



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: February 17, 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: February 25, 2025

Celebrations:

- Currently have 300 students enrolled

- We have already completed one six weeks of the second semester!! Time is flying. Graduation will be here before we know it.
- Jostens will be coming around Spring Break to pass out cap and gown graduation material.
- We are enjoying a month of celebrating Black History. LaShonda Boyd has led the staff and students through fun, historical facts. We also have posters around the building showing some of the historical facts, and will culminate this month with a Black History recognition and celebration on February 26, 2025 at 2:00PM in the Old Gym.
- Friday school for attendance recovery and EOC Bootcamp with Dr. Asberry has been attended weekly. Students are personally invited to attend the EOC Bootcamp with Dr. Asberry, and they come willingly and enjoy their time. Dr. Asberry has been such an important link to student success. She has a great relationship with staff and students alike.
- Professional Development on Friday, February 14, 2025 consisted primarily of STAAR training, BLITZ planning, and school business.
- We completed our sex education sessions with each grade level on February 11 with Aim for Success facilitating each session. We had 1 parent participate in the parent meeting and roughly 10 students in grades 7-12 participate in the session. This probably needs to be reevaluated to determine the cost effectiveness of this opportunity.
- We continue to get students enrolling at IHS. They seem to be coming from all around, and many with complicated family situations.
- I have begun 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.
- It is already almost March. We continue to press on in UIL competitions with students competing in Band, Powerlifting, Softball, Baseball, and Track. FFA continues to have success in shows around the state. Cheer advanced in the National Competition at Orlando!!!!!!

- ❑ IHS Band continues to prepare for UIL Solo and Ensemble competitions. Adela Garcia has already accomplished State Qualifier for the 2025 school year.
- ❑ We continue to provide opportunities for students to participate in ACT, TSI, and dual credit meetings with Navarro College. We are also in the process of evaluating and revising the dual credit handbook as well as the testing calendar.
- ❑ Mrs. Barrett is also planning trips to MCC and UNT just to give students a view of what is out there.
- ❑ End of year activities have been put on the calendar and will be shared soon.
- ❑ The word we have been focused on as a staff since January is BETTER. This has been a time of self reflection and just thinking about what we want to be better. Is our focus personally, professionally, physically??? What does it really mean to be better?

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.

- Softball Tournaments in Woodsboro & Waxahachie
- Baseball Tournaments in Glen Rose & Itasca & Rice
- Cheer tryouts - February 24
- HS track - 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27
 - District Track - 4/2
- Baseball & Softball games weekly
- ACT test - March 20
- TSIA2 - March 21
- TELPAS testing begins February 17, 2025
- Spring Break
- National Jr. Honor Society Induction - coming soon
- Ellis County Livestock Activities