



FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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Superintendent's Message

Fairless Community,

The 2021-2022 school year has been in session now for over 30 days, and we have already had many successes. All of our students are in their classrooms face-to-face with their teachers for the first time since early March 2020. We are so thankful. Our fall sports teams and marching band are in their 8th week of the season, which is hard to believe.

We are still battling the COVID pandemic, but our students are in school, participating in activities and much happier.

The construction of the new high school has made great progress since the groundbreaking ceremony on April 21. The site work, including the building pad, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, retention pond and water lines are all complete. All of the concrete foundations and footers are nearly complete, and masonry walls are being erected.

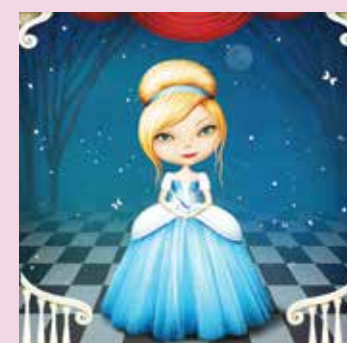


A group of 18 high school students are participating in a Construction Academy to learn about all of the components of design and construction of the new high school. The students were required to complete an application for the Academy. The Academy will take place until the building is completely finished. The students are interacting with the architects, engineers, and contractors to learn about their careers. They also get to visit the site to get a close-up view of the work and participate in demonstrations with some of the contractors.

The estimated completion date of the new high school is January 2023, but there is much to do, and that date is still very fluid.

Cinderella Ball

The Fairless High School Yearbook Class is preparing for the 2021 Cinderella Ball. The Cinderella Ball will be held October 16, 2021, at Fairless High School from 6:00-9:00 p.m. All Fairless girls, grades K-6, and their escorts are invited to an "Enchanted Forest" for a magical evening. This fun-filled night will include dancing, crafts, raffle baskets, games, and a lineup of Disney Princes and Princesses! The cost is \$25 dollars, and \$5 for each additional daughter. There will also be a Cinderella Preview, for mothers only, to come and view the ballroom from 4:00-5:00 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!



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LEGACY OF STARK 2015 PROJECT

Fairless needs you!
Be a Mentor & Leave a Legacy!

1. Head to www.LPStark.org.
2. Drop down from Programs and click "Be to Mentor".
3. Complete the Mentor Application and a Legacy Team Member will contact you!

Legacy Project

Hello Falcon Alumni and Parents!

It is my pleasure to offer you the opportunity to make an imPACT on the next generation of Falcons! Fairless Middle School is partnering with The Legacy Project of Stark again for the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to mentor every Fairless Middle School student who would like to be mentored next year. To make that goal a reality, we need your help!

The Legacy Project of Stark's imPACT Groups program is designed to connect middle school students with small group mentoring during their school day. Each imPACT group consists of two mentors and four to six students. This small group mentoring occurs on the student's turf during the school day, where mentors strive to provide students with a fun, casual environment that promotes a lot of talking and laughing. Our mentoring is delivered using the framework of the 40 Developmental Assets®, which are researched-based social and emotional learning skills that students need to thrive.

Still wondering what it takes to be a mentor? Mentors are the heroes of The Legacy Project of Stark. They truly make an imPACT by being imaginative, mindful, Patient, Adaptable, Consistent, and Trustworthy.

At The Legacy Project of Stark we share the belief with Fairless Middle School that every student needs a mentor. We hope that you will consider helping us make this happen! For more information or to apply to be a mentor, please visit www.lpstark.org or reach out to me. I would love to answer any questions that you may have!

Sincerest thanks,

Melissa Thompson

Director of School-Based Programming

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FHS Classes of 2020/2021 Hall of Honor

The Distinguished Fairless Falcon Award Committee exists to annually recognize outstanding Fairless individuals that have achieved distinction in their lives and/or chosen fields after high school through significant contributions to their careers, communities, or personal achievements.

