

USD #429 Troy Public Schools

District Newsletter



HOME OF THE TROJANS

Volume 1, Issue 1

Summer 2019

PRE-K - 12th grade ENROLLMENT

Thursday August 8, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

First Day of School August 29, 2018 Full Day

8 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE August 28th

5:30-6:30 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, etc.



**Mandatory Fall
Athletic Parent
Meeting - Monday
August 19th. 5:30pm
C.W. Oliver Gym**

TEXTBOOK/TECHNOLOGY FEES

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

PRE SCHOOL MATERIALS: \$55

GRADES K-6: \$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 2020) - \$230.00

MEAL PRICES

<u>BREAKFAST</u>		<u>LUNCH</u>	
FULL PRICE (PK-12)	\$1.45	GRADES PRE-K-6	\$2.70
REDUCED PRICE	\$.30	GRADES 7-12	\$2.85
ADULT PRICE	\$1.85	REDUCED PRICE	\$.45
EXTRA MILK	\$.40	ADULT PRICE	\$3.70

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 Snack Fee \$10 a quarter/\$40 a year (milk not included)

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

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR Pat McKernan, SUPERINTENDENT AND TGS PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome you all back for a new school year! I am excited to start my fourth year as your Superintendent of Schools and Troy Grade School Elementary Principal. Over the last three years, it has been my pleasure to get to know your children and see their growth in many areas. Many times in our life we take great comfort in things staying the same. However, there are other times when change needs to happen to continue to make progress. I see the USD 429 district in a transition time where we will continue to talk about "doing things differently". Academic areas we will be focusing on this year, will be the curriculum, instruction, and assessments. We need to make improvements on our Kansas Assessment scores this coming year. I believe we should score at the state average or higher on any state or national assessment we take. That needs to be the minimum. I also believe with some coordination and effort, we can do better than the state average on these assessments. USD 429 is also continuing to look at revising and expanding the current curriculum. As a staff, we will spend time this year deciding what to teach and test and discuss the best strategies to help students reach their academic goals.

As a district, we also need to focus on school attendance. The state of Kansas considers chronic absenteeism as 10% of the school days in session. At the end of the year, this could be sixteen days of absence. Not only is that chronic, but in my opinion, excessive. There are many families and students who do a great job. 59% of our students district wide missed five or less days of school. On the other side of this 11% of our students miss sixteen days or more and are considered chronically absent. We can do better. At the upper elementary grade and middle school and high school grade levels, students may be required to stay after school to make up assignments or if they are chronically absent. We also want this time to be productive time so we want to put supports in place for extra help or homework completion.

We again, had some turnover in key teaching positions. Please read about the new staff we have hired. I am very confident we have hired great replacements for those staff that left. Please get to know these new staff members. I think you will be impressed also.

Facilities Upgrades – USD 429 converted to all LED lighting last spring. You will see new LED lighting in the gymnasiums and classrooms. The lighting is not as noticeable in the classrooms but very noticeable in the gymnasiums. We should also see a difference in our utility bills this year. We are also in the process of having the exterior of the cafeteria/weight room/music room painted, along with the bus bar and crow's nests. We will be replacing the stadium bleacher boards to aluminum boards to finish that project that was started many years ago. We have moved the counselor's office up a floor across from the high school office. This should allow for better communication between students and the counselor and the teaching staff and the counseling department.

Whether it be the gym, ballpark, library, church or other community activities, it is always great to see the students during the summer. I look forward to another new year and see what accomplishments your children will reach. See you in August.

Patrick E. McKernan

Superintendent of Schools/Troy Grade School Principal

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Twitter - [@_pmckernan](https://twitter.com/_pmckernan)

The New Staff for 2019-2020

Mrs. Blaire Birdsong – MS/HS Business Technology

Mrs. Renee' McKernan - 2nd Grade

Ms. Maggie Michalak - 4th Grade

Mrs. Traci Ferris - GS Secretary

Ms. Brittany Clary - K-12 Music

Mr. Said Fallaha - HS English

Mrs. Bethany Cluck - HS Science

Mrs. Kristee Grable - Part-time At Risk Math Teacher (GS)

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

Greetings and Salutations from the office of the Principal at Troy Middle/High School. As I set at my desk writing this, I can hear many people working in the halls getting things ready for a new year.

