



# WARRIOR WIRE

DISTRICT NEWS FROM FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS

SPRING 2023



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **JUNE 27**  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Fairview High School Warrior Room  
6:30 p.m.
- **JULY 4**  
Independence Day  
District Closed - Daycare Closed
- **JULY 18**  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Fairview High School Warrior Room  
6:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 15**  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Fairview High School Warrior Room  
6:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 22**  
First Day of School for Grades 1-12
- **AUGUST 24**  
First Day of School for Kindergarten & DAP
- **SEPTEMBER 4**  
Labor Day  
No School for Students or Staff  
Daycare Closed
- **SEPTEMBER 5**  
First Day of Preschool
- **SEPTEMBER 29**  
Homecoming Weekend  
Football game vs. Bay, 7:00 p.m.

FOR A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS  
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## Many reasons to celebrate successes this summer

This edition of the Warrior Wire reflects on the last quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

It has been a busy year full of many accomplishments and much growth. Our achievements can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of our staff and students. Our students are the reason we exist, and we strive to give them experiences that will lead to their future success.

To the class of 2023, I wish them the best in all their future endeavors as they head out into the world of work, military service, or college. They take with them the preparation that comes from a Fairview Park City Schools education and the support from a community that cares about their accomplishments. We are proud to call each of them alumni.

I wish the entire Fairview Park community a wonderful summer. I hope everyone has time to rest, relax, and make new memories with friends and family. We invite you to join us at the Fairview Park City School District tent at this year's Summerfest from July 27-30. Administrative team members will be at Summerfest all weekend long to say "hello" and answer any questions from residents.

We cannot wait to welcome students back to our schools and we are already planning for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you for your continued support of the Fairview Park City Schools.



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## Track & Field has All-Ohio finish at State Meet

On June 2, four Fairview High School student-athletes competed at the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Track Meet at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus.

The 4x800m team of Tyson Crandall (junior), Owen Darnell (junior), Ryan Hinojosa (junior), and Ben Myers (senior) turned in the 8th fastest time (8:09.99) in Division II in the state, earning All-Ohio recognition. In addition, Crandall finished 8th in the state in the 800m run with a time of 1:55.8 and was also named All-Ohio.

Congratulations to these Warrior athletes for a fantastic season!

Photo: Back Row (L-R): Ben Myers, Tyson Crandall  
Front Row (L-R): Owen Darnell, Ryan Hinojosa

# Fairview Park City School District to begin athletic competition in the Chagrin Valley Conference

Starting with the 2023-2024 winter athletic season, the Fairview Park City School District will begin a new chapter in athletics.

On February 7, the district was officially accepted as a member of the Chagrin Valley Conference. For the past four years, Fairview Park has been a member of the Great Lakes Conference, a conference made up of mostly larger schools with higher student enrollments.



Photo courtesy of Polaris Career Center

"It presents a more competitive climate for all of our programs across the board," Fairview High School Athletic Director Joe Dianetti said. "This will put us in a position to compete against schools closer to our size, and that will align with us competitively, which will be better for the kids."

Fairview Park will join the CVC's Metro Division with schools like Beachwood, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Trinity, and Brooklyn. As for games against traditional geographical rivals like Rocky River, Bay, and North Olmsted, the Warriors may still face them in non-conference games.

"We are very grateful to have been a part of the GLC for the past four years, and we thank those schools for their competitiveness and sportsmanship during that time," Superintendent Keith Ahearn expressed. "We look forward to creating new relationships and rivalries within the CVC Metro Division as we build upon the rich athletic history and traditions that Fairview has come to know over the decades. It is an exciting time to be a fan of the Warriors."

## » 2023 Polaris Outstanding Seniors

Six Fairview High School students were recognized at the Polaris Career Center's 2nd Annual Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner on April 18.

Eva Koczur (Engineering) was named Outstanding Senior Student of the Year for the Polaris Class of 2023, earning a \$1,000 scholarship from the Polaris Educational Foundation. Five other FHS seniors were also named Outstanding Students in their respective career technical programs, earning \$100 scholarships.

