



# USD # 429 Troy Public Schools District Newsletter

## HOME OF THE TROJANS

Summer 2009

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### Open House

August 28, 2009

Troy Grade School

6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Troy Middle/High School

6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Parents and their children are encouraged to attend.

Homerooms will be posted at the main entrance for your convenience. The students are to bring their supplies at this time rather than doing it on the first day of school. It will give everyone the opportunity to meet the teacher(s), etc.

### School/Community Ice Cream Social

Social

August 27, 2009

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at

the High School Cafeteria.

Everyone is invited

(In between Late Night Activities)

## ENROLLMENT

Thursday, August 13, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Troy Middle School/High School – Cafeteria  
(located in back of high school)

For all Grades K-12

First Day Back 1/2 day—September 1, 2009

### TEXTBOOK FEES

GRADES K-6 -\$42.00

GRADES 7-12 -\$45.00

ACTIVITY OR CLASS DUES AS ASSIGNED BY THE SPONSOR.

HS AG CLASS STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$20 TO COVER THE COST OF PROTECTIVE GEAR AND HS ART STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$3 TO COVER THE COST OF A SKETCH BOOK.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS-A LIMITED NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL FOR A FEE OF \$40.

### MEAL PRICES

#### BREAKFAST – 7:45 A.M.

FULL PRICE \$1.35

\*REDUCED PRICE \$.30

ADULT PRICE \$1.80

EXTRA MILK \$.35

#### LUNCH

GRADES PRE-K-1 \$2.20

GRADES 2-6 \$2.40

GRADES 7-12 \$2.65

ADULT PRICE \$3.65

\*REDUCED PRICE \$.40

\*Reduced Price Breakfast is available to all students who qualify for reduced lunch. Free and reduced lunch applications will also be available at enrollment.



## Troy School Feeling the Impact of State Budget Cuts

Schools districts across Kansas have had to eliminate more than 3,700 teaching and non-teaching positions due to state budget cuts. Districts are preparing for \$67.7 million in additional cost saving measures for the 2010 school year. But most superintendents believe the cuts are likely to go deeper.

The cuts are due to the state revenues being short along with over spending for the last two years from state legislators. K-12 education equals over 50 percent of the state's budget. To make up the shortfall legislators are cutting all state agency budgets. The Base State Aid per Pupil (BSAPP) went from \$4433 dollars at the beginning of 2008-2009 school year down to \$4280 for the beginning of 2010. But it did not stop there! Due to additional shortfalls in June, the governor had to cut schools another \$62, with the BSAPP now resting at \$4218.

What does that mean for your school district? It means we have lost a total of \$215 per student or a total budget cut of over \$140,073 in one year! Other factors also bring less dollars to the district with declining student enrollment.

The board has had to cut over \$300,000 for the 2010 school year. These cost saving measures include: the elimination of four teaching positions, several coaching positions, three non-teaching positions, less custodial time, delays in textbook and uniform purchases, reducing the days students are in school by adding time to the end of the school day, and cuts in administrative salaries.

What can you do to support education in your area? I highly encourage patrons to contact both state legislators and let them know you want them to support education by providing funding for students. You may contact Dennis Pyle at: 785-742-3780 or email: [Dennis.Pyle@senate.ks.gov](mailto:Dennis.Pyle@senate.ks.gov) and Jerry Henry at:

913-367-2050 or email: [jhenry@asnek.org](mailto:jhenry@asnek.org) or [jerry.henry@house.ks.gov](mailto:jerry.henry@house.ks.gov)

### Mailing Addresses and Phone Numbers

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<i>Troy, Kansas 66087</i>	<i>Troy, Kansas 66087</i>
<i>785-985-3950</i>	<i>785-985-3538</i>

*Troy Middle/High School*  
*P.O. Box 160*  
*Troy, Kansas 66087*  
*785-985-3533 H.S.*  
*785-985-2568 M.S.*

### Unified School District No. 429 Mission Statement

The mission of Troy Public Schools and community is to provide students with the skills that will prepare them to become life long learners and responsible productive citizens.

### District Motto

We are a school where students and staff excel; parents and community care.

### CIVIL RIGHTS COMPREHENSIVE NOTIFICATION

It is the intent of Unified School District No. 429 to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in being certain discrimination does not exist in policies, regulations, or operational practices. Grievance procedures have been established for Title IV, Title IX, and Section 504 (Americans with Disabilities Act). Specific complaints of alleged discrimination in any of the above areas should be submitted to: Sue King, Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 190, Troy, KS 66087;(785)985-3950. Complaints can also be filed with the Regional Office of Civil Rights Students Directory Information.

