



EVENT NOTICE – Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

The following information is for media outlets for the purpose of assigning staff coverage to the event.

**FOR SPARTA SOLO MUSIC FESTIVAL TO FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY
500 MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLOISTS**

Every music student at Ben Franklin Middle School is going to get their moment in the spotlight this Thursday and Friday.

WHAT: For Sparta Solo Music Festival
WHEN: **Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25** from 8:55 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
WHERE: Ben Franklin Middle School, 1420 8th Street North, Fargo
CONTACT: **Gregory Calrow**, Ben Franklin Band Teacher, calrowg@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.3649 for more information.

The sounds of voices, violins, clarinets, and all other musical instruments performed by students in band, orchestra, and choir at Ben Franklin Middle School will fill the air at the school all day this Thursday and Friday. Ben Franklin is hosting the For Sparta Solo Music Festival to give each of the school's 500 music students an opportunity to perform a solo. The festival will feature performances in each of the school's eight periods on both days.

Students in band, orchestra, and choir classes have prepared a solo that they will perform for their class and guest judges who will provide feedback on their performances. This process will prepare the middle school musicians for solo music competitions in which they will have the opportunity to participate in high school.

Guest judges include local college professors and directors, school administrators, school board members, local musicians, and local celebrities.

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