

To Fairfield Union Students, Parents and Community:



As we prepare for the coming school year, it is always good to reflect on the past year and appreciate the memories we created as a district. Fairfield Union had a tremendous year in all aspects of our district, and it is exciting to know our future is extremely bright! Whether it was our athletic teams making State appearances, the production of *The Little Mermaid* or the tremendous growth in our test scores, you cannot help but feel the great pride and optimism we all have in Fairfield Union. We also know these things do not happen without all of us working together to make it a reality. We are extremely blessed to have the perfect combination of community, students and staff functioning as a unit. None of us should take for granted how lucky we are to be a Falcon!

Obviously, we are proud of what we have achieved over the past year, but we cannot relish in our accomplishments for long as there is still plenty of work to do in our district. At Fairfield Union, we take great pride in placing the needs of our students above all else. In the coming year, we are going to be able to see a powerful impact on the educational, social and emotional lives of our students thanks to the hard work of our staff and the generosity of our community.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, every student in the Fairfield Union Local School District will have a Chromebook assigned to them. Thanks to the passage of our Permanent Improvement Levy, we have been able to purchase 1,500 Chromebooks this summer and dramatically increase technology available to our students. By introducing this 1:1 computer initiative, we are going to decrease the amount of time our students spend on state testing while improving the educational experience in preparing our students for life after school. This is an exciting development for our students and an inspiration to see levy money go directly to the education of students!

You will also see an article in this newsletter outlining a new program called Thriving Learning Communities. This is a program that specifically targets the social and emotional well-being of students in grades K – 8. By building a solid foundation of personal wellness, we know we will be able to help our students realize their full potential in and out of the classroom. Finally, you will also notice dramatic improvements to our land lab, grounds, and athletic facilities. By providing a first-class environment for our students, we know we are preparing them to be successful in life.

We often talk of our motto, “Every day, in every way, excellence is a way of life”, and more importantly, it is great to see all of us living it in our daily walk. The future is extremely bright at Fairfield Union, and I am excited to see what the new year will hold for us. As always, it is a great day to be a Falcon!

Go Falcons!

Chad Belville

Chad Belville
Superintendent
Fairfield Union Local School District



THRIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Fairfield Union is excited to roll out a new program for our elementary and middle school students for the 2018-2019 school year. The program, Thriving Learning Communities, is a way to transform our school culture and provide our students with a positive learning environment critical for student success. This program applies the science of character strengths to the practice of teaching and learning. The goal of the program is to improve students’ social and emotional skills to increase motivation, engagement, learning, and performance. Students and parents will be receiving information on this exciting new program in the Fall of 2018.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

All schools in the Fairfield Union Local School District will be including social-emotional learning (SEL) as part of their curriculum during the 2018-19 school year. SEL is the process through which students learn and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.



The Ohio Department of Education is developing supports, strategies and standards that address social and emotional competencies in students of all ages. The standards will be available fall 2018. To reach this goal, the Department is creating social and emotional learning standards for grades 4 through 12. Ohio experts are participating on an advisory council to provide guidance to the process. These experts bring expertise on student-centered programs and come from higher education, local school districts and organizations with whole child initiatives. Ohio will also update the kindergarten through grade 3 standards so that the social and emotional learning standards will be a seamless part of the kindergarten through grade 12 school experience.

In preparation for the SEL standards implementation, teams of educators from the elementary and middle schools participated in summer training by the Mayerson Academy called Thriving Learning Communities. Grant dollars were used to support the training and materials for this program. At the high school level, a core group of educators will expand upon the K-8 program to develop SEL lessons designed to support students in grades 9-12.

STAFF CHANGES

Retirements

The following employees have retired: Jennie Anderson, Bremen Grade 1; Nancy Mathias, Assistant Treasurer - Accounts Payable; and Lisa Ruff, Bremen Grade 1.