## NURSE'S NOTES

### IMMUNIZATIONS?

The protection of your child against preventable diseases is an important part of maintaining their health and preparing them for school. The State of Kansas mandates certain immunizations to be completed BEFORE a student may enter school for the first time, as well as boosters to be completed at other times. Last spring letters to parents were mailed informing you if your child was due for a tetanus and/or MMR booster. . . these boosters need to be COMPLETED BEFORE the first day of school. Students entering Kindergarten for the first time this year also need to have their immunizations COMPLETED before the first day of school. The following is a list of required immunizations:

Kindergarten: 4 doses of DPT

3 doses of polio (OPV/IPV)

2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)

3 doses of Hepatitis B

VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX): 2 doses required for Kindergarten. 1 dose required through grade 9.

unless proof of prior varicella disease is provided. This proof shall be verified by one of three ways:

- \* A signed statement from a Physician indicating the date of the Disease, or
- \* Laboratory evidence of varicella immunity.,or
- \*A signed statement from the PARENT indicating the date of the disease.

14-16 Year Olds

Ten Year TD Booster

Immunizations are available at the Doniphan County Health Department on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m., or contact your family physician. Please contact the school as soon as immunizations are complete so your child's records can be updated. Reminders of immunizations due will be attached to enrollment forms at registration.

### Medications

Forms will be available at registration for students who will need to take medications at school. Written permission from parent/guardian should accompany **ALL** medication. Written permission from the doctor/dentist should accompany all prescription medication. ALL MEDICATION MUST BE SENT IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER. FYI: when requested Pharmacists will label two bottles of prescription medication-one for home and one for school . If your child carries an inhaler, written permission from your physician is required to be able to carry it in school.

### Head Lice

NOW is the time for YOU to begin checking your child's head for lice and/or their nits. As always, head checks will be done at school the first few days we are back, but the potential spread of head lice can be prevented by parents who check their children regularly. Please remember ANYONE can get head lice. . they do not discriminate. Students must be NIT-FREE to stay in school-NO EXCEPTIONS. This policy has helped to keep the head lice population in our district under control.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school.



## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear Parents and Staff:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

Asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and the U.S.S.R.

Asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fire-proofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products made using asbestos materials. EPA began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973 and most uses of asbestos products such as building materials were banned in 1978.

As required by AHERA a certified asbestos inspector and management planner inspected all facilities at Troy, locating, sampling, and rating the condition and hazard potential of materials in the district facilities suspected of containing asbestos. An asbestos management plan for Troy facilities was developed from the inspection and laboratory analyses records. Recently, the facilities were reinspected to see that all aspects of the management plan are being carried out.

This notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the ACM, and plans for regular surveillance of the ACM are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations (AHERA).

A Copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in the district administrative offices during regular office hours. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to: Sue King, Troy USD 429, Box 190, Troy, Kansas 66087; phone (785) 985-3950.

It is the district's intent to comply with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. Whatever steps are necessary to ensure your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work will be taken.

## A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM USD 429 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

A New Year is starting. Many students will be riding the school buses. Some for the first time. We would like to take this opportunity to visit about school bus transportation.

Although school bus transportation is considered to be the safest form of transportation, there is always the potential present for an accident to happen. It is the goal of the transportation department of USD 429 to provide the safest possible transportation.

This goal can only be accomplished by having the complete cooperation of everyone involved. We ask your assistance as Students, Parents, Teachers, Bus Drivers, Administrators, and Patrons in achieving this goal.

Each of you can contribute to making a safe transportation environment.

Students by knowing and obeying the rules set forth for safe bus riding the bus as well as in the danger zones in the loading area around the bus.

Parents by having their children observe the safety rules while riding the bus as well as in the danger zones in the loading area around the bus.

Teachers can assist by making sure that students have their books, papers, and other loose material secured to avoid the chance that it might be dropped and the student might be hit by the bus while trying to retrieve them.

Drivers by being alert to every situation, being sure passengers know the rules and follow them as directed.

Administrators by allowing time to give the proper instruction to the students in proper procedures to observe while boarding and riding the bus.

Patrons by observing all traffic laws, that relate to them while driving in areas where school buses are operating, stopping while students are operating, stopping while students are boarding the bus.

With each of us devoting our complete attention to these items we can continue to provide a safe transportation environment.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Have a safe year!

### 2009-10 ATHLETIC SEASON PASSES

Troy High School and Troy Middle School are offering season passes for athletic events. You can purchase a variety of passes at either the District Office or High School office.

These passes are good ONLY for regular season HOME games for the 2009-10 school year. Passes are NOT honored for tournaments or post-season play (football play-offs, substate basketball, sub-state volleyball, etc.)

Troy students in grades 7-12 will be admitted free to all school activities.

HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT	STUDENT (K-6)	FAMILY (includes card holder, spouse & K-6 students)
Mini-Combo—High School Sports (VB, FB, and BB)	\$45.00	\$35.00 (K-6)	\$100.00 (K-6)
MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Mini-Combo—Middle School Sports	\$35.00	\$25.00 (K-6)	\$65.00 (K-6)
<b>Combo—All THS and TMS Sports (excluding tournaments)</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$45.00 (K-6)</b>	<b>\$130.00 (K-6)</b>

*Regular Admission Prices:*

Troy High School	\$4.00	\$3.00
Troy Middle School	\$3.00	\$2.00

At the middle school the admission to the volleyball would also permit you to attend the football game.



#### Kindergarten:

A student must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2009 to enroll in kindergarten. Birth certificate and immunization records as required by the State are necessary for enrollment. Vaccinations are required for school entry.

