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Froehling and Hogan named ISD 192 Teachers of the Year!

Mark Froehling and Jen Hogan were voted the 2021 ISD 192 Teachers of the Year by their peers. Froehling is a high school science teacher while Hogan is a middle school counselor, but they both have a passion for helping students learn and grow.

Mr. Froehling teaches science at Farmington High School. He has been a teacher for 36 years and at FHS for the past 24 years. He also spent many years as the FHS Football Coach and has been recognized with the Power of Influence award from the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association and as the Teacher of the Week at the first high school football game at the new MN Vikings TCO facility.



When asked about winning ISD 192 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Froehling said: "Being a teacher in the Farmington School District and teaching at Farmington High School has been a real blessing to me for the past 24 years. I am part of an innovative, creative and supportive staff and administration

who care about the students in our schools. My students are wonderful people who help make it fun to come to school each day. With all the excellent teachers at Farmington High School, it is a real honor to be selected as Teacher of the Year."

Ms. Hogan is the School Counselor at Levi P. Dodge Middle School. She began her career at Farmington High School and has been a counselor in ISD 192 for the past 18 years. Most recently, she has served our Tiger Community by training her golden retriever, Murphy, to be a therapy dog. This fall Murphy was able to officially become part of the DMS staff.



Ms. Hogan said about her work at Dodge Middle School: "I love my profession and I am grateful I have a career that fills my purpose. I take pride that I work in a district and at Dodge Middle School where staff want students to find their sparks, encourage risk taking, and embrace change. Dodge staff support my efforts to provide all students with the needed support in the areas of social/emotional development, career exploration, and life skills development. We are a community at Dodge and together we nurture, encourage and support students and staff to be thriving life-long learners."



Congrats to these two awesome teachers and a big thank you to all our teachers for all you do!



Middle school learners experience Orbit Earth Expo

At both Boeckman Middle School and Dodge Middle School, 6th grade and 8th grade science classes recently got to experience the Orbit Earth Expo. This traveling exhibit brings massive inflatable models of the earth and moon along with a light to represent the sun and manipulatives for the other planets. Students have the opportunity to manipulate the models to experience

many natural phenomena such as eclipses, seasonal/lunar cycles, creation of winds, day/night cycles, tides, and rotation vs revolution. They also discuss physical characteristics of the earth, moon and sun, gravity, order of the planets, seasons and more!

This experience for over 1000 middle school students was made possible by a generous donation from Collins Aerospace

Charitable Grants. Boeckman Middle School teacher Todd Kohorst pursued the opportunity as a way to provide additional science enrichment for students during a time when traveling for field trips is not always possible. The expo was a fun, interactive, hands-on learning experience which tied in well with the content students were studying in class.





FHS Marching Band Wins State Championship

The Farmington High School Marching Band traveled to US Bank Stadium on Saturday, October 9 for the Youth in Music Marching Band Championships and came home as the Class AA State Champions!

Farmington earned a score of 70.75, the highest in Class AA. Scores in marching band are awarded based on both musical and visual effect. The Tigers' color guard also came home with the title of best color guard!

The Tigers began competing in Marching Band in 2014. In 2016, the Tigers earned a 4th place finish in the Class A State Championships. In 2019, Farmington placed 2nd in Class AA.

Congratulations to FHS Band Directors, Erin Holmes, Brad Mariska, and Elliot Douma; and, to our marching band students for their exceptional commitment and performance at the 2021 YIM Marching Band Championships!

Farmington High School learners accepted to honor choirs



Eleven learners from the Farmington High School Choir were recently accepted to the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota 9-10 Honor Choirs! This is a tremendous accomplishment for these young musicians, and their choir directors were very proud to share their accomplishment with the greater school community.

