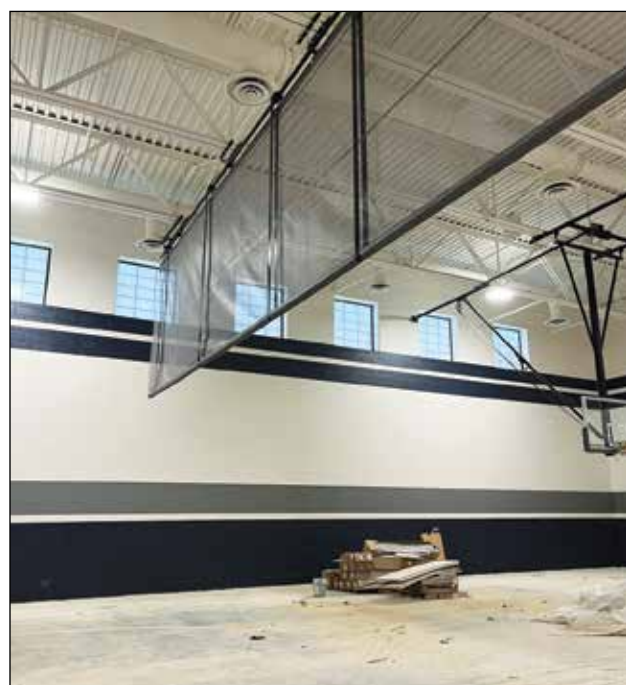




FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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Superintendent's Message

Happy 2023 Fairless Community!

We are in the home stretch of finishing the construction of the NEW Fairless High School for a May 2023 completion date. As this issue of *Focus on Fairless* is being prepared for publication, the auditorium entrance is the last area to be enclosed, and the entire building will then be sealed up. The boilers have been operating and providing heat into most areas of the building, allowing the contractors to install casework and cabinetry in classrooms and offices and floor tile in restrooms and classrooms. The ceiling grid is up in many areas, allowing installation of light fixtures, heating vents, speakers, sprinklers heads and tile. Bathroom fixtures have also been delivered and are being installed. Flooring materials are arriving soon for the main gymnasium, and the elevator installation will begin the week of January 30.

We are in the process of planning the details of moving teacher materials into their classrooms, dedication ceremony and building tours. This information will be communicated when we have firm dates and times. I hope you enjoy the pictures of the building showing the ongoing progress.

Sincerely
Broc Bidlack

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Board of Education Honors:



Dr. Jody Seward

At the November 15, 2022 meeting of the Fairless Local Board of Education, Dr. Jody Seward was presented with the Ohio School Boards Association's Veteran Board Member Award by Reno Contipelli, Northeast Regional Manager of the Ohio School Board Association.

The Veteran Board Member Award is given to school board members in recognition of 25 years of service. Of the more than 3,500 board members in Ohio, only 28 received the honor in 2022.

Dr. Seward has selflessly served as a board member since 1997. Some attributes that Dr. Seward possesses as a board member are; conviction that public education is important, the ability to make decisions, having respect for district employees, devotion of time and energy to serve, a broad focus on student concerns, and focusing on student achievement.

Thank you, Dr. Seward, for your deep devotion to the children of Fairless over the past 25 years. You are appreciated.



Broc Bidlack

The Ohio School Board Association named Broc Bidlack its Northeast Region Outstanding Superintendent-of-the-Year.

The association recognized Mr. Bidlack for his ability to stabilize the district's finances, build strong relations with both of Fairless' employee unions, and invest in the district's facilities. He was formally honored at a banquet on October 5, 2022.

District News

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Fairless Local School District



(l to r): Treasurer Mark Phillips, Ken Killian, Charlie Snyder, Hope Hill, Jason Kirby, Jody Seward, and Superintendent Broc Bidlack.

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Fairless Local Schools 2023-2024

August

- 9 Back to the Nest
- 17 Waiver Day
- 18 - 21 Teacher Day – No School
- 18 Open House K-12 – 5-7:30
- 22 First Student Day
- Grades 1-6, 9
- 23 Grades 7-8, 10-12

September

- 1 No School
- 4 Labor Day

October

- 5 & 11 P/T Conf. – Evening
- 6 P/T Conf. – All Day
- 9 Teacher Day – No School
- 20 End of 9 weeks (41 days)

November

- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 27 No School

December

- 20 End of 9 weeks (38 days)
- End of semester (79 days)
- 21-29 Christmas Break

January

- 1 & 2 Christmas Break
- 15 Martin Luther King Day

February

- 2 Teacher Day – No school
- 7 & 14 P/T Conf. – Evening
- 19 Presidents Day

March

- 8 End of 9 weeks (45 days)
- 25-29 Spring Break

April

- 1 No School

May

- 27 Memorial Day
- 30 Last Student Day/End of 9 weeks (52 days)
- End of semester (97 days)
- 31 Last Staff Day