The purpose of the Hall of Honor is threefold:

1. Recognize and honor alumni, faculty, staff, non-graduates, and community members who have brought honor to the Fairless Local Schools.
2. To establish in the hearts of our youth a motivating influence to excel.
3. To foster pride, scholarship, preserve good sportsmanship, and citizenship in our school, city, and community.

Those who receive the Distinguished Fairless Falcon Award become members of the Fairless Hall of Honor.

The Class of 2020 Distinguished Fairless Falcons

Mr. Greg Colaner

Greg Colaner is a 1975 graduate of Fairless High School. He obtained a bachelor of science in education from Bowling Green State University in 1979, and a license to practice nursing home administration in 1983. Greg joined the Altercare company in 1986, where he served as the Administrator of Altercare Navarre. He held a succession of positions including president of Absolute Health Services and later assumed his role as president of Altercare in 2003. Greg has dedicated his career to the long-term care industry and has continued to serve Altercare by overseeing all aspects of operations for 25 rehabilitation and nursing care facilities across Ohio and Michigan. Greg has been steadfast in his support of the Fairless Local School District, and his roots have remained strong in our community as a Canton native. He is a past board member for the Stark County American Heart Association, Lincoln Healthcare Group, and Canton Central Catholic Schools. Colaner continues his support and community service with many organizations such as Alliance Area Development Board, Aultman College of Nursing Board, and Mercy Development Foundation.



Dr. Casey Lucius, PhD

Casey (Miller) Lucius grew up in Brewster and graduated from Fairless High School in 1994. She attended Ashland University before joining the Navy in 1997. She was trained in Naval Intelligence and served on an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. In 2000, Casey earned a master of arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School and later earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Hawaii. In 2005, Casey moved to Vietnam to work as the Operations Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi. Upon returning to the U.S. in 2009, she began teaching National Security Decision Making at the Naval War College in Monterey, CA. During this time, Casey served on the local city council for four years and ran for the US Congress in 2016. She has also written two books on political decision-making and campaigns. In 2017, Casey and her family moved to Naples, FL where she is now working for the City of Marco Island. Casey is a member of the International City Managers Association and Women in Government Foundation. She is married to LCOL Robert Lucius, USMC (ret) and they have one son.



The Class of 2021 Distinguished Fairless Falcons

Mr. Scott Burdge

Scott Burdge grew up in Brewster, and is a 1980 graduate of Fairless High School. He also graduated from the two-year welding program at R. G. Drage. He obtained his Vocational Career license from Kent State University and has taught Welding and Metal Fabrication for 31 years at R. G. Drage Career Technical Center. Scott instills the three A's in his students - Attitude, Attendance, and Ability. Many of his students receive National Certifications before graduation, and 90% of his past students are employed by



the welding industry. Scott is a CWI certified welding inspector and provides this service back to his students for free certifications. He serves on Labor Management and District Leadership Teams as well as the Student Learning Objective, Oil and Gas, and Alumni committees. Scott volunteers to coordinate the Regional and State of Ohio Skills USA competitions, and serves as a judge at these events. He sits on the National Visiting Committee as a representative through the National Science Foundation for WELD-ED, and serves as President of the Stark County Area Vocational Educators for R. G. Drage. Scott was nominated and selected by his peers to receive the 2016 Plummer Memorial Education Award, sponsored by the American Welding Society. Scott and his students have designed and fabricated many projects throughout the community, including the Falcon that graces the front of Fairless High School. Scott has been married to his wife, Sue, for 39 years. They have two children and eight grandchildren.

