



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: October 20, 2025

MISSION: The mission of Italy ISD is to maintain a safe and caring environment by partnering with families and the community to inspire lifelong learning for intellectual and personal success for all students.

VISION: Italy ISD will be a district that sees every child and creates a diverse learning environment to prepare them for an ever-changing world.

Department: Italy High School

Name of Director or Presenter: Sharon Graves

Date: October 20, 2025

Celebrations:

- ☐ Currently have 294 students enrolled
- ☐ The first 6 weeks grading period ended September 18. The failure report was shorter than I have ever seen it in my five years here. The 10th grade had two students failing only two classes. Six weeks with no phones in classrooms and we have the shortest failure list ever.....I do not see this as a coincidence. I am very proud of the work our students are doing as well as the level of instruction our teachers are providing for them.
- ☐ Homecoming Activities were successful - Kudos to Lacey Brown, Jeremiah Glover, and several others for organizing the homecoming activities including the tailgate party, dance, parade, and pep rally, as well as the court nominations, vote, and written scripts.
- ☐ District Cross Country was October 8th in Hubbard. Our numbers may be small in number in our varsity cross country, but our junior high numbers are pretty high. It is fun watching the grit these students display as they tackle each early morning practice and meet.
- ☐ Our Gladiator Band is locked in and has only one stage in their site.....State Marching Competition. They have been to a few competitions already this season and are walking away with positive feedback and feedback to help them grow and polish their show.
- ☐ Students needing academic support are offered tutoring every Wednesday after school, but teachers are also available daily before school to assist students. Several students are taking advantage of this opportunity to get assistance on work they don't understand or have missed being absent. Students seem to really be owning their education by checking their own grades and checking in with their teachers. Seeing students committed and invested in their own education is so exciting to see as our students mature.
- ☐ FFA already has two barns full of animals and has already been successful at the State Fair of Texas!!!
- ☐ Students are already taking the TSIA in preparation for taking dual credit classes in the Spring semester. Seniors will also be taking the ACT on October 16th. Our Juniors also take the ASVAB on October 10th.
- ☐ Juniors begin the process of ordering their class rings, hoping to get rings back before Christmas break.

- ❑ Seniors start the process of ordering cap and gowns. They have chosen a gown with a new style for this year's graduation! I can't wait for you to see it!
- ❑ Our volleyball girls are in the middle of a phenomenal season!! If you have not been to see them play, I would encourage you to come watch them play. Girls are playing better than I have ever seen, AND they are having fun with each other at the same time.
- ❑ I have had the privilege of being in teachers' classrooms and it is so encouraging to see level of student engagement in each class as I walk in.
- ❑ It seems like I write weekly to staff that it was another GREAT weekend to be a GLADIATOR!! Volleyball is being successful, Band is being successful, FFA is being successful, Cross Country had a successful season, and our students are experiencing ACADEMIC success!! It's a GREAT time to be a GLADIATOR!!!

Notable upcoming Gladiator Events

We have a master event calendar that is shared within the campus to know what is happening in the building and on the campus each day. This calendar includes games, practices, band competitions, CAP activities, FFA activities, and other campus events.

- ACT administration -October 16, 2025
- Band UIL Marching Competition at Riesel HS - October 15, 2025 at 11:30
 - If band advances to Area, competition will be October 25, 2025 at Groesbeck HS
- ASVAB administration - October 10, 2025
- Senior Night - November 7, 2025
- Veteran's Day Program - November 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM
 - Guest speaker will be a member of the David Henderson family