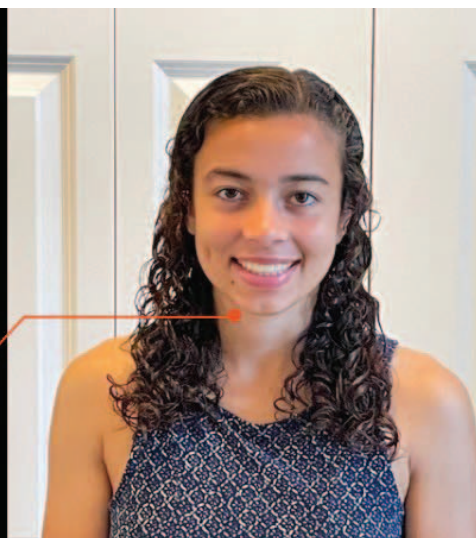


These students were chosen from among hundreds of auditions to perform in these prestigious ensembles. They will rehearse and perform a concert on Saturday, February 19th at 5:15 p.m. in Bethel University's Benson Hall.

The students include: Jonathan Syvilayvanh, Logan Morris, Evan Trenary, Tyler Udell, Jacob Kiage, Logan Jansen, Abbey Nelson, Becca Woody, Ava Soll, Kiara Sin, and Kate Lentsch.

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Farmington High School Recognizes 2021-22 MSHSL ExCEL Award Winners

Content provided by Keith Badger

Juniors, Anna Lorenzana and Jason Mrosla, have been selected as the 2021-22 MSHSL ExCEL Award nominees from Farmington High School.

Anna is the daughter of Michelle and Raul Lorenzana. She is a member of the girls soccer team and is involved in National Honor Society, peer tutoring, and Link Crew. She volunteers with 4H, and as a youth soccer coach. Anna's GPA is an outstanding 4.114!

Jason is the son of Nathan and Laura Mrosla. He is active on both the baseball and hockey teams at FHS

and is a member of National Honor Society and Youth in Government. In the community, Jason volunteers as a peer tutor, Link Crew, Adopt A Highway, Shoe Collection, and as both a youth golf and basketball instructor. Along with his many extracurricular activities, he boasts an impressive 4.173 GPA!

The ExCEL Award – Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, leaders in

their schools, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. This award is sponsored by the League's corporate partner Wells Fargo.

In order to be eligible for the award, a school's nominees must be juniors, making satisfactory progress towards graduation, participate in a MSHSL fine art and/or athletic activity, hold a leadership position in the school, volunteer in their community, and meet general eligibility guidelines through the MSHSL.

Congratulations to Anna and Jason!



Blazing Cats: State Champions!

Content contributed by Keith Badger

For many years now Farmington Tigers have had the opportunity to participate in Adapted Soccer as part of the Blazing Cats, a team made up of students from Farmington, Lakeville, and Burnsville. The Blazing Cats recently won the 2021-22 MSHSL CI Adapted Soccer State Championship!

The Blazing Cats earned a #1 seed in the South division of the state tournament bracket

after finishing the regular season 6-0. On Friday, November 19, the Blazing Cats defeated Stillwater 17-2 to advance to the state semifinals. In the semifinals, the Blazing Cats took down Chaska/Chanhasen/Shakopee/Prior Lake 21-4! In the Championship game, the Cats earned the championship with a tough victory over Dakota United.

Two Farmington Tigers represented the Blazing Cats at the State Championship. Junior Defender Aaron Blood and Junior Defender Hunter Schneider are both on the team. 7th grader Olivia Yager also participated on the JV Blazing Cats team this year as a Defender.

Congratulations to Aaron, Hunter, Olivia, and all our Blazing Cats!

The Little Mermaid makes a splash in ISD 192

In the fall of 2021 Farmington High School staged and performed *The Little Mermaid* as their annual fall musical. Staff and students alike were beyond excited to return to the theater after the unusual circumstances of the previous fall, and it showed in their attention to every detail. There were bright, spectacular costumes, bold lighting, colorful set dressing and precisely practiced music and dance. While technically a high school performance, this musical involved the whole community from the many adult staff members and volunteers to the elementary students that helped round out the cast, and everyone who came to see the show. By all accounts it was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

The show was so well done that it received an honorable mention for overall production from the Spotlight Education Program run through the Hen-

nepin Theatre Trust. The program sends professional theatre artists and educators into member schools to provide feedback before a show opens. After a show has opened, the program sends three evaluators to three different viewings of the show and provides members of the production feedback and critiques to help our students and staff continue to grow their art.

