



Independent School District No. 51
FOLEY HIGH SCHOOL
"Developing the Full Potential of the Individual"

Eric Inglis, Activities Director

Foley Public Schools Activities Department Update
November 13 , 2024 School Board Meeting

Greetings from the Foley Public Schools Activities Department,

Fall Season Accomplishments

The Girls Swimming and Dive Team won the Granite Ridge Conference Championship at the Conference Swim/Dive Meet on Saturday, October 26th in Becker. Foley had multiple Granite Ridge Conference Individuals Champions: Kelsie Kilgard - 200 Freestyle, Liz Thorsten - 200 IM, Claire Kilgard - 50 Freestyle, Kelsie Kilgard - 100 Fly, Claire Kilgard - 100 Freestyle, and Liz Thorsten - 100 Backstroke. Foley also had two relays finish as Granite Ridge Conference Champions as well: Sydney Hanks, Katie Mazacek, Liz Thorsten, and Claire Kilgard - 200 Freestyle Relay, and Claire Kilgard, Katie Mazacek, Kelsie Kilgard, and Liz Thorsten - 400 Freestyle Relay. Here is the upcoming Section and State Meet information for Swimming and Diving:

- Thursday, November 7th - Section Swimming Prelims
- Friday, November 8th - Section Diving Prelims and Finals
- Saturday, November 9th - Section Swimming Finals
- Thursday, November 14th - Class A State Diving Prelims
- Friday, November 15th - Class A State Swimming Prelims
- Saturday, November 16th - Class A State Swimming and Diving Finals

Preston Holewa competed at the 2024 Class AA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 2nd. The race took place at the Les Bolstad Golf Course at the University of Minnesota. Preston ran a great race with a time of 16:29.5 which was good enough for 34th place out of 161 total Class AA Runners. Preston finished just 9 places away from All-State Honors.

Fall Musical - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Foley Drama Department put on three tremendous performances of the "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Each show was performed in front of a packed audience. The wonderfully cast show displayed the wide range of talents that allowed a large number of students to shine. From brilliant acting, well-placed humor to beautifully choreographed and harmonized musical performance, this show really was "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".



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Arbiter Pay

This winter the Foley Activities Department will be transitioning to ArbiterPay in order to pay our various officials. ArbiterPay is an easy and reliable way to electronically pay officials. The system is a fast, easy, and secure way for schools to streamline operations and save time and money. This will be a win-win-win for the Activities Department, Finance Department, and the officials.

MSHSL Foundation Grants

Mission Statement: Founded in 2007, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is a nonprofit association, serving both public and private schools, created to complement the Minnesota State High School League by providing support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts. Minnesota State High School League Foundation's goals are to promote the growth of high school students through participation in valuable extra-curricular activities.

Awarding of Grants: The primary goal of the Foundation will be to award grants that assist, recognize, promote, and fund extra-curricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs. These grants will be awarded based upon gender balance, school size, and geographic location to the extent possible.

Form A Grant Request Purpose:

The Minnesota State High School League Foundation Board of Directors has determined that the number of free and reduced lunch students in grades 9-12 will be used for classification purposes. The MSHSL Foundation wants to encourage each school to seek students whose family income may be limited and encourage them to participate in athletic and fine arts programs in each school community.

*Grants are awarded to help Districts with loss of funding through Activity Fees for students who participate in Activities at Free or Reduced rates.

Form B Grant Request Purpose: To assist member schools, school districts and related conferences or regions with costs in three specific areas including leadership initiatives, health and safety, and transportation that reduces barriers to participation.

*This grant funding has been historically used to provide First Aid Training to Coaches and to cover the cost to keep the outdoor AEDs operational.

Thank You,
Eric Inglis