



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: January 27, 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

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Celebrations:

- Currently have 293 students enrolled

- Spring semester has begun! Report cards have gone out, and we only have one student showing 'NC or no credit' for attendance purposes. Students took care of business in the first semester to avoid not earning credit due to attendance.
- We have had a few new students enroll since the start of the new year. Students are mainly coming from Waxahachie and surrounding areas. Some students are transfer requests and seem to be a good addition to the Gladiator family.
- Safety week was a success as we look to make Italy JH/HS a safe place for all. The focus was not only on the drills, but the accountability side of it as we focus to know where all students and staff are in the building.
- Jostens will be in the building often as our Seniors make preparations for graduation. Jostens, Heath Hall, is so easy to work with and very accommodating to our students.
- Professional Development as we returned from the holiday centered around STAAR success for students who re-took an EOC before Christmas and making plans to support students that were not yet successful. Students who did retake an exam were very successful. We do have a couple of students who have yet to cross that line. We will begin a push toward STAAR success starting January 31 with Dr. Asberry and her crew joining us for Friday school opportunities. Students show up and enjoy the time with her.
- We also discussed what we may need to do to become 'better'. We discussed how we can become better planners, better peers, better listeners, better instructors, better coaches, just better. We celebrated the results of our benchmarks that were taken before Christmas, and as it is nice to see growth across the campus, we don't want to be satisfied with where we are. We always want to be working to get better.
- We continue to press on in UIL competitions with students competing in UIL Academics, Cheer, Band, Basketball, and Powerlifting, which is well underway. Softball and baseball have hit the date where they can begin practice. They use their time wisely as the rest of their teammates continue on in basketball.

- ❑ Spring also is bringing a packed schedule for students showing animals in FFA. This is definitely show season, with students showing at Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and preparing for Ellis County.
- ❑ Scholarships are rolling out for students. Students must be attentive to information rolled out in their Google Classroom. We encourage everyone to apply!! There are opportunities out there for all students.
- ❑ Seniors are also walking through the FASFA graduation requirement with Mrs. Barrett.
- ❑ Beginning conversations with Tour D'Italia Bike Race
- ❑ Planning for the next school year has already begun. We have begun taking a look at the course guide, the dual credit handbook, and other policies and procedures to make next year even better than this current one.

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 Hamburger Dinner - January 24, 2025
- Cheer in Disney - February 6-11
- FAFSA Family Night - February 6, 2025
- Drumline and Winter Guard Competition - February 8, 2025
- Special Olympic Basketball in Red Oak - February 19, 2025