In addition to the show receiving an honorable mention, several cast members received individual awards. Ashlyn Cox (Ariel), Charlie DeNet (Sebastian), Madison Rausch (Ursula), and Paige Huling (Scuttle) received Outstanding Performance awards and will participate in the Spotlight Showcase this summer at the Orpheum Theatre.

A huge congratulation to everyone involved in this production including the dedicated staff members: Sarah Stout (Director), Morgan Baum-



Photo Credit: Bradley Mariska

bach (Technical Director), Megan Dimich (Vocal Director), Amy Kienberger (Choreographer), Brad Mariska (Pit Orchestra Director), Colby Meyer (Set Builder), and Gavin Oliveras (Set Builder).

Top 3 Reasons Families Love ISD 192

1 Good Teachers! In our biannual community survey, good teachers were ranked as the most liked quality of Farmington Area Public Schools. The community also gave our teachers a highly positive job performance rating.

2 Good Education! A good education was ranked as the second most liked quality of Farmington Area Public Schools in our community survey. 91% of residents rated the quality of education as excellent or good.

3 Programs and Curriculum! Farmington Area Public School offers a wide variety of programs and a versatile curriculum. These aspects were ranked the third most liked quality of Farmington Area Public Schools in our community survey.

The most recent Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192 community survey was completed during the summer of 2021. This is a formal survey of 400 randomly selected ISD 192 residents conducted via telephone by the Morris Leatherman Company. The 400 person sample is always projectable to within +/- 5% in 95 out of 100 cases. The results of this survey were presented to the ISD 192 School Board at the July 19, 2021 School Board meeting and can be reviewed in the video or on our website, www.farmington.k12.mn.us.



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Fall Athletics Wrap Up

Content courtesy
of Keith Badger,
Athletics &
Activities Director

SWIM & DIVE

The Farmington Tigers Girls Swimming and Diving team finished the regular season 8-1 in South Suburban Conference (SSC) competition, 10-1 overall placing them second in the SSC. The Tigers' only loss came by way of #6 Prior Lake, the 2021 SSC Champions.



Farmington Tigers 2021 Swim and Dive State Team via @FarmLadyTigers Twitter.

In their final regular-season dual of the year, the Tigers defeated Lakeville North 96-85 at the Dodge Middle School pool. The 200-yard medley relay team of MacKenzie Roach, Faith Ring, Maddie Grimm, and Anna Speratos earned a victory finishing with a time of 1:56.66. Faith Ring was also a winner in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:01.84. Maddie Grimm and MacKenzie Roach finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the 200-yard individual medley. Anna Speratos placed 1st in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.14. Jordyn Schmucker won the 1-meter diving competition with a score of 237.25. Faith Ring and Kate Lentsch placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the 100-yard freestyle. Sommer Krause won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.82.

At the section 1 AA swimming & diving meet held November 10-12, the Tigers came home with a first place finish. Following the Section 1 AA meet, Farmington was recognized with the Section 1 AA Swimmer of the Year (Maddie Grimm), Section 1 AA Diver of the Year (Jordyn Schmucker), Section 1 AA Diving Coach of the Year (John Tegg), and the Section 1 AA Coach of the Year (Jen Marshall).

Girls Swimming & Diving traveled to the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center Thursday, November 18 - Saturday, November 20 for the MSHSL Girls State Swimming & Diving Meet. The 2021-22 Girls Swim & Dive team finished 11th overall as a team - the highest finish in program history. Congratulations to our 2021-22 Girls Swim & Dive team on a record-breaking season!

FOOTBALL

The Farmington Tigers' 2021 Football team had a strong season, finishing with a 6-5 record. They made it all the way to the MSHSL State Quarterfinals before losing to Eden Prairie 17-7. While the playoff loss was disappointing, the team proved they belong in the conversation as one of the best football programs in the

state. They persevered through one of the most difficult regular-season schedules in 6A football and left a great legacy for future teams to build on. Congratulations on an outstanding season to first year co-head coaches Jon Pieper and Rick Sutton, their entire staff, managers, and most of all the student-athletes!