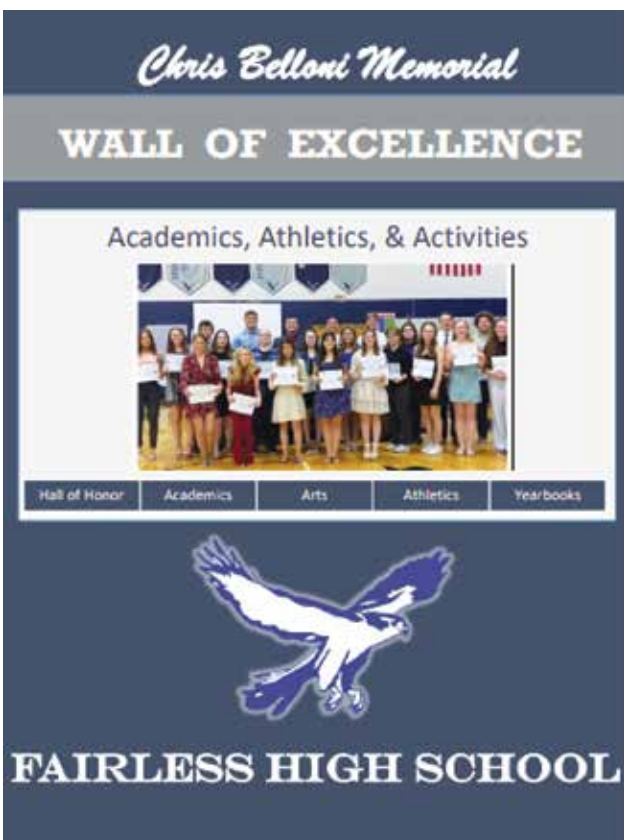
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1st Day – June 3rd – consecutive weekdays as needed

- Teacher Day - No School for Students
- First & Last Student Day
- No School
- Teacher Exchange Day – No School

Student Days 177
Teacher Days 185

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Chris Belloni Wall of Excellence Coming to FHS

The Fairless Alumni Association and the Belloni Family have partnered to create the Chris Belloni Wall of Excellence which will be donated to the school district and placed in the new Fairless High School. The Wall of Excellence will be a 65-inch interactive digital kiosk, which will represent several of Chris' passions - technology, service to others, history, and community. The kiosk was made possible through the generosity of over 100 donors who raised over \$22,000 for the project.

This kiosk will display historical and current pictures, text and video information of Hall of Honor members, yearbooks, athletic awards and academic honors. The kiosk has the ability to be expanded for additional areas of recognition. The kiosk will be located inside the main entrance of the school, and will be accessible to everyone that visits. Additionally, features will allow global searches of people and events through the internet.

If you have pictures or video of past teams, academic honors, or fine arts performances that may be considered for use in the kiosk, **please send an email with the subject line KIOSK MATERIAL to connie.horton@fairless.sparcc.org** OR drop off at the high school % Connie Horton in the Board of Education Office.

DISTINGUISHED FAIRLESS FALCON AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

email: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Years of Employment: _____

Achievements:

Professional Career:

Community Service:

Military Service:

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

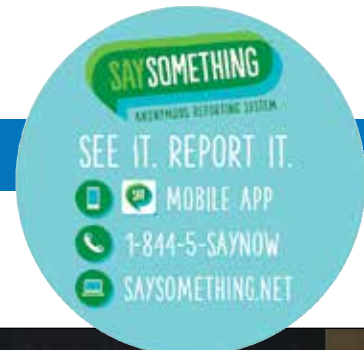
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email: _____

Procedure: Anyone may submit nominations to the selection committee by written form. Form must be legible in order to be considered. Please send to Superintendent's Office, Fairless Local Schools, 11885 Navarre Rd. SW, Navarre, OH 44662. Nominations should be received by March 31, 2023.

Additional page may be attached if needed.

High School News



Fresh Start

January 4, 2023, we welcomed back our students with the Fresh Start program, to inspire them to go where their dreams may take them. We had two alumni, who are also college coaches, talk about college scholarships. We had students tour the many programs and clubs we have to offer, including: Aultman Ambassadors, Band, Chorale and Silver Wings (Show Choir), Family Consumer Science (formerly Home Ec. or Culinary), Key Club, National Honor Society, Math and Chess Club, Media Communications (formerly Newspaper), Playhouse, Student Council, World Language, and Yearbook. Seniors had an opportunity to ask questions and get answers about graduation and post-graduation planning, such as scholarships and career goals. We topped off the day with a short Pep Rally which recognized all of our winter sports.



