

To Fairfield Union Students, Families, Staff and Community:



Where do I even begin in reviewing the 2019-2020 school year? As you look back on the past year, our district and community could easily describe the year as tragic. We lost loved ones that were pillars of our school district, illness struck multiple members of our Falcon Family, and the school year turned upside down with the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Obviously, it is easy to see how this year could be viewed as one of the worst years ever.

However, I would argue that in the midst of the pain our community suffered, last year may have been our finest hour! I shared with my staff and students throughout the school closure that we were in the middle of a Master's level class in the course of life. Life will always be full of challenges, and life is not fair. How you respond to being knocked down in life will ultimately measure your success. I am proud to report to our community that our staff and students passed this course in life with flying colors.

Proud is certainly a word that comes to mind as I reflect on the past school year, but I honestly do not know that it is a strong enough word to describe how I feel about my staff and students. It is often said that adversity does not build character rather it reveals character. The character displayed by staff and students under the most trying of circumstances was incredible to witness, and I know this reflects the belief system in our community.

Now, as we begin to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we know it is time to face a new challenge. We are starting a new school year under trying circumstances once again, but I have great faith we are ready for the unknown of tomorrow. As a district, **we will** look back and learn from the leadership displayed by the Class of 2020, and **we will** look ahead to new leaders in the Class of 2021 showing us the way forward. **We will** lean on each other for support and encouragement. **We will** find a way to realize success in the coming year.

I will close with a quote that I hope sets the mentality for our district in the coming year:

*Fate whispers to the warrior, "You cannot withstand the storm."
The warrior whispers back, "I am the storm."*

We are more than ready for what tomorrow will bring. Take care, be well and know that it is truly a great day to be a Falcon!

Chad Belville
Chad Belville
Superintendent
Fairfield Union Local School District



2020-2021 PHASES OF SCHOOL AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION

COVID-19 Status Level Green

- All Students Expected to Attend School
- Increased Safety Protocols and Cleaning

COVID-19 Status Level Yellow

- 50% In-Person Attendance/50% Remote Learning
- Alternating Weeks (Based on the Students' Last Name)

COVID-19 Status Level Orange

- Specific Building Closure Due to Outbreak
- Remote Learning Curriculum in Closed Building(s) Only

COVID-19 Status Level Red

- All Students Stay Home
- Remote Learning Curriculum

The complete plan to reopen and restart education for the Fairfield Union Local School District can be found on the district website at www.fairfieldunion.org

STAFF CHANGES

Retirements

The following employees have retired: **Frances Daubenmier**, Rushville Secretary; **Cheryl Ritton**, High School/Rushville Music; **Christina Squires**, Pleasantville Grade 1; and **Kris Starr**, Bremen Cashier.



Transfers

The following employees will be transferring within the school district as follows: **Patricia Denny** from Bremen/Pleasantville Art to Rushville Grade 5 Math; **Kerrie Hammack** from Pleasantville Kindergarten to Pleasantville Grade 2; **Lindsey Hockman** from Pleasantville Kindergarten to Pleasantville Grade 3; **Cynthia Landis** from Pleasantville Grade 3 to Bremen/Pleasantville Art; **Stephanie McCoy** from Rushville Grade 5 Math to Rushville Technology; **Marcia Miller** from Pleasantville Grade 2 to Pleasantville Principal; **Michael Myers** from Pleasantville Principal to Director of Educational Services; **Dawn Rice** from Bremen Principal to Rushville Assistant Principal; **Jeff Rippl** from Rushville Assistant Principal to Bremen Principal; **Charles Roberts** from High School Custodian to Rushville Custodian; and **Mackenzie Smith** from Pleasantville Tutor to Pleasantville Grade 1;



New Employees

Leisha Caudill, Pleasantville Kindergarten; **Emily Cupp**, Bremen Kindergarten; **Matthew Forrest**, High School Custodian; **Matthew Gregory**, High School/Rushville Music; **Lauren Haughn**, Pleasantville Kindergarten; **Kristina Keirns**, Bremen Kindergarten; **Lauren Krupla**, Pleasantville Intervention Specialist; **Sean Krupla**, High School Intervention Specialist; **Hayley Maple**, Pleasantville Kindergarten; **Molly Green**, Rushville Intervention Specialist; **Madison Stewart**, Pleasantville Long-Term Substitute; and **Lori Williams**, Rushville Sign Language Aide.



