

# Troy Area School District

# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2024

## Important Dates

- January 10-12- PMEA Music Festival
- January 10 - Grades 3-12 end of 2nd marking period
- January 12 - PMEA Concert
- January 12 - No School
- January 15 - Schools/Offices Closed
- January 23 - Comprehensive Education Planning - 5:00pm
- February 16 - No School
- February 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 26 - End of 2nd Trimester - WRC
- February 27 - Comprehensive Education Planning - 5:00pm
- March 1-2 - Guys and Dolls Musical
- March 5 - Comprehensive Education Planning - 5:00pm
- March 18 - Grades 3-12 End of 3rd marking period
- March 28 - Early Dismissal
- March 29-April 5 - Spring Break (Pending no snow make up days)
- May 9 - Early Dismissal
- May 10 - No School
- May 16 - Awards Night
- May 17 - Alumni Dinner
- May 23 - NTCC Awards
- May 27 - No School
- May 30 - No School
- May 30 - Baccalaureate
- May 31 - Graduation/Students Last day

## Message from the Superintendent

As we usher in the new year, I extend warm greetings to each member of our esteemed school community. I hope this message finds you well and filled with renewed energy for the exciting education endeavors that lie ahead. Looking forward, we have exciting plans and initiatives on the horizon. Our dedicated educators are committed to fostering an environment that nurtures academic excellence, creativity and personal growth. We will continue to prioritize the well-being of our students, providing a safe and supportive space for their development.

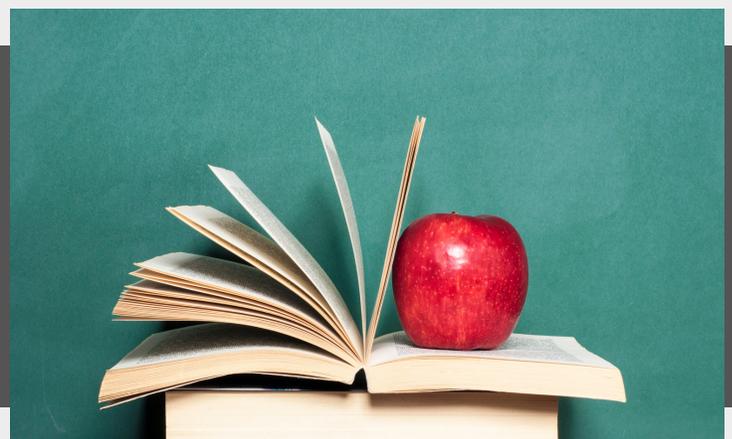
Collaboration between home and school is vital and I encourage open communication. Your feedback is valuable as we strive for continuous improvement. Together, we can create an environment that ensures every student thrives academically, emotionally and socially.

In the spirit of community, let's embrace the opportunities that 2024 brings. Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to continuing our school year of learning and growth together.

Dr. Janylyn Elias  
Superintendent  
Troy Area School District

## 5 Ways to stay connected:

1. [District Website](#)
2. [District App](#)
3. [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)
4. District Facebook Page
5. Class Dojo



## Budget Development

The 2024-2025 budget process begins in January with staff and administration. Budget presentations will be delivered to the board throughout March, April and May.

## Comprehensive Education Plan

Please consider attending the three evenings to discuss our Comprehensive Education Plan that will provide the district's mission/vision and educational goals over the next three years. We are interested in your thoughts of where you want the district to go and what Professional Development is needed to guide our district in the 21st century. We are inviting community members, staff and students to attend! These meetings will be held in the Administration Building Board Room at 5:00pm on the following dates:

January 23

February 27

March 5



## U.S. News and World Report

U.S. News and World Report has reported Troy Area Junior/Senior High School has earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools. By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, Troy Area Junior/Senior High School achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School and gained eligibility to display a U.S. News-trademarked 2023-2024 Best High Schools award "badge" (logo). Information about 2023-2024 Best High Schools is listed below.

