



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

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 298 students enrolled
- ❑ We just finished the opportunity to celebrate all staff this past week at Staff Appreciation. We ate A LOT!!! Thank you to those who helped support our staff! We had breakfast sandwiches from Rowdy T, Hotdogs from Weises Weiners, breakfast tacos from Faith Family Fellowship, Chick Fil A from Central Baptist Church, Church Lady Desserts from First Baptist Church, drinks from Sonic, and all kinds of prizes from various people!! We were SPOILED!
- ❑ The annual senior prank was executed with fun and respect! To let you know the kind of kids we have, I had students in my office the day before asking about how to get in the building and what might be appropriate. Students also did one final walk of the building after they moved furniture, turned desks upside down, scattered balloons, and creatively covered things with Saran Wrap and foil, just to make sure everything was okay, nothing was damaged, and everyone would still get to graduate!! WE HAVE GREAT KIDS!!!!
- ❑ The end of the school year comes with lots of banquets and activities. So far, we have celebrated cheer, band, and academic scholars. After a school year goes so quickly, it is always nice to sit and reflect on all the accomplishments that have happened. The growth with students has been incredible to watch this year.
- ❑ We continue to celebrate student success as KT Cochran advances to the State Track Meet in the 200m and several band students advance to state in solo and ensemble competition. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR of STUDENT SUCCESSES!!!! I hope you are able to celebrate some of the successes at banquets and awards ceremonies.
- ❑ We have already begun academic planning for next school year. We continue to strive to raise the bar academically for our students. We are looking at skipping 7th grade math all together and moving all 7th grade students straight to 8th grade math which is considered Pre-Algebra. This shift puts a calculator in all students' hands and gives them an extra year of preparation for the Algebra I EOC. We are also looking at English IV being 100% dual credit through OnRAMPS with the University of Texas in Austin. This shift will show ALL students they have the ability to do college. Students will have the choice to count the credit for college or just high school. OnRamps will provide support and training for the teacher.

- ❑ Seniors will complete their CPR requirements and Peace Officer requirements for graduation on May 19. All students will receive their certification card.
- ❑ Seniors finished with final exams on May 14, and will enjoy the last week of school with various senior activities including lunches with local churches, and their final walk through at Stafford Elementary.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ I continue to have meetings with Tour de Italia in planning the bike race for June 20. 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.
- ❑ 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.

- May 14 - Academic Banquet
- May 14 - Senior Exams
- May 18 & 19 - Exams
- May 17 @ 5:00 - Baccalaureate
- May 18 - Senior Luau
- May 19 - IHS Athletic Banquet
- May 20 - JH/HS Awards @ 9:00AM
- May 21 - Senior Elementary Walk & Senior Awards
- May 22 - Staff Lunch & Awards
- May 22 - Graduation
- May 23 - Band State & Ensemble
- May 26-30 - Band trip to Tennessee