



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date: August 25, 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: August 25, 2025

Celebrations:

- ☐ SCHOOL STARTED!!!! What a GREAT start it has been!!!
- ☐ Currently have 287 students enrolled
- ☐ Fully staffed with 4 new teachers and a couple who decided to return.
- ☐ Schedule pick up and meet the teacher/walk the schedule was a success
 - ☐ HUGE ACCOLADES to Natalie Barrett, Karen Pepe, Weimar, Kim Hopgood, Ofelia Martinez, Michael Steinmetz, and Lisa Jacinto
 - ☐ ALL students have completed online registration!!
 - ☐ Schedule changes are up to date and all students are in class
 - ☐ We will debrief as a team to see what changes we need to make to help next year start of school be even better
- ☐ Pre-service staff development
 - ☐ Campus welcome back included a lot about legal mandates and changes and ALL being ALL
 - ☐ Math teachers started before school started with training from Carnegie and walking through the expectations of the LASSO grant.
 - ☐ Dr. Asberry walked through planning with ELA and Science teachers and reviewed resources available to them.
 - ☐ Instructional Coach, Holly Bradley, was SO helpful to staff in getting resources ready to use for instruction for day 1 of school.
- ☐ Class Meetings were Friday, August 8 with all grade levels, to reinforce expectations with students. Points reviewed with students include:
 - ☐ Attendance
 - ☐ 90% rule
 - ☐ denial of credit if attendance falls below 90%
 - ☐ consequences of tardies
 - ☐ Code of conduct
 - ☐ Consequences of vaping
 - ☐ Cell Phones!!

- ☐ Dress Coda
- ☐ Drug testing
 - ☐ we had zero students test positive for marijuana
 - ☐ we had quite a few students with high percentages of nicotine in their system
- ☐ School safety
 - ☐ DOORS LOCKED!!
 - ☐ Students staying in class
- ☐ Safety week was a successful week of walking through all of our drills and problem solving as a staff, what went well and what we need to work on. Student accountability during drills has been a priority on knowing what students we have during each drill. We use Navigate Prepared to call and account for all students and staff. This is an app that all staff have on their phone. Michael Steinmetz has been a HUGE help/support to everyone in getting the app working correctly!! We were able to get to 100% student accountability for 3 of 4 days of drills!
- ☐ There seems to be genuine excitement amongst students and staff about being back to school. As we had class meetings, we discussed what it was going to take to stay focused on what we wanted to accomplish this school year. We discussed the distractions that were there and what we were going to have to do to avoid the distractions.
- ☐ Teachers have already began MAP testing to get a solid starting point for all of our students in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- ☐ I am SO excited to see where this year takes the Gladiators. There is a concentrated focus on student instruction and all staff being on the same page to move forward for students. It has been refreshing to hear and see staff working together, laughing together, eating together, teasing together, and problem solving together. This togetherness is seen by students, and this togetherness will only make us stronger and better. Better Together!!!
- ☐ We also CELEBRATE the 'B' rating from the state in a BIG way!!! We recognize that we are 5 points away from an 'A', and WE HAVE GOALS!!!!
- ☐ Class pictures for all and Senior Pictures is scheduled for August 25, 2025

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.

School pictures will be August 25th, and this will include senior pictures.