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A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Chris Piper, Superintendent, Troy City Schools

Trojan Families:

We are well into what has been a cold, snowy third quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

In the month of January and first week of February, we had to use five calamity days, four of which have been weather-related and one of which we had to take because of the high number of absences due to illness for both students and staff members in our district.

Should we have any more calamity days the remainder of the third quarter, they will be remote learning days. Each school building will be in contact with students and their families regarding what those calamity days entail.

Those unexpected days off have made things challenging for both our students and our staff members, but I am incredibly proud of the way everyone has risen to the challenge. We have still managed to accomplish a great deal within all of our school buildings, which I believe says a lot about the fortitude of both our students and staff members.

It always seems as though once we get past the holiday break and through the harshest parts of the winter, things begin moving at warp speed toward the end of the school year. I have no doubt that will be the case again this year.

Before anyone knows it, it will be time for outdoor sports and activities, our spring musical, the high school prom and yes, graduation. As we begin looking toward the end of what has been a challenging 2021-22 school year, I encourage all of our students and their family members to take a few moments to reflect upon the good things that have happened this school year and to savor the exciting moments that are still yet to come.

Thank you and go Trojans!

EVERHART NAMED NEW FOOTBALL COACH



Troy Everhart, who most recently coached at Fallbrook Union High School in San Diego, but has deep coaching roots in Ohio, has agreed to become the next Troy High School football coach.

Everhart replaces Dan Gress, who coached the Trojans to a 19-9 record the past three seasons with one division title and three playoff appearances.

More than 30 applicants from states across the nation applied for the coaching job. Everhart emerged as the top candidate after an exhaustive interview process.

Everhart, a graduate of Saint Joseph's College in Indiana, began his head coaching career at Winton Woods High School, becoming just the second head coach in program history in 1999. He would lead Winton Woods to four conference titles and five-straight playoff appearances, culminating in a Division II state championship in 2009.

Following his time at Winton Woods, Everhart would move on to spend two seasons at the University of Cincinnati football team's Director of Recruiting Services. He would return to high school coaching from 2011-13, coaching at Middletown High School. He returned to college coaching in 2014, with stops at the United States Military Academy, Indiana University and Ohio Northern University. He would take over at Fallbrook Union in 2019, where he would lead his team to its first playoff appearance since 2015 and its deepest playoff run since 2003.

"I think what excites me about coming to Troy is that it is a community that values football," Everhart said. "It's a community that understands the important role football plays as a part of the educational process. Troy has a history of success, which plays an important part in kids wanting to be a part of the football program."

AWARD TO HELP PROVIDE FOR THREE NEW BUSES

The Troy City Schools have been selected for a School Bus Purchase Program award. HouseBill 110 provided \$50 million for school districts to replace older school buses. The Ohio Department of Education has awarded the district \$135,000 to purchase and replace three buses.

As part of the Department's School Bus Purchase Program for the 2021-2023 school years, any bus a district purchases with these funds must replace a bus that currently is used for regular route service.

A school bus typically lasts at least 15 years, unless there are major problems with the unit.

The Troy City Schools have always tried to purchase three buses in any given year. This puts us in a rotation of our daily use fleet of 32 buses on an 11-year rotation. We maintain eight to nine buses as spares and the buses that are coming off of a daily route then go to the spare fleet for up to approximately 5 years before being sold or traded in on the purchase of new buses.



A Q&A WITH SPELLING BEE CHAMP JAKE JOHNSTON

In early January, Concord fourth grade student Jake Johnston was crowned the Troy City Spelling Bee Champion as he outlasted competitors from seven other TCS buildings, as well as spellers from private schools in Troy.

We asked Jake to answer some questions regarding his victory:

How did you feel when you won the spelling bee?

When I won the spelling bee I tried to hide the grin on my face. I was happy to win, even though I did not want to win because it was a lot of pressure and anxiety. I had to try my best anyway, because that was the right thing to do.

Were you nervous when it was down to the final two spellers?

I was super nervous when it got down to two kids. I was truly nervous through the entire bee, but when it got down to two kids it was even worse. I felt the sweat at the back of the chair and in my coat.

How did you become interested in the spelling bee?

I became interested in the spelling bee because I've always been a good speller. I thought that I could win the spelling bee because of that. I was a little bummed out that my friends didn't join the spelling bee though.

How did you prepare for the spelling bee?

I prepared for the spelling bee by studying my words. Sometimes I spelled them, and other times I read over them. The day before the bee, my teacher let me read the words on my chrome book.

You are only in the fourth grade and already a city champion. Do you think you'll keep doing spelling bees?

I will probably continue to do spelling bees. They make me very anxious and I sometimes like that feeling. But the feeling of winning is also very pleasing.

How did you celebrate winning the spelling bee?

This is actually kind of funny, we drove to McDonalds and ordered McFlurrys, went home and I said I was not taking a shower, which my mom let me skip. We also stayed up until 10 watching Ink Masters.

Other spelling bee building winners included: Sylar Combs (Troy Junior High School), Heath Snyder (Van Cleve Sixth Grade Building), Bentley Ouellette (Cookson), Darrian Thompson (Forest), Ellie Coblentz (Heywood), Christopher Bennett (Hook), Addison Fraley (Kyle), Pranjali Inguva (Troy Online Academy)



TROJAN POINTS OF PRIDE



We have many things we are proud of in the Troy City Schools. Here are some of them:

- Concord staff members have had a focus on learning about research-based programs that can be used to support grade level intervention blocks and reinforce classroom reading instruction. Programs and resources such as SPIRE, Sound Sensible, Read Naturally, Bridge the Gap, and IReady Teacher Toolbox are being discussed in morning training sessions and implemented into intervention block planning.
- Van Cleve Counselor Ms. Scalice, with the backing and reinforcement of all Van Cleve staff, continues to meet with and support all Van Cleve students each day. This includes an emphasis on the topics of mindset and goals, recognizing bullying, student thoughts and decisions, and managing relationships and conflict.
- Kyle Elementary staff distributed 7,033 Trojan Tickets from the start of the school year through mid January. Trojan Tickets are given to students when staff members observe positive behavior. Individual classrooms earn rewards at various ticket levels with the goal to earn 1,000 classroom tickets which will put Mr. Dillon on the roof for the day or a pie in his face.
- The Forest student council led two-different community support events. A food drive was held before winter break, and a donation day was held for the Miami County Animal Shelter. They also organized a "spirit week" before winter break for staff and students to enjoy.
- Former Troy High School and current Ohio State engineering students visited current THS chemistry students on January 3, 2022. They shared how the classes at THS would prepare students for the engineering pathway. This was a great example of how the Trojan Family extends beyond graduation and beyond the walls of THS. The five students were Louisa Mezache (2002), Megan Myers (2018), Katie Casteneda (2019), Jackson Goodall (2020) and Jonathan Post (2020).
- The Hook student council participated in a food drive. They had enough donations to provide several families with food for the winter break and still take a truckload to Partners in Hope.
- A little more than halfway through the school year, 50% of Troy Junior High School students have shown at least one year's worth of growth in math and reading based on iReady data.
- Heywood Elementary School principal Maurice Sadler (pictured above) has been named the recipient of the Pastor Wesley McCoy, Sr. Community Service Award for 2022.