STUDENT RECORDS AND THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

The Fairfield Union Board of Education supports the right of the people to know about programs and services of their schools and makes efforts to disseminate appropriate information. Records pertaining to individual students and other confidential materials are not released for inspection. Student records that consist of "personally identifiable information" generally are exempt from disclosure except in certain limited cases required by law. Only that information deemed "directory information" may be released from an individual student's file. Student Directory Information includes student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in school activities, achievements, awards, honors, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, major field of study, and dates of attendance and graduation. This information will be disclosed without prior written consent. If the parents, legal guardian, or adult student prefers that such information not be released, they must notify the Principal in writing.

Educational records are maintained in the administrative offices of the building a child attends. Records of students no longer attending a Fairfield Union School will be located in the building the student last attended. Parents or an eligible student may review the student's educational records.

NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX

The Fairfield Union School District has a policy of non-discrimination in admission services or employment with any program or activity sponsored by the school district. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to Chad Belville, who serves as the district's Title IX Coordinator.



DISCLOSURES AND NOTIFICATIONS

Identification of Gifted Students

All school districts are required to identify children who are gifted. Gifted students perform at remarkably high levels when compared to other students of their own age. The district accepts referrals, screens and identifies, or screens and reassesses students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and/or visual and/or performing arts. The district must follow policy and procedures established in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15. These rules specify that assessment instruments must come from the list approved by the Ohio Department of Education.



If you believe your child to be gifted in one or more of the areas listed above, please contact Eydie Schilling, Curriculum/Gifted Coordinator at 740-536-7384.

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The IDEA requires school districts to locate, identify and evaluate all resident children and adults from age 3 through 21 who are suspected of needing special education services. This notice is a required step in this search, and the district is committed to fulfilling the intent of the IDEA. Therefore, any child who is suspected of having a disability and who is not currently identified should be referred to the Principal of the building of attendance. Also, Tiffany Wade, Special Education Supervisor, may be contacted at 740-536-7306.



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PAYMENT OF FEES/WORKBOOKS



All fees can be paid through the cashier's office at the high school or the secretary's office at the middle and elementary schools. Fees can also be paid online through the PaySchools Central system (lunch account) by visiting the school website (www.fairfieldunion.org) and clicking on the PaySchools Central link. Fees still need loaded into the system, so please check back if they do not appear when you login to PaySchools.

The high school cashier and middle school secretary will be available prior to school opening for payment of fees daily beginning Tuesday, August 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Elementary secretaries will be available prior to school opening for payment of fees daily beginning Tuesday, August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling and attending school. Under this Federal law, school districts are required to designate a district liaison to help remove barriers that homeless children frequently face. If you are aware of any families in our school district who are facing this difficult problem and who have children who are not enrolled in school, please contact Christy Smith, Administrative Secretary at 740-536-7384.



**WE
CARE!**



STUDENT TIME SCHEDULES

The time schedules for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

High School	7:20 A.M. – 2:39 P.M.
Rushville Middle School	7:25 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.
Bremen Elementary School	8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M.
Pleasantville Elementary School	8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M.

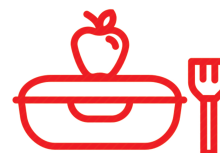


NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The school district participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, which provides free and reduced price meals for those who qualify. Free and reduced-price meal applications will be sent home with students after the opening of school. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you have received a Direct Certification letter through the mail, a new form does not need to be completed for the 2020-21 school year; however, if you want to qualify for waiver of school instructional fees, you must return the Sharing Information Form that is included with your Direct Certification letter. If you have questions regarding this program, please call Sally McCandlish, Food Service Director, at 740-536 7384.