Transfers

The following employee will be transferring within the school district as follows: Kathryn Barber from Bremen Kindergarten to Bremen Grade 2; Michelle Correll from Bremen Tutor to Bremen Kindergarten; Elizabeth Wills from Bremen Grade 2 to Bremen Intervention Specialist.

New Employees

Moriah Allen, Bremen Grade 1; Christine Balint, High School Vocational Agriculture; Brandon Berchtold, Technology Support Technician; Barbara Roberts McKinnon, Bremen, Pleasantville and Rushville Art; and Travis Shaeffer, High



PAYMENT OF FEES/WORKBOOKS

All instructional fees and workbook charges will be invoiced after October 1, 2018; the High School Cashier will be available prior to school opening only for payment of High School sport participation fees and fees from prior school years on the following schedule: August 9, 10, 13 and 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fall season sport participation fees for Middle School students will be accepted on August 9, 10, 13 and 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on August 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

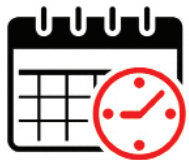


Sport participation fees can also be paid online through the PaySchools Central system (lunch account) by visiting the school website (www.fairfieldunion.org) and clicking on the PaySchools Central link.

STUDENT TIME SCHEDULES

The time schedules for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

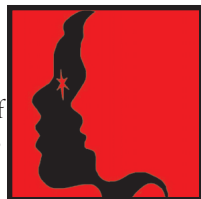
High School	7:20 A.M. – 2:32 P.M. (Beginning of 1st Period)
Rushville Middle School	7:30 A.M. – 2:45 P.M. (Beginning of 1st Period)
Bremen Elementary School	8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M.
Pleasantville Elementary School	8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M.



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 your child's principal. Forms should be filed by October 5, 2018.

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, Chad Belville, Superintendent, may be contacted at 740-536-7384.



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

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.

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; however, if you have received a Direct Certification letter, a new form does not need to be completed for the 2018-19 school year. If you have questions regarding this program, please call Sally McCandlish, Food Service Director, at 740-536-7384.

The price for breakfast for the 2018-19 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 2018-19 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 the school year begins, we extend an invitation to parents to attend Open House/Orientation. Dates are as follows:

- High School August 15 – Freshmen Orientation, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.
- Rushville Middle School August 13 – 5th Grade Orientation, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
- August 13 – Grades 6, 7 and 8, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
- Bremen Elementary Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. – Grades KG and 1
- Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Grades 2, 3 and 4
- Pleasantville Elementary Tuesday, August 14, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Grades KG and 1
- and Fairfield County Pre-School (In child’s classroom)
- Tuesday, August 14, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Grade 2 (Meet in Cafeteria and then will proceed to classrooms)
- Tuesday, August 14, 7:15 – 8:15 P.M. – Grades 3 and 4 (In child’s classroom)



The High School will conduct Freshmen Orientation; however, in place of their Open House, they will be offering a High School Curriculum Night later in the school year as they begin the class selection process for the 2019-2020 school year. This will be an opportunity for high school students and parents to come to the school and hear some general scheduling information from the counselors and administration, and then visit teachers to learn about course offerings for the following school year.

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.

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 Eydie Schilling at 740-536-7384.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Marching Falcons kicked off their summer season on July 23. Band camp runs the two weeks prior to the start of school. The Marching Falcons will unveil their "Pops Show" at the first football game.

A full schedule of activities for the 2018-19 school year is posted on the Fairfield Union website. Some of the Fall/Winter highlights are as follows:

August 29 Millersport Sweet Corn Festival Parade
 September 8 Sheridan Marching Band Festival
 October 11 Fairfield County Fair Parade of Bands
 October 17 Circleville Pumpkin Show
 October 20 Utica Marching Band Festival
 October 22 Assembly Singers First Arts Concert



November 17 Lancaster Holiday Parade
 December 3 High School Choral Christmas Concert
 December 17 5th and 6th Grade Christmas Concert
 December 19 7th and 8th Grade Christmas Concert
 December 20 56th Annual Choral Christmas Tour



2018-2019 BUS ROUTES

A transportation link will be available after August 1 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



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.



