

# USD #429 Troy Public Schools

## District Newsletter



### HOME OF THE TROJANS

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Summer 2022

**PRE-K - 12th grade  
ONLINE ENROLLMENT  
OPEN JULY 1!**

**First Day of School  
August 31, 2021  
Full Day  
8 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.**

### OPEN HOUSE

**Aug. 29**

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Parents and their children are encouraged to attend.

The students are to bring their supplies at this time rather than doing it on the first day of school.

It will also give everyone the opportunity to meet the teachers.



**Mandatory Fall  
Athletic Parent  
Meeting**

**August 15th @ 5:30 p.m.**

### TEXTBOOK/TECHNOLOGY FEES

**DUE TO SHORTFALLS IN THE DONATED MONEY FROM THE TOWNSEND FUND THERE WILL NOT BE FREE TEXTBOOKS OFFERED THIS YEAR.**

**PRE-K - 6TH GRADE: \$55**

**GRADES 7-12: \$65**

**ACTIVITY OR CLASS DUES AS ASSIGNED BY THE SPONSOR.**

**HS AG STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$25 TO COVER COSTS OF PROTECTIVE GEAR.**

**HS ART STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED \$15 TO COVER THE COST OF A SKETCH BOOK.**

**THESE FEES WILL NEED TO BE PAID AT TIME OF ENROLLMENT.**

**GRADES 4-12 PLANNER—\$4.00**

**DRIVERS EDUCATION (SUMMER 2021) - \$230.00**

### MEAL PRICES

**BREAKFAST PRICES:**

**Students PreK-12 - \$1.50    Reduced Breakfast - \$.30**

**Lunch Prices:**

**PreK-6 - \$2.70    7-12 - \$2.85**

**Reduced Lunch - \$.40**

**4 year old Pre-School Snack Fee \$15 a quarter/\$60 a year (milk included)**

**3 year old Pre-School Snack Fee \$10 a quarter/\$40 a year (milk included)**

**Kindergarten/First Grade Snack Fee \$15 a quarter/\$60 a year (milk not included)**

**The revenue from text book fees are used for new textbooks, workbooks, and curriculum materials.**

## **WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR Allisha Engemann, TGS PRINCIPAL**

I am so excited to welcome everyone to a new school year! I couldn't be more pleased to begin my position as the new principal of Troy Grade School. I have loved teaching all of my students that I have had in Troy over the last ten years here, but look forward to the opportunity to impact even more students and families. Before returning to teach in Troy, I taught preschool, second, fifth and sixth grades in the St. Joseph School District. All of that time and experience showed me how fortunate we are to have such great teachers, staff, students, parents, and community as we do in our small town. I am committed to doing all that I can for our students every day. My office is located on the main floor, next to Mrs. Ferris, please stop in to introduce yourself and say hi. I look forward to meeting all of you!

At Troy Grade School we have high academic and behavior expectations for our students. To help achieve this, we are undergoing a change in our building this year with the implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This is a school-wide approach to promote safety and good behavior. Through PBIS students will learn behavior expectations and strategies with the focus being placed on prevention rather than punishment. Our school pledge states our expectations, "At Troy we come to school to learn. We respect ourselves and others. We are responsible for our actions." It is imperative that we have a safe environment that is supportive and conducive to growth. Watch for more information to come in the future about PBIS.

There are a few new faces around Troy Grade School this year, I am confident that they are going to be great additions to our staff and community. Miss Deters, Miss Ross, and Mrs. Cluck will be the new teachers joining our staff, please take the time to get to know them. Also, there is more information about all of our new hires to the district later in this newsletter.

I'd love to see all of you at our Open House on Monday, August 29th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher for the new year and get a peek into their classroom. I'll also be making rounds that night to meet as many of you as I can, please catch me that night to say hi and answer any questions you may have. I hope you all enjoy the last moments of summer and soak up every second with your loved ones before the start of our next school year. I can't wait to hear about all of the fun and amazing things our students saw, did, and accomplished over their break!

### **The New Staff for 2022-2023**

Cheryl Cluck - 2nd Grade Teacher

Emi Deters - 3rd Grade Teacher

Makayla Ross - 4th/5th Grade

Kelli Rodgers - Middle School Social Studies & Computers

Veronica Dickson - Middle School Science

Makinley Smith - Business and Computers

## **From the Desk of Mr. Estes, 7-12 Principal/Activities Director:**

I hope summer is treating you well. I see a lot of students working hard in the weight room and on the court striving to be better. Don't forget, reading a book or two is also a good summer workout. If you need suggestions about a good book, I have a list.

Over the past few years, teachers have been steadily building their use of an app called REMIND. During the "Covid" summer, I used it to communicate with our seniors to keep everyone informed about graduation. I will have a remind group for parents and students during the upcoming school year. Instructions on how to enroll will be shared through email early in August. This will not take the place of the weekly calendar that is emailed out.