Ms. Jane Williams

Jane (Myers) Williams is a 1975 graduate of Fairless High School. In addition to being the starting center for the girls' basketball team, she began her career in the entertainment industry early as a Thespian Award Winner at Fairless. Jane attended the University of Tulsa, before heading to New York City in 1978. A 32-year member of IATSE, Jane has worked in the costume departments of over 35 movies and TV shows including *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Six Degrees of Separation*, and *Godfather III*. A staple of Spike Lee's movies in the 90's, she wardrobe supervised *Malcolm X*, *Crooklyn* and *Clockers* for Oscar winner Ruth E. Carter. Jane is currently the founder/director of Morningside Theatre Company in Edina, MN, where she has taught the joy of theater to kids every summer, for the past 12 years.

Due to the pandemic, the Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be inducted together in a ceremony at Fairless High School in November 2022.



High School News



Stark County Fair

For the first time in over a year, the Stark County Fair resumed festivities. While the fair was open to solely junior 4-H participants last year, this year brought the return of amusement rides, concession stands, and entertainment events, including the Annual Band Show, held on the first night of the fair. It featured our own Fairless Falcon Marching Band which played *Sweet Caroline*, *Louie Louie*, and *You Can Call Me Al*. **Kalyssa King** and **Brock Hrynko**, both senior trumpet players, were the special feature in *Sweet Caroline* while the spectators in the stands sang loudly, “bum, bum, bum,” in time and perfect rhythm, with the song. While each participating band put on a great performance, the Fairless Falcon Marching Band can proudly say they received the most crowd interaction during and after the show.

In addition, Fairless High School students competed in various junior fair events. Congratulations to Junior, **Abigail Seward**, who was awarded the Grand Champion Meat Ram, and Junior, **Drew Engle**, who was awarded the Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder. In addition to these awards, 2021 Alum **Annabelle Ehmer**, was crowned Stark County Junior Fair Queen.



Abigail Seward



Drew Engle



Annabelle Ehmer

Welcome
New Staff!



Assistant Principal,
Dr. Tammy Bixler-Zalesinsky, and
Jessica McClain



(L to R): Gary Milton, Bryan Morrison, and Wes Yoder

Middle School News



Beth Dotson



Lisa Parker



Kristine Twigg



Audrea Yoder



Danielle Nicewander

Welcome!

Fairless Middle School would like to welcome some amazing new staff members!

Beth Dotson joined our cafeteria staff. She is a hard worker, and is excited to join the staff. Also joining our cafeteria is **Lisa Parker** who comes to us from Northwest Schools. While at Northwest, she worked as a substitute bus driver, bus monitor, and substitute in the cafeteria. She is impressed with the way the Fairless Schools and the bus garage run as a team for the best interest of our students.

Kristine Twigg, intervention specialist, comes to Fairless from Shipley's Trauma Informed Day Treatment Program. Her favorite thing about Fairless is the welcoming and supportive staff. **Audrea Yoder** joins us as a permanent substitute. Last year she was an online teacher for the Fairless Digital Academy, where she taught math and language arts for grades 5, 6, and 7. Her favorite thing about Fairless is the sense of community.

Also joining the middle school is our new school resource officer, **Danielle Nicewander**, who is in her ninth year of law enforcement. Last year, she worked as a part-time road officer with the Village of Brewster's Police Department, and also worked as a full-time Financial Solutions Specialist at First Commonwealth Bank. Working for the Fairless School District as an SRO brings tremendous light into her career. She enjoys seeing all the students every day and making sure they know that police officers are here to help them!

We hope each one of our new staff members has a wonderful school year!



L to R: Bruce Maley and Mike Buzzelli

Tech Talk

Fairless Middle School would like to recognize our technology department for all of their hard work. They make things happen behind the scenes to help our school run smoothly. Our technology department includes **Mike Buzzelli**, **Matt Gilkerson**, and **Bruce Maley**. Our Dean of Students, **Dave Fogle**, plays a big role in supporting students and staff. He makes our school's technology a high priority. Thank you to all of these gentlemen for the countless things they do for our school!



