

Troy Area School District

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Important Dates

- April 18 - Fine Arts Night
- April 22-May 5 PSSA Testing
- May 9 - Early Dismissal
- May 10 - No School
- May 14-21 - Keystone Exams
- May 16 - Awards Night
- May 17 - Alumni Dinner
- May 23 - NTCC Awards
- May 27 - No School
- May 29 - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 30 - No School
- May 30 - Baccalaureate
- May 31 - Graduation/Students Last day



District Phone Numbers

WR Croman Primary (570)297-3145
Troy Intermediate School (570)297-4565
Troy JrSr High School (570)297-2176
Administration Building (570)297-2750

Message from the Superintendent

We welcome the spring season with much enthusiasm this month. While for students the end of the year may seem a long way off, there are only 35 days of school remaining in the 2023-2024 school year. I share this with our families and community not because we are "counting down" the remaining days, but as a reminder we only have a limited amount of time in the school year to continue to work with students to help them grow. Our students have been learning and making progress since the first day of school and by this time of year, their learning across the curriculum is noticeable.

I also want to highlight our exceptional personnel: educators, educational support staff, administrators, administrative assistants, safety, psychologists, nurses, counselors, social workers, cafeteria, bus drivers, custodians and all operational personnel who stand at the forefront in supporting our community's children in their ongoing growth and support.

By prioritizing education and equity in our public schools, we can ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential regardless of their background and circumstances. This builds a stronger and more vibrant community that values and supports the success of all its members.

Dr. Janylyn Elias
Superintendent
Troy Area School District

Mission

The Troy Area School District promotes an encompassing education that provides opportunity and success so that our students are prepared and productive.

Vision

The Troy Area School District is dedicated to student engagement to empower independent learning.

Budget Updates

The budget development process for the 2024-2025 school year is well underway. We encourage you to listen to the Budget Finance Committee meetings being held at the Administration Building. All meetings begin at 5:00pm. Upcoming meeting dates include April 16, May 14 and June 4. The administrative team is working hard to evaluate resources and needs related to staffing, program development and academic department and grade level needs.

We are currently reviewing our projected revenues and expenditures. Through March and April, the Board of Directors received presentations from our leadership team. We will finalize the budget over the next few months and will go before the public for a vote on June 4, 2024.

We have added signs to the hallways at the High School to assist 911 personnel to better locate a situation in an emergency



Summer School 2024

WR Croman Primary School

Summer Reading Program ~ June 17 – July 31
Monday and Wednesday
8:30-11:30

Intermediate School

Grades 3-6 ~ predetermined students who are failing ~ July 8-August 1 M-Th 8:30-11:30

Jr/Sr High School

Grades 7-12 June 12-August 3 online with one day a week in person.

Extended School Year (ESY)

July 1 - July 25 (no school July 4)
8:30-11:30

Comprehensive Education Plan ~ Update

Please take a look at the 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan and the plans that go along with it on our website under the Curriculum tab. Many staff, students, parents and community members were involved in the discussion and planning of this important document that will provide direction to our student and staff education over the next three years.

[2024 - 2027 Comprehensive Plan](#)

Troy Intermediate School

PSSA Testing Dates

- **English Language Arts**
April 23-25
- **Math**
April 30-May 1
- **Science**
May 2 - 5

Troy Jr/Sr High School

PSSA Testing Dates

- **English Language Arts**
April 22-26
- **Math**
April 29-May 3
- **Science**
April 29-May 3

Spring Keystones

- **Algebra Keystones**
May 14-15
- **Biology Keystones**
May 16-17
- **Literature Keystones**
May 20-21

Why Attendance Matters

Missing a “few” might not seem like a big deal, but “a day here and a day there” can add up to a substantial amount of opportunity lost

If a child misses	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that's....
1 day every 2 weeks (90% attendance)	19 days per year	= 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	= 8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	= 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	108 days per year	= 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about being late? Surely that won't affect my child's learning?

If a child misses	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that's....
10 minutes a day	30 minutes a week	1.5 weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of lost learning
20 minutes a day	1 hour 40 minutes a week	2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 day a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of lost learning
1 hour a day	1 day a week	10 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of lost learning

Trojan Shout Outs

The Junior High Student Council Hosts the “Ride the Wave of Leadership” Region G PASC Conference

Over 9 School Districts and over 120 students were in attendance for the Region G PASC Conference.

Some of the topics included:
Networking & Personal Connections
Leadership Jeopardy
Teamwork Under Pressure
Small Town, Small School, BIG Spirit!

The guest speaker of the event was Molly Kennedy, who has 26 years of experience working with teens. She talked with students on how to "create the champion within." Students today are struggling with distractions, anxiety and self-doubt, combined with lower levels of resilience, they hold themselves back from being able to learn and have success at a high level. Molly instantly connected with students through relatable stories with appropriate humor mixed throughout.

Each conference picks a charity to donate money and supplies to. The Charity that was chosen was Animal Care Sanctuary. During the afternoon session, students made dog and cat toys for the organization to take back to their facility.

It was a great day for all!

The Boys and Girls Basketball teams both won the NTL Title!



Career Panel



On March 28th and April 10th, Pat Chappell, our Career Coach, from the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission, invited local businesses to speak with 9th and 11th graders about career opportunities. Thank you to all who participated in our panel.

- Jacklyn Fontello - Radiology Specialty Technologist, Guthrie Healthcare
- Willie Rockwell - Welder, Penn-Troy Manufacturing
- Nicole Harris - Agricultural Services, Entrepreneur, Greener Pastures Farm and Greenhouses
- Emily Ostrom-Graham - Education; Principal, College Professor, Southern Tioga School District; Commonwealth University, Mansfield
- Michelle Blade - Artist, Entrepreneur, The Studio of Troy
- Melinda Fox – Owner, Photographer, Fox Photography
- Joe Mickey, Crew Chief, Lineman, Tri-County Rural Electric
- Chelsey Dickerson, From Laborer to Operator, Barefoot Brand Flooring Plant/ Division of Cummings Lumber
- Aaron Butters – Actuary, Guardian Life

BCRAC Arts in Education Programming

Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is a week-long residency program wherein students in grades K-12 learn theatre skills, audition for roles, rehearse, and perform in front of an audience at the end of the week. This past school year, Bradford County Regional Arts Council supported three Missoula Children's Theatre residencies at various locations throughout the county. In the fall, the Troy Area School District and the Sayre Theatre both hosted MCT for "Betty Lou and the Country Beast". Roughly 20 students participated in the residency in Troy and 35 at the Sayre Theatre. The Keystone Theatre in Towanda hosted MCT for "Blackbeard and the Pirate" in February. Forty-five students participated in this residency. In all, 100 students were able to participate in these professionally-led theatre experiences. It is our hope to continue to grow this program and perhaps expand into other communities in the future.

For more information on any of the Bradford County Regional Arts Council's programs, please contact us at info@bcrac.org

Welcome to our New Employee!

Support Staff Member: Peggy Slocum – Paraprofessional

☺ Cheers to ☺
RETIREMENT!

*William Skipper
Cindi Norton
Brenda Kisner*