While I walk the halls I see Brian and Amy working to put a shine on the building. Carpets are getting cleaned, floors are getting waxed, and ceiling tiles are being replaced. We also have new books/materials for science and English Language Arts for grades 6-11. We spent the better part of a year looking for books/materials that are easy to understand, align to state standards and provide a challenge to every student.

Mr. Gilbert is working to clean up all the Chromebooks, replace broken/missing parts. As we move more curriculum/materials to an online platform, it becomes more important that students take care of their Chromebooks. Invoices were sent home this summer for any damage a student had done to their Chromebook. We will not be able to checkout a Chromebook to students that continue to owe a fee.

One last piece of information about the upcoming school year is about the School Lunch Program. This past year, ALL school lunches and breakfast was provided free of charge. Going into the 2022-23 school year the school lunch program will revert back to the pre-Covid days, meaning you must apply for free/reduced priced lunches.

There were many accomplishments in the 2021-22 school year, both athletic and academic. Let's build on those accomplishments and continue to build on that Trojan tradition!

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Due to necessary budget reductions, USD 429 does not purchase secondary student accident insurance. This type of insurance is voluntary for school districts to buy.

This insurance was available for school time and school activity student accidents. It mainly served as a secondary insurance covering limited expenses not paid for by a family's primary insurance. It was never intended to cover all accident costs at school. Students and families with health insurance should now check those policies to make sure you understand what is covered and not covered. For those without health insurance a voluntary limited accident insurance will be available at enrollment at parent cost. Please take this information and study it closely even if you have insurance.

Students involved in athletics and activities should also make sure they feel they have adequate coverage for potential injuries and accidents. The district is required to carry a \$25,000 catastrophic policy by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This policy takes over after \$25,000 in expenses have been incurred that are not covered by a primary policy.

Also, the district pays for a similar policy for all students during the school day that begins at the \$25,000 deductible level and will pay for various accidents and losses.

USD 429 employees take every precaution to make sure students are safe and secure at school and at activities. However, accidents do happen. **USD 429 assumes no financial responsibility for student accidents and injuries that occur at school or at activities. These costs are the responsibility of the parents as part of school attendance.**

**CIVIC ARENA**  
**100 N 4<sup>th</sup> St**  
**St Joseph, MO**

**Tues, Aug 2, 2022**  
**9am - 7pm**

**Wed, Aug 3, 2022**  
**9am - 7pm**



**Parents Need To Bring:**

- ✓ Your children must come to try on shoes
  - Only 1 adult will be allowed inside per family
  - Masks may be required if COVID cases rise
- ✓ ONE form of ID for each child to verify age:
  - School ID
  - Report card
  - Birth certificate
  - Any document that proves child's birth date
- ✓ ONE document to prove residency:
  - Utility bill
  - Rent/mortgage receipt
- ✓ Preschoolers must have proof of enrollment in a preschool and be at least 4 years old

Any child enrolled in an Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb or Doniphan County school, in grades Preschool (must be 4 years old) – 12<sup>th</sup>, is eligible to receive a free, NEW pair of tennis shoes.

No income eligibility required

First come/first served. No appointment necessary

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## We Support All of the Student Athletes

**What Booster Club does:** Provide water and snacks to away game for every player, coach, and manager. Make Locker signs and outdoor sports signs for every sport. Pay for the Locker room chat so games can be announced over the radio. Homecoming and Queen of Courts activities and provide treat bags to every player. Sells Trojan apparel and merchandise throughout the year. Provide free senior banners for booster club members and hangs them in the gym throughout the year. Provide Pink-out apparel to the players. Provide money for State play-off players and give \$5.00 for every player for the last away game.

**Booster Club** has purchased many items for the **THS** sports team this last year. All the money is used for the kids and to help buy equipment that the coaches want to help with the training. Have spent over \$2,000 this last year for the Trojan Sports teams. We need lots of volunteers and we appreciate any time and money you can put toward making this year successful. Please check the THS Booster club facebook page for any updates on what we purchase for the THS team, what booster club does, meeting times, and pictures of the kids.

**Troy Booster Club Membership**  
**2022-2023 School Year**  
**(Name will be published in Game Programs)**  
**Mail completed forms to:**  
**Troy Booster Club**  
**P.O. Box 332**  
**Troy, KS 66087**

Blue \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Silver \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Gold \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Diamond \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Trojan \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_

The Booster club is very thankful for all the support and donations it receives, and we wouldn't be able to continue without your generous contributions. Thank you for Supporting Trojans!

Any questions please call Rebecca Houghton 785-840-6483



## FALL SPORTS

The middle school and high school can begin practicing for the fall sports season on August 15. Students must have a current physical before they can practice any sports which includes cheerleading. Physical forms are on our school website or may be picked up at the Troy Central Office.