#### First Grade:

A student must be six years of age on or before August 31, 2009 to enroll in first grade (unless the child has completed kindergarten in a public school in another state). Birth certificate and immunization records as required by the State are necessary at enrollment.

#### PROOF OF IDENTITY REQUIRED

##### KSA 72-54106

Whenever a child enrolls in school for the first time, the district is required to secure proof of identity of the child. Proof of identity can be a birth certificate, a court order placing a child in the custody of SRS, a certified transcript or other similar public record. If proof of identity is not provided within 30 days, the district must notify the local law enforcement authorities that are responsible to investigate the identity of the child.

The assistance of parents and guardians in providing the required documentation is greatly appreciated.

#### Physical Examinations Required

Before any student in grades 7-12 practices or participates in any extra-curricular athletics (including cheerleading), the student must have a KSHSAA physical examination form on file with their school. This examination must have been given after May 1, 2009 in order to be valid for this school year. The appropriate physical forms are available on the schools web page [www.troyusd.org](http://www.troyusd.org), and also available at the District Office. This requirement is a part of our compliance with Kansas State High School Activities Association.

## Ten Things We Love About Troy High School

1. Kansas assessment scores are high, and students have met the Standard of Excellence in a number of areas.
2. A wide variety of classes are offered, including the following beyond the basics: dual credit classes with Highland Community College in English, math, and psychology; advanced math and science, including physics; art; industrial arts; ag education; music; advanced English and social sciences; vocational technical courses through Northeast Kansas Technical College; digital media courses, and classes offered through distance learning.
3. The faculty, administration, and staff are caring and dedicated; many have devoted years to the school. There is also an on-site technology expert.
4. Students find success in extra-curricular activities: awards in art, science, speech and drama, and journalism. In 2009 our journalism students were 1<sup>st</sup> in the state in class 1A in KSPA competition.
5. Students find success in sports: cross country (girls went to state in 2008-09), volleyball, football (in 2008-09 the team was DVL champions and advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the playoffs and in 2008-2009, the school celebrated 100 years of Trojan football), basketball (in 2009 the boys' team was regional champion); softball, baseball (the 2009 team was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state), and track (members medal at state each year). In 2008 the 1984 boys' state championship basketball team was inducted into the Kansas Basketball Hall of Fame.
6. Students may choose from a wide variety of extra-curricular activities in addition to sports. These include Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Kansas Association of Youth (Kayettes), FFA, drama (a play and a musical are presented each year), forensics competition, student government, cheerleading, dance, vocal music, band, and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).
7. Classes are small and provide for individual attention in a beautifully maintained facility. All students have access to a wide variety of technology, with two permanent computer labs and two portable labs along with other advanced equipment including personal response systems.
8. Graduates have gone on to success in a variety of fields: medicine, law, business, education, ministry, advertising, computers, entrepreneurship, woodworking, publishing, and science.
9. The school takes pride in maintaining our traditions as we look ahead to the future.
10. The school is in an historic county seat community which recently celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The community offers a variety of amenities, including a city park, swimming pool, a community center, doctors, dentist, eye doctor, grocery store, banks, fishing pond and active community organizations.

Sincerely,

Don Cash, Principal, Troy High School

**Catch up on all the latest news and events at the Troy Schools. Visit our web site at [www.troyusd.org](http://www.troyusd.org)**

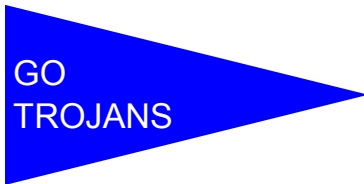
A color copy of this newsletter is posted on our web site.

**Celebrate Birthday, Anniversary, or Advertise your event on the Troy Schools Digital Sign:**

**Birthday or anniversary- \$25 per day**

**Event- \$10 day (minimum of 7 days)**

**Proceeds go to the THS Student Council**



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In the event that the Troy School District is forced to close school due to inclement weather conditions, notifications will be made on KSNT (Ch. 27), KQTV (Ch. 2), WIBW-TV (Ch. 13), KAIR (1470 AM/93.7 FM), KFEQ (680 AM), K-JO (1550 AM/105.5 FM), WIBW (580 AM/97 FM), KCTV 5, KNZA (103.9) and to TextCaster subscribers. We will attempt to make this decision in the morning as early as possible. There also may be occasions when threatening weather forces us to dismiss school early. This notification will be made on the same stations and also to TextCasters subscribers.

**Note: TROJAN ALERTS!** is a service sponsored by Morrill & Janes Bank and Trust. Please check your cell phone plan for any text message fees your wireless provider may charge. This is a SPAM-free application. You will only receive messages that you choose. You may Unsubscribe at any time by visiting [www.troyusd.org](http://www.troyusd.org) and selecting the textcaster link. If you have switched carriers you will need to update your status on the textcaster link. Another reminder when receiving a TROJAN ALERT it will indicate sponsored by Morrill & Janes Bank and Trust. If it does not indicate this, it is not an official TROJAN ALERT!

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