- Hailey Demchak (Digital Art & Design)
- Connor Hinkel (Retail Services)
- Jack Kelly (Aeronautics)
- Abigail Loucka (Baking & Pastry Arts)
- Cadence Ries (Biomedical Science)

## Music In Our Schools Month strikes a chord with Fairview Park students

In March, students and staff in the music department hosted Music In Our Schools Month, a national initiative designed to increase awareness about the benefits of music education for children and communities. For over 30 years, MIOSM has reminded the local community that school should be a place where "children have access to music."

"It's for the kids within the school to get them aware of what music opportunities they have," Director of Orchestras Hillery Needham explained. "For the community at large, they can support the school system and know they are doing great things for kids inside the walls of the school."

To accomplish this, MIOSM encourages schools and music educators to bring their programs to the forefront through various outreach programs and initiatives.



*Fairview Park City School District Director of Orchestras Hillery Needham conducts Fairview High School students in a special concert for Gilles-Sweet Elementary students as part of Music In Our Schools Month.*

One such program this year was a districtwide music concert specifically for an audience of students from Gilles-Sweet. On Mar. 23, the FHS gymnasium was packed with over 125 high school students performing for all the third through fifth grade students. This concert featured students in all the high school music programs, including band, orchestra, and choir.

"[The concert] was more to expose them to the opportunities in their future," Needham said. "They might see a kid who lives on their street play an instrument and know it will be their turn soon," Needham stated.

"The high school kids were excited for the chance to play for the [elementary school] kids," Director of Bands Pete Cibulskas said. "They often feel like this is continuing their traditions. They can give this performance to the younger kids, and they can see what's going to be expected of them and how they're turning over the program to the next generation."

"I remember being in fifth grade choir and watching the different music groups perform and wondering what it would be like to be in high school choir, but more specifically in Scarlet Singers," Sarah Morrison, a junior at FHS explained. "Now I am a part of the Scarlet Singers, and I get to be that for someone else, which is a cool full-circle moment. Band, Orchestra, and Choir all had this vast representation and support, so it was nice to see the different groups come together to achieve something bigger and engage with the younger students."

"We want to show the community that here at Fairview, we really are working on a well-rounded student," Cibulskas stated. "We talk about academics, but the arts are really important here for a well-rounded student when they leave. It's part of the Fairview Advantage, all of those soft skills."



# Congratulations!

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## CLASS OF 2023

Tuesday, May 23 was a beautiful evening for the 93rd Commencement of Fairview High School, held at the James B. Daley stadium on the school's campus. One hundred twenty-one seniors from the Class of 2023 walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and begin the next chapter of their lives.

"The Class of 2023 was a group of individuals who persevered through a global pandemic which caused a crisis in the world of education," Fairview High School Principal Christopher Vicha said. "Despite those challenges, every member of the class stepped up to the plate and finished the work that needed to be done. I will forever remember this class as one filled with personality, talent and drive."

All 121 graduates from the Class of 2023 completed their high school education in four years. Approximately 71% of graduates will attend a college, university or trade school next year. Six graduates will serve in the Armed Forces, including the United States Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and National Guard.

Georgia Ross was awarded the school's Golden Key Award for 2023. Nominated by the staff at Fairview High School, the Golden Key recognizes an outstanding student who excels in three areas: scholarship, service, and character.

- » **121** graduates
- » **28** Summa Cum Laude  
4.00 GPA or higher
- » **20** Magna Cum Laude  
3.75 to 3.99 GPA
- » **12** Cum Laude  
3.50 to 3.74 GPA
- » **36** Diploma with Honors

**\$1,003,441**  
earned in scholarships and grants



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## **JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AT 2023 SUMMERFEST**

**THURSDAY, JULY 27 - SUNDAY, JULY 30  
AT BOHLKEN PARK**

The Fairview Park City School District is once again excited to be a part of this year's Summerfest at Bohlken Park. Join us all weekend long at the Fairview Park City School District tent, near the concession stand and food vendors.

Just look for our red tent!



The Fairview High School Marching Band will kick-off the 2023 Fairview Park Summerfest Parade beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 28. The parade starts at Gilles-Sweet Elementary School on West 220th Street and marches through the streets of the city to Bohlken Park! Go Warriors!

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