



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: September 15, 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 292 students enrolled
- ☐ Students seem to be getting back in the rhythm of school and the 1st six weeks is already coming to an end.
 - ☐ Behavioral expectations have been held high. Teachers and staff are holding firm with high expectations for everyone. Teachers had discussion during professional development about Go Guardian and its effectiveness of keeping students on task with electronics. Teachers can lock down student devices to where they can only access instructional sites that the teacher wants them to be on during their class period.
- ☐ Pictures for yearbook and ID's have been taken and retakes will be scheduled.
- ☐ Senior pictures have also been taken.
- ☐ Jostens has been to campus to meet with juniors and seniors for graduation materials and juniors for class rings.
- ☐ Homecoming activities have begun, with the selection of the Homecoming King and Queen nominees as well as the court from the other grade levels. There is excitement in the air with students.
- ☐ The professional development day on September 19, 2025 will be spent with the Homecoming parade and pep rally as well as planning sessions for each content area. We will also review attendance and tardies. We seem to be making a dent in tardies by holding after school detention for every third tardy. Students really don't like having to tell coaches that they have to miss practice to come to a detention because they were tardy.
- ☐ We will begin Friday school soon to start STAAR intervention for our December re-testers.
- ☐ Our Math team meets about every two weeks with the consultant from Carnegie. They are focused, appreciating the support, and problem solving weekly with Holly.
- ☐ Ag already has animals in the barn and continues working in the shop on welding and building projects. Floral design has also been busy making mums for our Special Ed. classes and students and our own Texas size mum. Seeing the students work together on projects for other people has been fun to watch. They truly want students to have the best possible mum they can produce.

- ❑ There are already field trips in place for Seniors to go to TSTC to explore post secondary options.
- ❑ Ellis County College Fair is September 17, 2025 in Waxahachie
- ❑ Students will soon have the opportunity to take TSIA2, ACT, and the ASVAB.
- ❑ Gladiators have started out STRONG. It is exciting to see boys come together on the football field and win against athletes that may be bigger, stronger and faster. It has been SO fun watching girls on the volleyball court play the best TEAM volleyball that I have ever seen. The band stepped out on the field to present their whole show at the first football game. Our students have come in and set the bar high and are FOCUSED to meet the goals that are set. There is definitely excitement in the air!!

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.

Band, Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country are in full swing.

October will bring the State Fair of Texas for Ag, district meets for Cross Country, district volleyball and district football games. Our band will also be in full marching competition mode as they set their sights on state competition.