VOLLEYBALL

The Farmington Tigers Volleyball team finished their season 7-18 overall. They ended their season in the opening round of the Section 1 AAAA tournament against #2 Rochester Mayo.

while Gold recognizes teams with GPAs above 3.75. The Farmington Tigers have a team GPA of 3.922!

The Tigers Individual Academic All-State award winner are:

- Kyla Maatta**
- Hailey Hagedorn**
- Bella Thuras**
- Carly Gemelke**
- Paige Ostgaard**
- Karlie Bakker**
- Lily Krueger**

The Farmington Tigers Volleyball Team earned Academic All-State Gold recognition for the 2021 season. In volleyball, Academic All-State is broken down into two categories, Gold and Silver. Silver recognizes teams with GPAs 3.50-3.74



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SOCCER

The Farmington Tigers Boys' Soccer team finished the season 2-12-3. The #8 seeded boys' team lost in the Section 1 AAA tournament to #1 seeded Lakeville South. The Farmington boys' team was defeated 4-0 ending their 2021 season.

The Farmington Tigers Girls' Soccer team finished the season 10-7-2. They were seeded #3 in the Section 1 AAA tournament. The Tigers defeated the Owatonna Huskies by a score of 2-0 in the first round. Girls' Soccer traveled to #2 seeded Lakeville South for the Section 1 AAA semifinal game and defeated the Cougars 2-1 in a shoot-out. Girls Soccer traveled to #1 seeded Lakeville North for the 2021 Section 1 AAA Championship game on Tuesday, October 19. The Tigers' season came to an end, losing the game 5-0.

Overall it was a fantastic season for Tigers Soccer!

CROSS COUNTRY

The Farmington Tigers Boys' Cross Country team sent one runner, sophomore Mason Sullivan to the MSHSL Cross Country State Meet. Running his second-fastest race of the entire season, Mason crossed the finish line in 91st place recording a time of 17:01.54. Congratulations on an outstanding season, Mason!

The Farmington Tigers Girls' Cross Country team traveled to St. Olaf College on Saturday, November 6 for the Class AAA MSHSL Cross Country State Meet. The 2021 Tigers earned a very impressive 5th place team finish at the State Meet! The Tigers entered the race ranked 6th in the state. Their 5th place team finish was just 1 point shy of 4th place.

Adam Lippold
[Right, Top] Girls CC
[Right, Mid] Boys CC



TENNIS

The Farmington Tigers Girls Tennis team earned the #14 seed in the 2021 Section 1 AA tournament and traveled to play the #3 Rochester Century Panthers on Tuesday, October 5. The Tigers lost the match 6-1. Farmington's doubles partners Julia Cashman and Elise Herzfeld defeated Century's pair 6-4, 6-2 to earn the Tigers lone victory.

Girls Tennis began the Section 1 AA Individual Tournament on Thursday, October 14 traveling to the Lakeville Lifetime Fitness. Reegan Werner earned a first-round victory over Northfield's Maya Deschamp winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Reegan lost 6-1, 6-1 in the second round. This ended the 2021 season for Girls' Tennis.

Congratulations to Farmington High School Head Baseball Coach Jon Graff on being named the 2021 Coach of the Year by the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association!



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Meadowview P.E. Teacher gets creative with GIFs

Joe McCarthy, the Physical Education teacher at Meadowview Elementary School, is always looking for new ways to engage students in the gym. Recently he's been using GIFs - yes, like the little moving graphic files you see on the internet. According to McCarthy, he makes them with students in his class and uses them to demonstrate various activities. The short, repeat-

ing images play on a screen in the gym and students can refer back to them as needed, reducing the need to repeat directions and allowing students to see the skills as many times as needed, improving student learning. He also uses them to spark interaction and communication among students. He says using GIFs as a communication tool has been a game changer for his students.



Cure cabin fever with Sparks (Gr K-5) and IGNITE (Gr 6-8) Clubs!