Fairfield Union Alma Mater
 Oh Hail to Thee Dear Fairfield
 Sing praises to Thy name
 Alma mater brave and fair
 Thee we'll always claim.
 We'll always sing of Fairfield
 And loyal we'll remain
 Sing of Fairfield Union
 Mighty Fairfield Union
 Oh Hail to Thee Dear Fairfield
 Sing praises to Thy name
 Fairfield.



Fight Song
 Fight on Fairfield, fight to the end
 Give our team some pep to defend us;
 Make that touchdown one that will send
 Fairfield on to victory
 Fighting always, wait and see,
 Fight on for Fairfield High.



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

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Mandatory Sport Meetings

Players and parents of athletes in grades 7-12 are required to attend one OHSAA meeting each school year. Fall dates are as follows: August 6 for football, boys soccer, and golf athletes and August 7 for volleyball, cross country, cheerleading and girls soccer athletes. Both meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. (Middle school club soccer and club golf athletes are not required to attend.) If you have any questions regarding these OHSAA meetings, please call the high school office at 740-536-7306.

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.

Head Coaches for 2018-19 Fall and Winter Seasons

The Athletic Department welcomes Shea Schmelzer as our new Boys Soccer Coach, Mindy Miller as our new Volleyball Coach and Travis Shaeffer as our new Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Below is a list of Head Coaches for the Fall and Winter seasons:

Bo Brandon—Football
 Alex Eversole—Boys Basketball
 Travis Shaeffer—Girls Basketball
 Brian Oliver—Boys Golf
 Mike Miller—Wrestling
 Shea Schmelzer—Boys Soccer
 Casey Bischof—Girls Soccer
 Rob Myers—Cross Country
 Mindy Miller—Volleyball
 To Be Determined—Football/Basketball
 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 & 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.



Important Fall Athletic Dates

August 24 Senior Night for Golf & Cross Country
 September 21 Homecoming Game
 October 19 Senior Night for Football, Cheerleading & Marching Falcons

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

New Teacher Orientation	August 10 and 13, 2018 (FRIDAY & MONDAY)
Teacher Orientation/Preparation Days	August 14 and 15 (TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)
First Day for Students	August 16 (THURSDAY)
Labor Day	September 3 (NO SCHOOL)
Two Hour Late Arrival (Teacher Data Day)	September 7 (FRIDAY)
County Professional Development Day	September 24 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Fairfield County Fair	October 8 - 12 (NO SCHOOL)
Two Hour Late Arrival (Grading)	October 26 (FRIDAY)
Thanksgiving Break	November 21, 22 and 23 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day of School Before Christmas	December 21 (FRIDAY) (Two Hour Early Dismissal)
Christmas Break	December 24 – January 2, 2019 (NO SCHOOL)
School Resumes	January 3, 2019 (THURSDAY)
Two Hour Late Arrival (Grading)	January 11 (FRIDAY)
Martin Luther King Day	January 21 (NO SCHOOL)
President’s Day	February 18 (NO SCHOOL)
Staff Professional Development Day	March 15 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Day Off In Lieu of Evening Conferences	March 18 (NO SCHOOL)
Two Hour Late Arrival (Grading)	March 22 (FRIDAY)
Easter Break	April 19 and 22 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day for Students	May 23 (THURSDAY) (Two Hour Early Dismissal)
Teacher Records Day	May 24 (FRIDAY)
Graduation Exercises	May 26 (SUNDAY)

NOTES

1. The first five (5) snow days will be forgiven. After the first five snow days, days will be made up in the following order:
January 21, February 18, March 15, March 18, April 22, May 24.
2. Should the district exhaust all make-up days, blizzard bags will be used to make up any additional days.
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during evening hours as follows:
Bremen and Pleasantville Elementary Schools November 6, November 8, February 12 and February 14
High School and Rushville Middle School November 7, November 8, February 13 and February 14
4. Open House and Orientation:
Rushville Middle School August 13, 2018
Bremen and Pleasantville Elementary Schools August 14, 2018
Fairfield Union High School August 15, 2018

