



# FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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## Superintendent's Message

Fairless Community,

It is truly a great day to be a Falcon! Happy Fall to each of you, and I hope this newsletter finds you well. The 2020-21 school year is off to a great start, considering we are in the midst of the COVID pandemic. We are so happy to have the children back in our buildings again, even with the many pandemic protocols and procedures we have in place. I am so proud of the efforts by the staff to create an environment within our buildings that is accepting and warm for our students. I cannot say enough about how our students are being very strong, resilient and consistently wearing their face coverings. They are doing an outstanding job adapting to all of the new procedures. We are going to overcome this pandemic, and there will be a day when **ALL** of our students are back in our classrooms, without face coverings, and beaming smiles. Approximately 80% of our students are in our school buildings face-to-face each day, and 20% are being served through our digital academy. Our digital students are also being served by Fairless teachers.

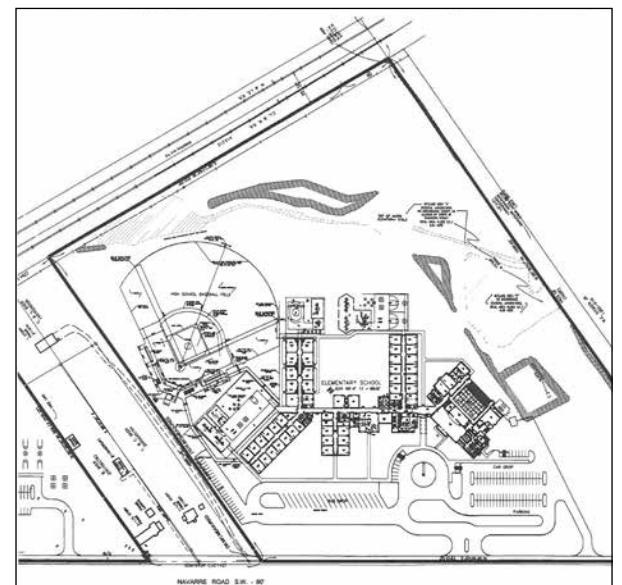
All of our fall sports teams are engaged in their seasons. We do wish that we could be fully open for all fans to come and cheer on our student athletes, but this too will happen again. We have been successful in providing live streaming of our Fairless events, due to attendance restrictions. You can find the streaming link on the athletic page on our website: <http://athletics.fairlesslocalschools.org>

Our school district is in the midst of constructing new facilities. This is a very exciting time for the students and community. We continue with plans for the new high school, and are still on track to begin construction in the spring of 2021. Some highlights on the new high school; student parking and drop-off will be in the front of the building, and bus drop-off and staff parking will be in the back of the building. An auxiliary athletic wing will include a weight room, wrestling room, auxiliary gymnasium, locker rooms for stadium events, public restrooms, and concessions. These additional facilities will also be available to serve our Fairless Youth programs. The building will also have an auditorium with state-of-the-art lighting, stage rigging, dressing rooms, scene shop and direct backstage access from the vocal and instrumental music classrooms. Completion of the new high school is set for late fall 2022.

Due to the location of the new high school, we needed to find a new location for the baseball field. A new Terry "1" Griffith Baseball Complex is being constructed behind Fairless Elementary. This new complex will feature fan seating, press box, concessions, home and visitor dugouts and equipment storage. The new field will not be completed in time for the 2021 season, so we are making other provisions for next season.

I wish you a great fall, and look forward to updating you in the winter newsletter.

*Images of the new baseball field being constructed.*



## FREE LUNCHES FOR ALL STUDENTS

The USDA has made it possible for Fairless to offer FREE MEALS for all students Kdg-12th grade through Dec. 31, 2020, or until the funds run out. Please support your cafeterias, and have your student enjoy a healthy breakfast and lunch with us.

Please make sure you fill out your 2020-2021 Free and Reduced application, to enable your child to qualify for Free or Reduced meals, once the funds have been depleted from USDA.