World Language



Yearbook



College Scholarship Information



Pep Rally - Recognition of Winter Sports



Playhouse

Our Playhouse cast and crew had a phenomenal fall musical performance, and this spring will be presenting *Midsummer Night's Dream* March 3 & 4.

High School News



Cheer

Please join us for

**Fairless High School's
2023 Winter Homecoming**

Theme : Enchanted Evening
Date : January 28th, 2023
Time : 7 - 10 pm
Cost : \$10 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased during lunch on
January 23rd - 27th. Tickets may also be
purchased at the door.

Homecoming 2023

Homecoming will be here soon. We are beginning to sell tickets soon. Tickets will also be sold at R. G. Drage.

Falcon Playhouse presents

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Friday, March 3 @ 7pm

Saturday, March 4 @ 7pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Fairless High School Auditorium

This will be the last play performed in the old auditorium!

Middle School News

Lip Sync Battle

On December 20th, the 6th graders participated in a lip sync battle for their reward day. We also played holiday trivia and had a dance off competition. All of the students had a fantastic time and the fun put us in a festive mood.



Madalyn Putt and Sophia Davis



Eighth-Grade Social Studies

The eighth-graders in early December had the opportunity to participate in a Colonial Town Hall Meeting as either Loyalists, Patriots, or Neutralists. The Loyalists and Patriots argued many different laws and taxes which King George enforced on the colonists, and the Loyalists and Patriots tried to get the Neutralists on their side. The students created propaganda and would wave them in the air as their side argued their points.



Zachary Hughes and Chase Smith

Christmas Around the World

Through research, students were able to gather some insight on Christmas and New Year's Eve traditions and celebrations from around the world. Students spent time gathering information and creating unique ways to display their newly found facts. Mrs. Knop was elated with the knowledge students learned and shared with their fellow classmates!

Therapy Dogs



Middle School News



Building Relationships

It is very important for our students to feel a connection to their school and their peers. Students are pictured working on puzzles together to help build those connections.



District Nurse Heather Starcher takes time out of her presentation for a picture.



Mike Gallina from Aultcare shares an important message.



Ben McCullough teaches the students about helping others.



Area businesses donated items for 30 prize bags which were given out at the end of the day.



Lauren Bausch and Theresa Benzel talk to the students about Aultman College.

Career Day 2022

Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who helped with Career Day this year. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse for donating lunch items for our many guests!



STEM

The sixth-grade students used the Lego Simple and Powered Machine Set to create their own motorized race car. The students competed against each other to see who had the fastest car.



Power of the Pen

The Power of the Pen writing team competed in the district tournament at Mount Union on January 6. The members of the team are the following: SEVENTH GRADE - **Adaline Borojevich, Jada Doane, Bridget Newtz, Adelyn Peterson, Annie Scheetz, and Madi Starrett**; EIGHTH GRADE - **Cheyenne Cooper, Andrea Ecenbarger, Emma Hagi, Rachael Ickes, Sara Spencer, and Izzy Underwood**.

The seventh-grade Power of the Pen team placed fourth out of 16 teams. **Adaline Borojevich** placed first out of 76 writers, and **Bridget Newtz** placed fourth. Complete results will be available later in January. The regional tournament will be held at Lake Elementary on February 25. Congratulations to all these hard-working writers.



First-Grade Music Program

December Holiday Programs

The kindergarten, first, third and fifth-graders had their holiday programs in December. Music teacher, Mrs. Kurtz, did a wonderful job with her students! The second and fourth-grade will be featured in the Spring.



Second Grade

One of the ways second-graders have been working on fact fluency is through playing games. This is a fun way to SOAR with fact power!



Fifth-Grade Choir



Third Grade

Third-graders had a book tasting where they tried different genres to see what they liked best and to spark interest in new books. Mrs. Neuenschwader even stopped by and “tasted” a few stories!



2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration
available in Final Forms on
February 1, 2023

Open to children turning 5 by August 1, 2023.
Screenings will take place in May by appointment.
More information will be posted closer to the event.

Elementary News



First Grade

In December, first-graders participated in Right to Read Week. They enjoyed reading by the fireplace and writing letters to Santa and delivering them to the North Pole Post Office in fourth grade.



Fourth Grade

All of the students enjoyed Right to Read Week! Pictured here are some of the fourth-grade students reading under the lights by the cozy fireplace and tree. Fourth-graders also manned the post office again this year so all students could send their letters to the North Pole!



Fifth Grade

Students in Mrs. Kornish's fifth-grade math class enjoyed a game of Make It Close before Christmas break. This game helped them to practice estimation and double-digit multiplication.

