



# Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: April 2025

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**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: April 2025

## Celebrations:

- ☐ Currently have 302 students enrolled
- ☐ We have officially made it to the 6th Six Weeks of the 2024-2025 school year. It is hard to believe that we have less than 30 days remaining in the school year. So many successes! So many accomplishments!! So many things still to do!!!
- ☐ STAAR testing is definitely in full swing!!! We are officially two-thirds complete with testing for this school year. I genuinely can not wait to see the results, as students have locked in and worked so incredibly hard this year. You can see them using what they have learned in daily instruction, they are using strategies that have been taught and reinforced throughout the school year, and they have approached testing with a level of confidence that I have not seen our kids work with before. I am ready for testing to be finished, but I am SO PROUD of student work!
- ☐ Staff members were asked to write letters of encouragement to all testing students. This has been fun seeing students get mail from their teachers. These encouraging words mean so much to our students. Mail Call is a BIG DEAL!!!
- ☐ Mrs. Barrett will be scheduling one parent meeting with current 8th grade parents to prepare families for high school and graduation requirements.
- ☐ We are also working on the schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Our hope is for students to be able to digitally pick their schedule before students leave for summer. This will be a first for us to electronically schedule students.
- ☐ Scholarship applications have been gathered and distributed. It will be exciting to see what our students earn.
- ☐ Graduation is becoming very real to Seniors as Jostens seems to be making weekly visits to deliver items to Seniors. Caps and gowns have been delivered to most Seniors.
- ☐ As we move toward the end of the school year, monitoring student social emotional health continues to be a priority. Anxiety builds with Seniors who may be uncertain of next step, and anxiety builds with students who may be uncertain what summer may hold for them.
- ☐ Mentors Care has been such a great support for our students this year. There will be an end of year celebration party with all mentors and mentees..

- ❑ I continue to have meetings with Tour de Italia in planning the bike race for June 21. This organization pours a lot of money into our students and community. They are quite appreciative of the work our staff, students and community pour into this event.
- ❑ Prom was SO fun this year!! Students really seemed to have had a great time this year. They danced more than they have in years past and stayed longer than they have before also. Lots of kudos to Stacey White, Riley McDaniel, Shauna Steinmetz, and other prom committee members. Our students can dress up pretty nice too!!
- ❑ We are now stepping into banquet season. It seems like most groups will have a banquet to celebrate the years' accomplishments! I hope you are able to join us for some of the celebrations.
- ❑ The challenge for us as the end of the year comes is to stay focused and breathe. We can easily get overwhelmed, or we can continue to take one step at a time and do what Gladiators do!

### **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.

- Baseball & Softball games weekly - softball will be advancing to playoffs soon
- Track will continue to the Regional Meet with sites set on State as athletes continue to advance.
- May 7 - FFA Banquet
- May 4 - NHS/NJHS Induction
- May 9 - Band Banquet
- May 18 @ 2:00 - Band Concert
- May 18 @ 5:00 - Baccalaureate
- May 15 - Academic Banquet
- May 12 @ 6:00 - Senior Cord Ceremony
- May 14 - All Star Field Day
- May 15 - Senior Exams
- May 19 & 20 - Exams
- May 19 - Senior Luau
- May 21 - JH/HS Awards @ 9:00AM
- May 22 - Senior Elementary Walk & Senior Awards
- May 20 - IHS Athletic Banquet