggle	Averi Cleary	Sarah Drury*	Colton Griffith	Keegan Bibb*	Mary Dempsey		Emily Elswick	Jasmyn Munoz	George Ranney
Kayla Unger	Owen Cogar	Michael Durdak*	Daniel Hager	Brianna Bonomolo*	Caden Dorn		Cole Ference	Lauren Omler Beall	John Ranney
Allison Vilagi	Owen Edwards	Kaylyn Eary	Robert Harasty	Lauren Boose	Chloe Durbin		Caitlin Gallagher	Ryan Ortner	John Ranney
Erica Wasem	Morgan Edwards	Genalda Finley	Brian Harvey	Hattie Born*	Caitlin Eckman		Gabrielle Gonzalez	Kayla Reisinger	Jasmine Smith
Stephanie Wells	Kaitlyn Frazier	Madison Flanagan*	Rebecca Hopkins	Renee Clippinger*	Margaret Edwards*		Cara Gould	Cayla Riggs	Gillian Striker
Rylee Wheaton*	Grace Habeck	Henry Grame	Logan Howington	Gwyneth Conibear	Noah Galloway		Molly Hales	Austin Urban	Jaileena Trimble
Lucas Whitacre	Ethan Hayes	Beau Grude	Steven Iwanek*	Heidi Cowling*	Harrison George		Olivia Harasty	Star Vaughn	William Zimmerman
	Abigail Hill	Nathan Hammond	Christopher Jackson	Ashley Crawford	Gavin Gifford		Paige Haynes	Elijah Yoder	
<b>11th GRADE</b>	Serena Hoffman*	Dylan Hawley	Jordan Janosik*	Dominic Critelli	Dylan Davis		Haley Herrera	Charlie Yonts	
Kayla Bailey	Emily Holcomb*	Nichole Hembree	Sierra Johnson	Spencer Deremer	Emily Elswick		Samantha Hribal		
Max Bailey	Anthony	Caleb Hewlett	Cole Kaminski*	Kristin DeWitt	Cole Ference		Charles Lacy-Tennant		
Pablo Barranco*	Houdeshell	Chad Hieb	Taylor Kenska	Eduardo Diaz*	Caitlin Gallagher		Hailey Mack		
Hailey Blankenship	Bianca Inman	Joshua Kelly	Nathaniel Kraus*	Julia Douzos	Gabrielle Gonzalez		Kaitlyn Michener		
Grace Boucher	Samantha Ives	Nicole Kraus*	Lillian Laughrey	Grace Edwards*	Cara Gould		Hunter Johnson		
Matthew	Rachel Jackson*	Halli Kromer*	Kaya Loyd	Joshua Gallo*	Molly Hales		Carley Jones		
Brightbill*	Corey Jones*	Adam Lacey	Mackenzie Mack	Logan Galloway	Olivia Harasty		Dylan Katitus*		
Patrick Brightbill	Samantha Jones	Jacob Martin	Rylee Maggard*	Kevin Guillemont	Paige Haynes		Alexander Kyer		
Matthew Browning	Alaina Kempf	Ava Mastellone*	Emmaleah McDevitt*	Kelsey Hardwick	Haley Herrera		Abraham Mastellone*		
Karli Bukovac	Evan Lacey*	Zachary McCrary	Joselyn Moquete	Shawny Hess	Samantha Hribal		Gustavo Medina III		
Douglas Childers	Ariel Langer	Devon McGinnis	Vincent Morales	Frank Janezic	Charles Lacy-Tennant		Ella Meszaros*		
Samuel Dempsey	Madalyn Lyons*	Dylan Minek	Jacob Mullins*	Gabriella Keith	Hailey Mack		Corey Newark		
Andrea DiAsio	Ryan Martin	Michael Nicolaou	Anna Myers	Casey Kelley*	Kaitlyn Michener		Kathleen Nimrichter		
Maley Foster	Ariana McClung	Taylor Ostrander	Brooklyn Ollis*		Aaron Miller				
	Aleesia McKinney				Blake Morris				
					Katalin Mullins				
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