Did you know Farmington Community Education offers a wide variety of after school clubs for learners at ISD 192 elementary and middle schools? These clubs have been designed to provide enrichment, recreation, and social activities that spark a child's interest and help them build relationships with their peers.

The clubs are scheduled throughout the district and run during the winter months. Sparks Clubs, which serve learners in grades K-5, include Claylicious Art Club, Jr. Robotics, Golf Squad, Snowshoeing, and Winter Games. IGNITE Clubs, which serve learners in grades 6-8, include Creative Arts Club, Golf Squad, and Middle School Boys Soccer.

Some of the activities are offered on non-school days for both Sparks and IGNITE groups, such as Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp and Floor Hockey Camp. Community Education is also offering an Among Us Art Workshop, Fairy Garden Art Workshop and a Glitter and Slime Art Workshop on non-school days in the remodeled art space

at the Tiger Legacy & Learning Center. Camps are also offered for gymnastics and NinjaKour on non-school days!

Kung Fu, Soccer Shots, Gymnastics, NinjaKour and Cheer have sessions starting throughout January, February and March. Winter is a great time for your children to try one of these classes. All skill levels are welcome.

UCare members may be eligible for a \$15 discount on most classes. Please call the Farmington Community Education office to register with a UCare discount at 651-460-3200. A limited number of funds are available each year for ISD 192 youth to participate in select youth enrichment classes, clubs and activities. This fee assistance is generously funded by the Farmington Rotary Foundation, Louis Schmitz Foundation and the Farmington Lions Club. A fee assistance request form must be submitted at least 2 weeks before class and approved before the youth is registered. To fill out a request form please visit: <http://bit.ly/192CEFeeAssist> or call 651-460-3200.

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What is ECFE? Who is ECFE for?

Early Childhood Family Education, also known as ECFE, is a parenting education program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance. ECFE in ISD 192 is provided by the Farmington Community Education Department.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are children's first and most enduring teachers. ECFE works to support local parents and caregivers, and to strengthen and empower families. The goal is to enhance the ability of all families to provide the best possible environments for their child(ren)'s learning and development.

All families are welcome at ECFE classes and events. This program provides a relaxed and fun place to meet other families with young children, and play and learn together. Farmington ECFE offers a wide variety of classes, including weekly classes, one time classes, drop-in classes, Saturday classes, special events, online classes, and several special opportunities. There are day and evening options offered and many classes have sibling care for preschool siblings.



Learning opportunities through ECFE may occur in a variety of settings, such as home, district or community sites, and online. All Farmington ECFE classes are led by experienced, teachers licensed in Early Childhood and/or Parent Education, who help children discover and learn about the world around them through activities and play. Classes incorporate art, science, movement, games and stories. The teachers create a safe and secure learning environment where children thrive and parents receive information, friendship and support.

Classes are affordable and fees are based on family income. No ISD 192 resident will be turned away because of an inability to pay. If you are

a UCare member you may qualify for a \$15 discount or to register for a class for free. For more information class fees please call the Community Education office at 651-460-3200.

Farmington ECFE contacts families with new children in the district from the census list provided by District 192. If you have a new child in your family, be sure to register your child/family with Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192. A Census form can be found at: https://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/about_us/new_enrollment/school_district_census

For more information about ECFE or to register for ECFE classes go to www.ECFEfamily.com

Adults with disabilities enjoy learning and recreation with River Valley Project Explore



River Valley Project Explore (RVPE) is a community education program designed to serve adults with physical and developmental cognitive disabilities by encouraging inclusion in community activities and providing customized learning, social and recreational opportunities. Farmington Community Education partners with multiple school districts to offer services to those with disabilities.

RVPE serves Minnesota cities south of the Twin Cities metro through a consortium of five school districts including Burnsville, Farmington, Lakeville, Randolph and Rosemount. For over 30 years Project Explore has been a leader in providing opportunities and services in Dakota

County. RVPE's mission is to empower adults with disabilities to make valuable contributions to their community as employees, volunteers, learners and citizens.

