



EVENT NOTICE – Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS TO SHOWCASE TALENTS FOR PEERS, GUEST CLINICIANS AT BIG FLOODY BAND FESTIVAL

They've practiced and practiced. Now, they'll perform for their peers and a pair of professional clinicians for recognition and accolades.

- WHAT:** Big Floody Band Festival
WHEN: **Thursday, April 9**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Discovery Middle School, 1717 40th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Verlene Stotts**, Discovery Middle School band instructor, 701.446.3405 or stottsv@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

Seventh and eighth grade band students from all three Fargo Public Schools middle school band programs will spend the day performing for their peers, listening to their peers, and learning and growing as musicians at the Big Floody Band Festival on Thursday at Discovery Middle School.

Nine middle school bands and four middle school jazz bands will perform two to three musical selections each throughout the day. This event provides the students an invaluable opportunity to gain experience performing in a concert setting and learn to receive feedback from professionals.

Two professional clinicians will evaluate the performance, give it a rating, and provide immediate feedback to the middle school performers. The guest clinicians are Grand Forks Central Band Instructor Sarah Harlow and University of Jamestown Director of Bands Ken Aune.

SCHEDULE

- 8:20 a.m.: Discovery Honor Band
- 9:05 a.m.: Discovery 7th Grade Cardinal Band
- 9:30 a.m.: Discovery 7th Grade Gold Band
- 9:55 a.m.: Ben Franklin 7th Grade AD Band
- 10:20 a.m.: Carl Ben Eielson 7th Grade Concert Band
- 10:45 a.m.: Ben Franklin 7th Grade CF Band
- 11:10 a.m.: Ben Franklin 8th Grade Band
- 11:40 a.m.: Discovery 8th Grade Band
- 12:10 p.m.: Carl Ben Eielson 8th Grade Concert Band
- 1:20 p.m.: Ben Franklin 7th Grade Jazz Band
- 1:45 p.m.: Carl Ben Eielson Jazz Band

2:10 p.m.: Ben Franklin 8th Grade Jazz Band

2:35 p.m.: Discovery 7:45 Jazz Band

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