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## 2020 Hall of Honor Cancelled



### Fairless Alumni Association, Inc. Fairless Helping Fairless

June 10, 2020

Dear Supporter of the Fairless Alumni Association & Fairless Helping Fairless,

Several months ago, when the Coronavirus pandemic began causing closures across our community, the Fairless Alumni Association & Fairless Helping Fairless Board of Directors made the decision that now is the time to give, not ask. We believe that now, more than ever, our local businesses, sponsors, donors, and supporters who have given so much to the Fairless community need us to be there for them. With your help, over the last ten years the Fairless Alumni Association & Fairless Helping Fairless has been able to give back \$280,000 to our community. During the pandemic, we worked hard to make sure that our financial resources were stretched as far as possible while still serving our core mission. Since March, with all of your support and financial help, we have been able to support the Fairless community in the following ways:

- 1.) Invested \$6,100 in direct food aid to families which will continue through this summer.
- 2.) Awarded \$4,500 in scholarships.
- 3.) Purchased school supplies for every student in the Fairless Local School District.
- 4.) Maintained our emergency and clothing closets.

As a result of the on-going public health concerns and our desire to support the community without asking to put an extra burden on our sponsors, donors, and supporters who have already given so much, we have decided to cancel the 2020 Alumni Golf Outing, Night of Hope, and Hall of Honor Induction. These events will be back in 2021. All current Hall of Honor nominees will be given an additional year of eligibility.

Without your generous support, none of this would be possible. With gratitude for what you have done in the past and will do in the future for our community.

Thank you,

The Fairless Alumni Association & Fairless Helping Fairless Board of Directors

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is available on

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.

## Life without Fans

By Hayden Miller and Kenzie Knoll

On Friday, August 28, 2020, the Fairless High School football team played CVCA for their first game of the season, yet something was different; the band and the cheerleaders were there, but no fans or Dirty Birds were seen throughout the stadium. The only people to be seen were the three people each student athlete chose to come watch them play. Due to COVID-19, the football players knew this season would not be like previous years, when the Dirty Birds would make a tunnel out on the field for the players.



**Dominic Ehmer** said, “The game is still the same, but the adrenaline is different, and the excitement wasn’t there.”

It was not only challenging for players, but also for coaches. **Coach Sarbaugh** said, “The first football game was a challenge in playing a great CVCA team, let alone the COVID-19 restrictions, and three weather delays. Our boys played a great football game, and came away with a huge win to start the season 1-0.” Even with the struggles our football team faced, they came out with a positive attitude and played a great game of football.

It was a new experience for cheerleaders, with few fans, and no Dirty Birds or band in the stands. When the band would play, it was hard for the cheerleaders to hear the music and dance along. Since the Dirty Birds were not in the stands, hardly any fans participated in any cheers.

Coach **Megan Schneider** stated, “This season has definitely been a change from years past. The stadium is eerily quiet at times, and obviously different without our Dirty Birds and band up in the stands helping us cheer on the boys. However, the cheerleaders have been doing a fantastic job leading our fans and making it as “normal” as possible. No matter what, we are just lucky to be out there and doing what we do best, cheering on the Boys in Blue!”

Even with adversity, the cheerleaders did a great job cheering, the music of the band echoed throughout the stadium, and the football team marked up its first victory. In addition, Falcon Fans who could not attend were able to live stream the game on TV.

## FMS Welcomes New Teachers

Fairless Middle School would like to welcome our new teachers! **Brandon Shook** is a Fairless graduate, teaching sixth grade science. He’s extremely excited to be teaching in the Fairless community. It’s been a great start so far and he is looking forward to settling in and making Fairless his home for years to come.

Next we welcome **Tara Tressel**. She is so excited to be back at Fairless! She attended Fairless Local Schools from kindergarten through graduation in 2009. She teaches sixth grade Intervention and coaches the FMS cheer squad.



Tara Tressel and Brandon Shook

Finally, we welcome **Logan Bing**. She is excited to work at Fairless because she graduated from here and it feels like home. She is excited to help and support students and give them a great learning experience, like she had. She will be helping with our Fairless Digital Academy. We are glad to welcome back our Falcons!



