



# C-I Secondary Board Report

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1. We are welcoming 6 new teachers this year: Julie Ulmen (Math), Julia Abfalter (ELA), Katrina Andrusick (Choir), Katie Anderson (FACS), Tracy Hoffman (Band), and Brady Tesdahl (PE/Health). These teachers were here for the new teacher induction on August 9-11. A special "Thank You!" to Jessica Dietz and Wendy Gindorff for organizing those three days, they did an amazing job! We also welcome Lynk Downing (AD) and Crystal Schmidt (Collaborative Worker) to our office as well.
2. The 2021-2022 calendar/handbook is being edited, printed, and mailed by First Impressions Printing in Brainerd. The calendars will be placed in the mail early next week. They were great to work with and did a very nice job!
3. Teacher workshop days are Monday, August 30th - Wednesday, September 1st. Teachers will be given more time in their classrooms to prepare for the upcoming year. In addition to working in their classrooms, staff will be:
  - a. Working on developing our Advisory and WIN programs
  - b. Learning about suicide prevention from a MN Department of Health Rep
  - c. Getting information on ACP (Alternative Career Pathways) from Sourcewell
  - d. Learning about LGBTQ from a Northern Pines rep
  - e. And as always, Blood Borne Pathogens, Right to Know, and Mandated ReportingOur theme for this year will be "What Do We Believe?" and we will be focusing on creating a "Profile of a Ranger Graduate" and a "Profile of a Ranger Educator". Here is a link to our schedule: [Secondary Workshop Week](#)
4. I would like to take this time to thank all of the custodians for all of their work over the past few months, the building looks amazing! There was definitely extra to do to get the building ready for staff and students. Thank you Scott Risnes, Dale Carlson, Mark Podany, Randy Burgstaler, Dan Corey, and Mark Wahl.
5. In August, Minnie Fischer, Megan Syrstad, Molly McDonald, and I had an opportunity to attend the two-day Sourcewell Leadership Conference. We heard from excellent speakers such as Mario Acosta and Rick Wormeli and learned about topics like Culturally Responsive Curriculum, Learning Your Why, Effective Student Feedback, and other great topics to get us ready for the upcoming school year.

6. Our Math teachers will be attending a Math Leaders Academy on Thursday, August 26th. The Math department is working on piloting a sample math curriculum this school year and purchasing new materials for the 2022-2023 school year. This academy is the first in a series that will help support teachers in best practices for teaching math.