The price for breakfast for the 2020-21 school year will be \$1.10. Students eligible for free or reduced cost meals will receive breakfast at no cost to the family. Lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year will be as follows:

Lunch for Students in Grades K-4	\$2.35
Lunch for Students in Grades 5-12	\$2.60
Reduced Price Lunch Grades K-12.	\$.40
Lunch for Adults	\$3.00
Milk	\$.45



As always, residents are welcome to have lunch in any of our cafeterias. We simply ask that you call ahead so that there is plenty of food prepared.

OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION

As of the writing of this newsletter, plans are still being made for how schools will hold Open House and Orientation. Orientation for kindergarten, fifth grade and ninth grade students will occur in person and all other grade levels will have a virtual open house available at www.youtube.fairfieldunion.org. As these plans are finalized, they will be announced via Instant Connect (our new phone message system), Twitter, and our school website, www.fairfieldunion.org.



Instant Connect

FAIRFIELD UNION WEBSITE
 The Fairfield Union web address is
www.fairfieldunion.org.
 Please visit this site for school news and regular updates.





Music Department News



The Music Department welcomes Matthew Gregory as Choir Director at Rushville Middle School and the High School. Mr. Gregory replaces Cheryl Ritton who is retiring after serving 36 years for the Fairfield Union Schools.

All information and schedules for our music department can be found by going to the Fairfield Union High School page on our school website and clicking on "Performing Arts Grades 5-12."

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEE REMINDERS

Each athlete is required to complete training rules and a pre-participation physical (once per year), as well as pay their Sports Participation Fee of \$50.00 for each high school sport or \$25.00 for each middle school sport. We have and will continue to make every effort to keep our rates below those of similar sized school districts in the area.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Department would like to invite all parents to be active participants in the Athletic Booster program. Athletic Booster meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library.

BELOW IS A LIST OF HEAD COACHES FOR THE 2020 FALL SEASON



Sean Krupla—Football



Brian Oliver—Golf



Shea Schmelzer—Boys Soccer



Casey Bischof—Girls Soccer

Rob Myers—Cross Country

Mindy Miller—Volleyball



Shyna Gawell—Football Cheerleading



Alex Craine—Athletic Trainer

MID-STATE LEAGUE ADMISSION PRICES (Subject to Change)

All Varsity Contests and Triple Headers
Students - \$4.00 Adults - \$6.00
No Advance Sale Tickets
Infield Parking - \$3.00

Under the Varsity Level (Freshmen, Reserve and Middle School)

Students - \$3.00 Adults - \$5.00

Senior Citizens who hold a Golden Buckeye Card will be admitted free of charge at home events. Discount cards are available at the high school office for all sporting events—contact Kathy Williams at 740-536-7306 for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fairfield Union Local School District is to provide a safe environment where purposeful and rigorous educational experiences develop lifelong learners and confident, productive citizens.



OUR VISION

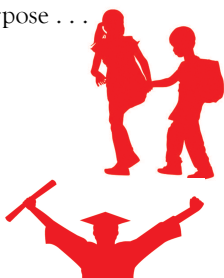
Fairfield Union will serve as a collaborative learning community shaping the educational environment to prepare students for college and career readiness.



BELIEFS

The Fairfield Union Schools believe it is our purpose . . .

- To promote lifelong learners.
- To teach all students academic skills.
- To promote good citizenship.
- To develop self-confidence and a positive self-image in students.
- To provide a safe, healthy environment.
- To teach functional life skills.
- To provide a challenging environment.



2020-2021 BUS ROUTES

A transportation link will be available on the Home Page of the Fairfield Union website at www.fairfieldunion.org. Please visit the website to review the routes. If you do not have internet access and would like information on bus routes that pertain to your student(s), please call the Fairfield Union Transportation Department at 740-536-7820 or the Fairfield Union District Office at 740-536-7384. Copies of bus routes will also be available in all school offices.