- Troy is ranked 231 out of 634 schools in PA High Schools
- Troy is ranked 5500 out of almost 18,000 nationwide.
- Information used included enrollment, graduation rate, demographics and results on AP exams.



*Education is the most powerful weapon in which you can use to change the world.*

*~Nelson Mandela*

## From the Troy Area School District Food Service Department

Troy Area School District is participating in the Governor's School Breakfast Challenge. For the rest of the 2023-2024 school year, schools are encouraged and will be recognized for increasing breakfast participation while implementing sustainable changes that incorporate more nutritious and local foods. We encourage all students to come eat breakfast to start their day off right!



Thank you to all who attended our Holiday concerts!

### 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

## Flexible Instruction Days

Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs) allow us to minimize the impact of emergency closures on student learning and the need for make-up days at the end of the school year. Students can get their schoolwork done AND still get out there and play in the snow!

## School Schedules for FID Days

### WR Croman Flexible Instructional Day Schedule

Activity	Time
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	7:45-8:30
Office Hours	8:30-11:45
Lunch	11:45-12:15
Asynchronous Learning for Students	12:15-3:30
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	

### Troy Area Intermediate School Flexible Instructional Day Schedule

Activity	Time
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	7:45-8:30
Core 1	8:30-9:00
Core 2	9:05-9:35
Core 3	9:40-10:10
Office Hours	10:15-12:15
Lunch	12:15-12:45
Asynchronous Learning for Students	12:45-3:30
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	

### Troy Area Jr/Sr High School Flexible Instructional Day Schedule

Activity	Time
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	7:45-8:30
Period 1	8:30-8:50
Period 2	8:55-9:15
Period 3	9:20-9:40
Period 4	9:45-10:05
Period 5	10:10-10:30
Period 6	10:35-10:55
Period 7	11:00-11:20
Period 8	11:25-11:45
Lunch	11:45-12:15
Office Hours	12:15-1:15
Asynchronous Learning for Students	1:15-3:30
Teacher Planning and/or Meetings	

## Emergency School Closures:

On days when inclement weather prohibits safe transportation, the district may choose to close school, delay the start of, or dismiss the students early in an attempt to provide maximum safety. It is important to listen to the local radio, School Messenger, and television stations for accurate information.

# Fall Sports Wrap-Up

IT WAS A BANNER FALL SEASON FOR TROY ATHLETES

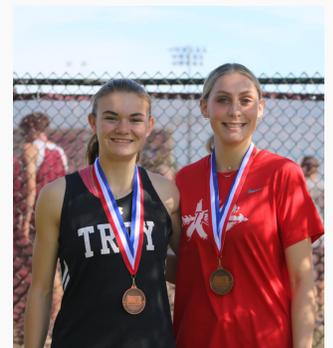
*Congratulations to our teams and individual student athletes on their achievements!*



Our girls volleyball team beat Williamson in five for a district win! Way to go girls! "After losing to the Williamson Warriors 3-0 in the regular season the Trojans held on to beat them, 3-2, to reach the district semifinals. There are fewer exciting moments than a 5-set, district playoff win."



Troy Cross Country team advanced 9 runners to the State Meet! Hard work and dedication paid off as Katie Lackey and Alyssa Parks qualified as individuals at the District IV meet. The varsity boys' team, made up of Evan Geer, Trevon Teribury, Lucas Loxley, Brody Campbell, Frank Harper, Hart Houseknecht, Mason Wulff, and alternate runner Pryor Teribury took 2nd place to secure a spot for the whole team at States! Congrats to our Cross Country team!



# An Exciting Year in Sports!

## Way to go Trojans!

Our Football team was undefeated during the 2023 season, later called the “Mercy Tour” because they finished every game with the mercy clock running! We took home the Old Shoe and won Tab Wars. What a great year!



Girls Varsity Soccer are NTL Champs again!

The Varsity team won their fourth straight NTL title - third straight outright! Way to go!

# Top Athletes and Coaches

## The Northern Tier Sports Report Names Top Athletes

### #6 Jed Feldmeier, Senior

"Feldmeier anchored another feared Trojan line, one that ran for over 3,000 yards on offense, and had over 4,000 yards of total offense."