Logan Bing



## Homecoming

Fairless High School Fall Homecoming was scheduled for September 19-20, 2020, however due to Covid-19 regulations, we were unable to hold this fun-filled weekend event themed “LUAU LOCKDOWN.” Student Council came up with an alternative movie night, but unfortunately the Stark County Health Department deemed the venue too small for the student body. Although there will not be a traditional dance, we hope to celebrate homecoming in some other way in the future. This year’s Freshman Attendant was **Kreslie Eberly**, escorted by **Carson Colucci**; Sophomore Attendant, **Brittney Woods**, escorted by **Noah Best**; Junior Attendant, **Abigail Vogel**, escorted by **Hayden Miller**. Senior Attendants were **Brandi Carter**, **Katie Maybaugh**, and **Gianna Schafer**. Senior Escorts included **Ethan Brindley**, **Reise Lanier**, and **Luke Gill**. Congratulations to this year’s King and Queen, **Mr. Luke Gill** and **Miss Katie Maybaugh**. All was not a loss, Homecoming Spirit Week was fashionable, and students and staff participated quite well. The days included: tourist day, disney character day, color wars, bikers vs. surfers, and spirit day. Thanks to everyone for participating in our spirit week! Even though our homecoming circumstances this year were not ideal, the Falcons made the best of it!



Seniors - **Ethan Brindley**, **Brandi Carter**, King **Luke Gill** and Queen **Katie Maybaugh**, **Reise Lanier** and **Gianna Schafer**.



Luau Court

# Building News



The students in Miss Martin's kindergarten class have started social distance Book Buddies with third graders.



First grade is learning a lot of new things this year! We started the year by graphing our favorite flavor of popsicles, and then enjoyed them outside. We also learned about the scientific method and making predictions. We tested our predictions by conducting an apple experiment where we put water, milk, soda and lemon juice on apple slices. We even made an apple "erupt" using baking soda and vinegar.



Every morning third grade greets one another and shares on the topic of the day.



Ms. Boker's and Mrs. Amos' fourth grade language art classes spent some time outdoors doing partner reading while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. They also play Kahoot, an online reading game. The kids answer questions individually in order to earn points. It's fast paced and they love it!



Fifth grade Annual Watermelon Day was a success! The purpose of the day was to show the students that you can learn from anything, even something as simple as a watermelon. In each subject area the kids were involved in engaging lessons that all revolved around the big, green melons. Students also received a watermelon mask for extra fun!

## Start with Hello Week

September 21-25, 2020

Start with Hello is a Sandy Hook Promise program that brings attention to the growing concerns of loneliness and social isolation, which often lead to bullying, violence, and depression. The program teaches young people how to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness. Our week began with Superhero Day, with an inspiring presentation by Mike Gallina, former superintendent of Minerva and North Canton Schools, and current VP of Community Outreach for AultCare. His message included an acronym, CHAMPS, to help students remember the characteristics that they must possess to be superheroes to each other.

- C - Courage
- H - Heart
- A - Attitude
- M - Motivation
- P - Perseverance
- S - Sacrifice

We had a week-long agenda of activities aimed at promoting kindness and inclusiveness, engaging students in a Kindness Challenge, decorating a tree with leaves filled with acts of kindness, and a new student breakfast. Students will also create thank you cards for staff, Christmas cards for nursing home residents, and make donations of canned goods to the Fairless Food Cupboard.



(L to R): Hannah Daniels, Lily Dayton, Mike Gallina, Grace Miller, Zachary Long.



(L to R): Sixth graders Raedan Eberly, CJ Lowe, Lexus Mutersbaugh.



(L to R): Madison Stark, Mrs. Johnston, Brandon Boylen, and Ben Fleming.



(L to R): Cafeteria workers Deanna Walters, Heather Anderson, and Brenda Simonson holding "thank you" notes from students.



(L to R): Kourtney Alexander and Charles Banks.



Kourtney Alexander and Mr. Simmons.