(L to R) Front Row: **Landon Kasler** (Canton Rep Student of the Month), **Addison Blackwood**, **Andrea Ecenbarger** (Canton Rep Student of the Month), **Presley Clark**, **Aiden Boggs**, **Sylvia Twaddle**; Back Row: **Noah Hagi**, **Kaniah Lamp**, **Chelsie Woods**, **Dane Ostertag**, **Dylan Stevens**, **Jasmine Mann**.

Good Character Recognized

Each month, the grade-level teachers nominate four students who have shown good character. These students are recognized at our Donuts for Good Character Reception. Students are able to invite family members to celebrate and eat donuts with them. During this reception, the students hear specifics about what they are doing well. Congratulations to our September Donuts for Good Character Students!



L to R: Haley Rhodes and Sierra Hughes

Dream Big

The new 7 Mindsets character development program encourages students to think BIG!

Above, seventh graders are dreaming big! The focus in this 7 Mindsets lesson was to encourage students to construct a dream board. On the dream board, students expressed their future aspirations and goals for life.

"You can go as far as you dream, think, and imagine."

-Lailah Gifty Akita

Start with Hello Week

We held our Start with Hello Week, a Sandy Hook Promise initiative, September 13-17. The week started with Aloha Day, when we adorned our staff and students with leis. Students posted positive notes on Tuesday. On Wednesday, students celebrated teachers and staff by remembering ways they made a positive impact on their lives. Students chose "Hello" stickers to wear on Thursday. On Friday, students wore our Falcon colors and played, Getting to Know You Bingo. Good fun was had by all!



Elementary School News



Kindergarten

Comparing Living and Non-Living things in **Mrs. Ricker's** Kindergarten room! We observed and took data on earthworms vs. gummy worms!

Mrs. Ruffier's class practiced writing their names with Play-Doh!



First Grade

Students in **Mrs. Baltzer's** first grade class work on various skills in centers.



Second Grade

Second graders enjoy practicing reading and math skills at centers during RTI.



Third Grade

The third-graders were sorted into one of five houses; Valeroso, Isibindi, Wajibu, Reveur, Nukumori. Each house works together to earn positive points to try and win the House Cup at the end of the year.



Fifth Grade

Fifth-graders have been working hard. They are using hands-on models to learn about volume.



Mrs. Ruffier's Kindergarten class.

Bus Safety Week

All of our students went through the annual bus safety program in September. They went over rules to follow on the bus and practiced how to exit the bus in an emergency.

Walk-a-Thon 2020-2021

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the elementary school in our 9th Annual Walk-a-Thon. The students enjoyed participating in this fun activity.



District News

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FAIRLESS LOCAL 2021-2022

August

16 & 17 Teacher Day – No School
17 Open House 1-12
18 First Student Day

September

3 Teacher Day-No School
6 Labor Day
30 P/T Conf. - Evening

October

1 P/T Conf. All Day-No School
6 P/T Conf. Evening
11 Teacher Day – No School
15 End of 9 weeks (39 days)

November

24-26 Thanksgiving Break
29 Teacher Ex. Day-No School

December

17 End 9wk/Sem. (41/80 days)
20-31 Christmas Break

January

14 Teacher Day – No School
17 MLK Day – No School

February

2 & 10 P/T Conf. - Evening
21 President's Day-No School

March

11 End of 9 weeks (47 days)
28-31 Spring Break – No School

April

1 Teacher Ex. Day-No School
15 No School

May

27 Last Student Day
27 End 9 wk/Sem. (49/96 days)
30 Memorial Day
31 Last Teacher Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 31, 2022 – consecutive
weekdays as needed

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

Student Days 176
Teacher Days 185

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SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

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WHBC 94.1 FM and 1480 AM,
channels ABC, CBS, and Fox 8.



Asbestos Notification

Each year Fairless Local Schools are inspected for any change in condition of asbestos-containing material, and results are posted in the Asbestos Management plan. A copy of this plan is available for public inspection. The Fairless management plan is updated twice a year as part of a six-month periodic surveillance. These measures and this notification are required to comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulation 40 CFR, Part 763.