LATE ARRIVAL DATES

- Friday, September 7, 2018 (Teacher Data Day)
- Friday, October 26, 2018 (Grading K-12)
- Friday, January 11, 2019 (Grading K-12)
- Friday, March 22, 2019 (Grading K-12)

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

- Friday, December 21, 2018
- Thursday, May 23, 2019



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Receipts

Local Sources

Property Tax	\$ 5,162,924	22.8%
Income Tax	4,773,031	21.1%
Other*	2,563,986	11.3%
Total Local	12,499,941	55.3%
State & Federal Sources	10,115,748	44.7%
Total Receipts	\$22,615,689	

Expenditures

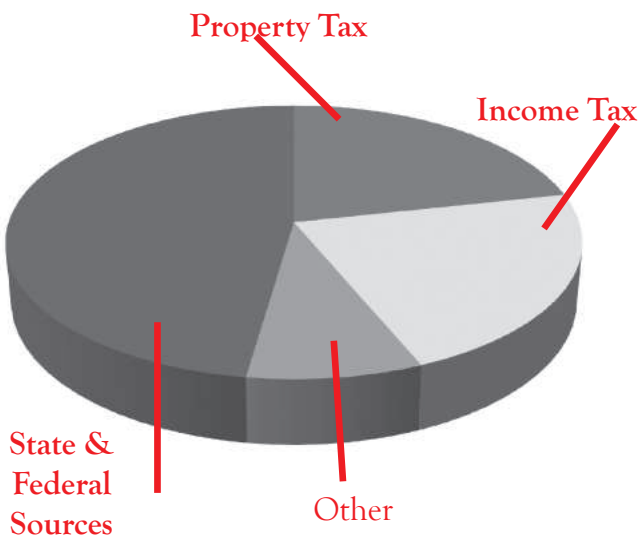
Employee Salaries/Wages	\$10,807,601	49.5%
Employee Benefits	4,806,844	22.0%
Purchased Services	3,472,300	15.9%
Supplies	543,851	2.5%
Capital	70,163	0.3%
Other/Transfers	2,126,023	9.7%
Total Expenditures	\$21,826,782	

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 9,670,758
Receipts	22,615,689
Expenditures	21,826,782
Ending Balance June 30, 2018	\$10,459,665

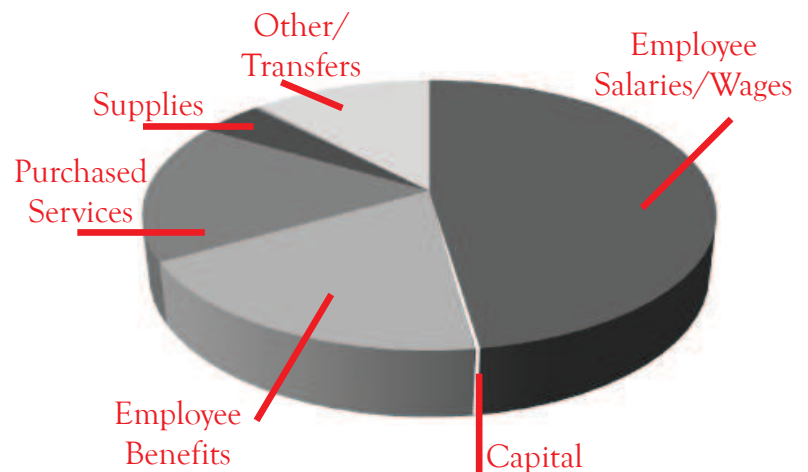
*Other receipts include revenue from open enrollment, interest income and fees.



Receipts



Expenditures



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