Farmington adult residents participate in the many classes and events scheduled throughout the year. Registration is required and more information can be found at www.district196.org/projectexplore or seasonal catalogs are available at the Farmington Community Education office at Meadowview Elementary, 6100 195th Street W, Farmington, MN 55024. Volunteers are encouraged to assist with these programs. To learn more, please contact Patty Vance, RVPE Coordinator, at 651-423-7931.

Check out our Student & Family Resources for help with food, housing, and more!



Prepare for kindergarten enrollment today!

At Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192, we have already begun the planning process for next school year and we need your help! To properly prepare for the incoming 2022-2023 kindergarten class, we need to know how many students to expect. The sooner we know you're coming the better we can prepare to serve your family's learning needs. Enrollment is scheduled to open in early 2022, but prior to that you can visit our Kin-

dergarten RSVP page at <https://bit.ly/K22RSVP> to let us know your family's kindergarten plans. On the RSVP form you will find additional information regarding kindergarten registration and other enrollment options. The RSVP form is used for early planning and communication purposes.

For additional information, including enrollment options, information needed to complete enrollment, and

upcoming enrollment events please visit our website at www.farmington.k12.mn.us. You can also find information about preparing your child for kindergarten and what the kindergarten experience is like in ISD 192 on our website.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to our enrollment office via email, marss@farmington.k12.mn.us, or by phone, 651-463-5052



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If you want to make a positive difference in the lives of young learners, consider a career with Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192. We have full-time, part-time, and substitute positions. Looking for a job that follows the school year calendar? Consider becoming a Paraprofessional. Interested in an active, hands-on job? Consider working with our Buildings & Grounds department. Are you a nurse with a passion for helping youth? Check out our Health Services openings. We also have clerical and athletics positions.

Visit www.farmington.k12.mn.us and click **Services > Human Resources** to learn more and to apply.

Farmington Community Education is part of ISD 192 and provides programming for all ages from infant-senior citizens. There are about 180 employees that work part-time or full-time for Community Education. Some of the staff supervise and mentor groups of students and others provide a 1:1 activity leadership for special needs students. Some staff fill the role of teacher, coach or assistant in Gymnastics, Swim lessons, Cheerleading, Wee Tigers Preschool and Stepping Stones Preschool.

Kid Connection, care for school-age children, is currently hiring staff to fill various roles to support the before school and after school program. Kid Connection is located in all 5 elementary buildings within Farmington Area Public Schools.

Farmington Community Education encourages anyone interested to apply or if they have questions to call (651) 460- 3200 to speak to a program supervisor.

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Chartwells is the ISD 192 food service provider. They have both full-time and part-time positions in our school cafeterias. Visit <https://www.chartwellsk12.com/careers> to learn more.



Upcoming events & opportunities

Check out these upcoming opportunities to engage with our school community and important calendar reminders!

JANUARY 2022

- January 3 - School Resumes
- January 10 & 11 - Boeckman and Dodge Middle School Choir Concerts
- January 14 - Akin Road Elementary 5th Grade Drumming Concert
- January 17 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 18 - No School, Staff Development
- January 24 - School Board Meeting
- January 25 - Boeckman Middle School Band Concerts
- January 27 - Dodge Middle School Band Concerts
- January 28 - Meadowview Elementary 5th Grade Drumming Concert

FEBRUARY 2022

- February 11 - Riverview Elementary 5th Grade Drumming Concert
- February 14 - FHS Winter Jazz Concert
- February 14 - School Board Meeting
- February 18 - Planned Flexible Learning Day
- February 21 - No School, Presidents Day
- February 24 - Farmington Elementary Science Fair
- February 24 - Meadowview Elementary Musical Performance
- February 28 - FHS Winter Band Concerts
- February 28 - School Board Meeting

MARCH 2022

- March 4 - No School, Staff Development
- March 11 - Farmington Elementary 5th Grade Drumming Concert
- March 11 - North Trail Elementary Science and Engineering Fair
- March 14 - Band Jubilee
- March 14 - School Board Meeting
- March 17 - FHS Spring Choir Concerts
- March 22 - Choirpalooza
- March 24 - Boeckman Middle School Band Concerts
- March 28 - April 1, 2022 - No School, Spring Break