## Enrollment Information

We have posted our online enrollment process. If you filled out all the links on our website or facebook pages, you do not need to attend the in-person enrollment on August 12th. If you need to make changes to your schedule, please contact Mrs. Blevins at 785-985-3533. If you have any further questions please email Harley Franken at [hfranken@troyusd.org](mailto:hfranken@troyusd.org) or Janel Anderson at [janderson@troyusd.org](mailto:janderson@troyusd.org).

## Late Night

**August 20th, 2021**

**5:00 pm - Volleyball Scrimmage**

**6:30 pm - Football Scrimmage**

**Late night will begin at 8:00 pm**

The school district would like all parents with students in need of school transportation to complete a bus rider form that will be in your enrollment packet. This will cover students that ride to school and home or to a babysitter.



### **Mailing Addresses and Phone Numbers**

USD No. 429 District Office  
230 W Poplar  
Troy, Kansas 66087  
785-985-3950  
Fax: 785-985-3688

Troy Middle/High School  
319 S Park  
Troy, Kansas 66087  
785-985-3533  
785-985-3885

Troy Elementary School  
230 W Poplar  
Troy, Kansas 66087  
785-985-3538

# 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:



**Hepatitis A:** two doses required for children less than 5 years of age in early childhood programs.

**Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV):** four doses required for children less than 5 years of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.

**VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX):** 2 doses required for grades K-2 and 7th. 1 dose required for grades 3-6 and 8-11 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Or laboratory evidence of varicella immunity. Two doses are currently recommended by the ACIP for all ages.

**Haemophilus Influenza Type B (HIB):** three doses required for children less than 5 years of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.

(revised May 2011)

**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. NO student with live head lice or knits will be allowed to stay at school. Students have to be treated with head lice shampoo or medication prior to returning back to school and be lice and knit free. The school nurse or secretary will check students returning to clear for school entry and for several weeks thereafter.

**Students with health condition/food allergies:** Parents need to talk to the school nurse to set up health care plan with nurse and teacher to help appropriately care for your child, enrollment is a good time for this process. Paperwork will also be given out and will be needed to be reviewed over by your child's physician.

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

Trojan Football Golf Tourney is  
August 20th, in Seneca at 8:30  
a.m. 4 person scramble. \$50 per  
player. For more information call  
Coach Derek Jasper (785)850-  
0179.





# District Web Site Information

The school district web site includes numerous items of public interest at [www.troyusd.org](http://www.troyusd.org). There are three locations that are required by law and regulation to let the public know about.

\*At the home page under “Highlights” is information about the U.S.D. 429 anti-bullying policy and Emergency Safety Intervention Policies.

\*By going to “Links” at the top of the home page and then selecting “Kansas State Department of Education Important Links” the public will be able to access information concerning school district data, assessment scores, and more. It is required that the public is made aware that the state generated Building Report cards are available at this site.

\* Also, under the “Kansas State Department of Education Important Links” you will find information on the form used to compute the General Fund Budget and other budget information.

If you have any questions about this information please contact Pat McKernan, Superintendent of Schools, U.S.D. 429, 785-985-3950.

## 2022-2023 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. **Season passes are now required to be shown at the gate before admittance.**

These passes are good ONLY for regular season HOME games for the 2018-19 school year. Passes are NOT honored for tournaments or post-season play (football play-offs, sub state basketball, sub-state volleyball, etc.)

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

TVL ADMISSION PRICES PER GAME ARE GOING UP PER GAME!!

\$5.00 adult

\$3.00 student

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)	\$110.00 (K-6)
MIDDLE SCHOOL Mini-Combo—Middle School Sports	\$35.00	\$25.00 (K-6)	\$80.00 (K-6)
Combo—All THS and TMS Sports (excluding tournaments)	\$65.00	\$45.00 (K-6)	\$150.00 (K-6)
<u>Regular Admission Prices:</u>			
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.

Golden Age Passes are available to anyone who is 60 years of age or older and lives or owns property located within the USD 429 school district. These passes are also good ONLY for regular season games.

## 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, fireproofing, 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: Pat McKernan, 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.

## 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.

## Kindergarten:

**A student must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2022 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, 2022 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, 2022 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.**

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TROJANS

From the Desk of Mr. Patrick McKernan, Superintendent of Schools

Dear USD 429 Parents. Guardians, Students and Patrons:

As your children are still enjoying their summer break we are busily preparing for the new school year. We did not do much or too many major capital improvement projects this year but we have been working to clean and organize all the buildings. Our custodial crew has done a great job this summer and very much appreciated. We have completed a little painting and all the floors are being waxed and carpet is being cleaned. Our maintenance department has the buses and vehicles ready to go and have been keeping the grounds mowed up for the various events we have during the summer months. Our administrative assistants have prepared for online enrollment, a process we hope is easier for everyone, particularly the parents.

I always look forward to a new school year. There is always a lot of excitement surrounding a new year, new teachers, creating new traditions and memories, and forming new friendships. We will be ready on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and we look forward to seeing your kids. Take care and enjoy the remaining time with your family.



## 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: Pat McKernan, 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.

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