

## **Italy Independent School District**

**Department Board Report** 

Meeting Date: May 19, 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: May 19, 2025

Celebrations:

- □ Currently have 302 students enrolled
- □ 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.
- □ Really, for the first time since COVID, we have taken LOTS of field trips this year. We have taken students to colleges to see campus life at UTA, North Texas, Navarro, TSTC, and several others. We have taken students to museums, Austin to see the capitol, and even a short trip to the zoo. Our students have had fun, learned some things, but more importantly, they have behaved as young ladies and young men. I am SO proud of them and the growth and maturity they have shown this year.
- □ We have already began academic planning for next school year, with our math team meeting on a Friday to plan the pacing calendar for 7th math, 8th math, Algebra 1, and our resource math. I couldn't be prouder of our staff!!!
- □ Seniors will complete their CPR requirements and Peace Officer requirements for graduation on April 20, 20254. All students will receive their certification card.
- □ Seniors finished with final exams on May 15, 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.
- □ Staff Appreciation Week was a FUN week with special treats for staff daily. We had breakfast on a couple of days, lunch on a couple of days, ice cream, cookies, and many special notes of appreciation! It was a good week!!
- □ I continue to have meetings with Tour de Italia in planning the bike race for June 15. 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 15 Academic Banquet
- May 15 Senior Exams
- May 19 & 20 Exams
- May 18 @ 2:00 Band Concert
- May 18 @ 5:00 Baccalaureate
- May 19 Senior Luau
- May 20 IHS Athletic Banquet
- May 21 JH/HS Awards @ 9:00AM
- May 22 Senior Elementary Walk & Senior Awards
- May 23 Staff Lunch & Awards
- May 23 Graduation