### #1 Evan Woodward, Junior

"Woodward turned into the best quarterback in the league, throwing for over 1,000 yards and posting an efficiency rating of 144. He was also a key member of their vaunted defensive backfield, one of the best in the district."

## Top Newcomers

### #3 Giana Renzi, Freshman

"Renzi was key to Troy's success with her midfield and forward play. Her contributions in the midfield were especially key as that was where Troy lost most of their starters."

### #5 Gavin Lykon, Freshman

"Lykon showed himself to be one of the best young players in the NTL, doing whatever the Trojans needed. His four goals showed his potential for the future."

### #4 Evan Geer, Junior

"The first year cross-country runner was a model of consistency for the Trojans, having his best races at the end of the season."

### #3 JB Burbage

"Stepping into the starting linebacker's role Burbage led the Trojan defense in tackles, and was a particular menace in clogging up running lanes."

## Notables

Addi Parker, Saydi Renzo, Aryanna Andrus, Kali Ayres, Brady Spalding, Camden Coyle, Eason Teribury

## The Northern Tier Sports Report Names Top Coaches

### #5 Wayne Pratt, Girls Soccer Head Coach

"Despite losing key seniors Troy had an even better league season than last year. Led by Pratt and his staff, the Trojans claimed their fourth straight league title and have set themselves up for more next season."

### #4 Jimmy Smith, Head Football Coach

"Few teams were as dominant as Troy was this year. Despite injuries the Trojan coaching staff made sure the team didn't skip a beat as they went undefeated in the regular season, and reached the district final."

## Notable Coaches

Curtis Miller, Abby Herman

## Chris Eiswerth Named Pennsylvania Class A Coach of the Year

Mr. Eiswerth not only was named coach of the year, he also became the program's all-time wins leader and first to reach 100 career wins in his 13 seasons in South Williamsport.

## 2023 ALL-REGION FOOTBALL

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Jed Feldmeier, senior, Troy:

### ALL-REGION FIRST TEAM

Jed Feldmeier, Senior  
Shaun Wood, Senior  
Jackson Taylor, Senior  
Camryn Harwick, Senior

### ALL-REGION SECOND TEAM

Brendan Gilliland, Sophomore  
Lincoln Chimics, Junior

### ALL-REGION THIRD TEAM

Evan Woodward, Junior  
Brady Spalding, Senior  
Jake Burbage, Junior  
Mason Smith, Sophomore



## What is Orange Frog?

The Happiness Advantage research comes to life in The Orange Frog. The main character in the book is a frog named Spark who turns “orange” among an island of green frogs. Spark is a positive outlier, adaptive with an optimistic mindset open to change. The concept behind Orange Frog is to create a happier, more productive and more satisfying life and workplace. Our workshops teach the principles from the Happiness Advantage to improve performance and maximize potential in the workplace and our personal lives. We have 30 Orange Frog Ambassadors K-12, and they provided the entire district professional development on how to maximize these principles both within the workplace and in their daily lives.

Our next step is to encourage this in our classrooms and with our students

“Whoever is happy will make others happy.”

~Anne Frank, *The Diary of Anne Frank*





# Scholarships

Stay up to date on available scholarship opportunities on our website under the High School Guidance Office.

<https://www.troyareasd.org/ScholarshipandFinancialAidInformation.aspx>

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TO OUR TEAM

## Professional Staff Members:

Tyler Woodward - 5th Grade Teacher

Tina Kerrick - 1st Grade Teacher

Robert Watkins - Secondary History Teacher

Olivia Johnson - Secondary Special Education Teacher

Daniel Tucker - Secondary Science Teacher

Candace Tarhovicky - Gifted/ELL Teacher

## Support Staff Members:

Jason Williams - Casual Custodian

Amber Persing - Paraprofessional

Frank Loiacono - Custodian

Austin Gormley - Casual Custodian

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

*Henry Ford*