Barb Gaskins
Transportation Coordinator



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2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

New Teacher Orientation	August 13 & 14, 2020 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY)
Teacher Work Day - Classroom Preparation	August 17 (MONDAY)
Teacher Professional Development Days.....	August 18, 19, 20, 21 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
First Day for Students.....	August 24 (MONDAY)
Labor Day.....	September 7 (NO SCHOOL)
Two Hour Late Arrival - Teacher Data Day.....	September 18 (FRIDAY)
Fairfield County Fair	October 12 – 16 (NO SCHOOL)
End of 1st Nine Weeks - Two Hour Late Arrival.....	October 30 (FRIDAY)
Two Hour Late Arrival – Teacher Data Day	November 20 (FRIDAY)
Comp. Day for Parent Teacher Conferences.....	November 25 (NO SCHOOL)
Thanksgiving Break	November 26 & 27 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day Before Christmas - 2 Hr. Early Dismissal.....	December 18 (FRIDAY)
Christmas Break.....	December 21 - January 3, 2021 (NO SCHOOL)
School Resumes	January 4, 2021 (MONDAY)
Martin Luther King Day.....	January 18 (NO SCHOOL)
End of 2nd Nine Weeks – Two Hour Late Arrival.....	January 22 (FRIDAY)
Presidents Day.....	February 15 (NO SCHOOL)
End of 3rd Nine Weeks – Two Hour Late Arrival.....	April 1 (THURSDAY)
Good Friday.....	April 2 (NO SCHOOL)
Comp. Day for Parent Teacher Conferences.....	April 5 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day for Students - 2 Hour Early Dismissal.....	May 27 (THURSDAY)
Teacher Work Day - Records.....	May 28 (FRIDAY)
Graduation Exercises.....	May 30 (SUNDAY)

NOTES

- The first 36 hours (1 day = 6.5 hours) of missed school due to closure or delay will be forgiven. After 36 hours of missed school time, days will be made up in the following order: January 18, February 15, April 5, and May 28. The district also reserves the right to utilize late arrival or early dismissal days to make up time.
- Should the district exhaust all make-up days, blizzard bags will be used to make up any additional days.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during evening hours as follows:
 Bremen and Pleasantville Elementary Schools
 Nov. 17, Nov. 23, March 29 & March 31
 High School and Rushville Middle School
 Nov. 19, Nov. 23, March 29 and March 31
- Open House and Orientation will be held virtually.

LATE ARRIVAL DATES

Friday, September 18, 2020 (Teacher Data Day)
 Friday, October 30, 2020 (Grading K-12)
 Friday, November 20, 2020 (Teacher Data Day)
 Friday, January 22, 2021 (Grading K-12)
 Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Grading K-12)

Early Dismissal Dates

Friday, December 18, 2020
 Thursday, May 27, 2021

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW – 2020-2021 FORECAST

Receipts

Local Sources

Property Tax.....	\$ 6,387,292	27%
Income Tax	5,087,058	21%
Other*	2,544,812	11%
Total Local	14,019,162	58%
State & Federal Sources.....	10,072,526	42%
Total Receipts.....	\$24,091,688	100%

Expenditures

Employee Salaries/Wages	\$11,035,060	47%
Employee Benefits.....	5,863,841	25%
Purchased Services	4,008,945	17%
Supplies.....	512,847	2%
Capital.....	14,252	0%
Other/Transfers.....	2,268,978	10%
Total Expenditures.....	\$23,703,923	100%

Beginning Cash Balance.....	\$11,486,074
Receipts	24,091,688
Expenditures	23,703,923
Ending Balance June 30, 2018.....	\$11,873,839

*Other receipts include revenue from open enrollment, interest income and fees.

Falcon Features

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2020-2021 HYBRID ALTERNATING SCHEDULE: STATUS LEVEL YELLOW

Group 1: Last Name Letter A-L

Group 2: Last Name Letter M-Z

August '20						
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- Group 1: Last Name Letters A-L
- Group 2: Last Name Letters M-Z
- No School for Students
- End of Grading Period
- 88 Group 1 In-Person Instruction
- 88 Group 2 In-Person Instruction

- 1st Quarter - 22/22 days
- 2nd Quarter - 22/24 days
- 3rd Quarter - 25/23 days
- 4th Quarter - 19/19 days

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