Some changes you will notice in the building include a new counselor's office, a new technology office, and a fresh coat of paint in many locations. There have also been changes to our security system. Though they will mostly be unseen by most of us, we have added several cameras and access card readers.

Besides these physical changes, we will be welcoming some new teachers to the building. These include Mrs. Birdsong in the business department, Ms. Clary in the music department, Mrs. Cluck in the science department, and Mr. Fallaha in the English department.

I hope everyone reading this has been able to maintain a commitment to being a responsible productive citizen. As a step in helping every student be the best possible student, we are going to focus on reducing chronic absenteeism. The Kansas Department of Education defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10% or more of the possible days. If a student misses more than once every other week, that student is chronically absent. According to our handbook, students who miss more than 4 days in any semester should be staying after school to make up the work. As my commitment to reducing the number of chronically absent students, I will be strictly enforcing the handbook rule.

As most of the students can tell you, I have been counting down the days until August 29th since about May 17th. This year, Thursday, August 29th, is the happiest day of the year! That is the day we all get to come back to school. As I write this letter, it is only 50 days away, I can hardly wait!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and strive to be the most responsible productive citizen you can!

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

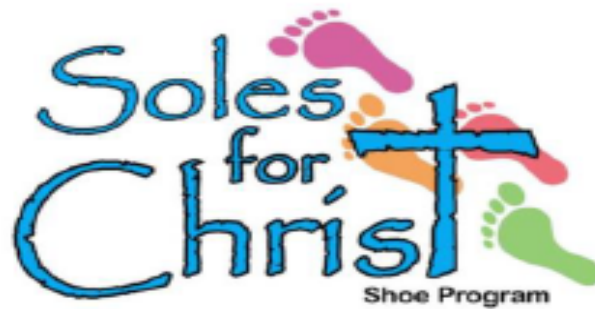
Due to necessary budget reductions, USD 429 does not purchase secondary student accident insurance. This type of insurance is voluntary for school districts to buy.

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.**



AFL-CIO Community Services

1203 N 6th Street St Joseph, MO 64501
816-364-1131 800-365-7724 Fax 816-364-2304

www.helpmenow.org
www.facebook.com/solesforchrist

Monday, August 5, 2019
8:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
8:00am – 6:00pm

Parents Need To Bring:

- ✓ Their children with them
- ✓ One form of ID for each child to verify age:
 - School ID
 - Report card
 - Birth certificate
 - Any document that proves child's birth date
- ✓ Proof of Residency:
 - Utility bill
 - Rent/mortgage receipt
- ✓ Preschoolers must have proof of enrollment in a preschool

Any child enrolled in an Andrew, Buchanan or Doniphan County school in grades Preschool – 12 is eligible to receive a free pair of shoes.

First come/first served. No appointment necessary.

AFL-CIO
COMMUNITY SERVICES



AFL-CIO Community Services and United Way Partnership

Join the Troy High School Trojan Booster Club

We Support All of the Student Athletes

What Booster Club does:

- Snacks for athletes before most away games
- Sports/Spirit Signs for Teams throughout the year
- Bonfire, Homecoming Activities
- Athletic Awards Nights for Fall & Winter Sports
- Trojan Apparel and Merchandise
- Senior Banners for Senior Athletes
- Late Night Pep Rally and October Pink-Out Activities
- State Play-off Dinner/State Play-off Treat Bags
- Queen of Courts Treat Bags for Athletes

Troy Booster Club Membership

2019-2020 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 Trojan Athletes!



FALL SPORTS PRACTICE TIMES

The middle school and high school can begin practicing for the fall sports season on August 19. Students must have a current physical before they can practice any sports which includes cheerleading. The following sports have scheduled these times for practice. Physical forms are on our school website or may be picked up at the Troy Central Office.

Enrollment Information

We will be mailing home enrollment packets, for parents to fill out and return at enrollment on August 8th, at the Troy High School Cafeteria from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. If parents would please login to their Infinite Campus parent Portal before August 8th to make sure your students personal information is correct. If you are unable to login into your parent portal please email Janel Anderson (janderson@troyusd.org) or Harley Franken (hhuss@troyusd.org).

August 23

HS VB Scrimmage: 6:00 p.m.

HS FB Scrimmage: 7:00 p.m.

Late Night Activities: 8:00 p.m.

August 30th

HS FB Jamboree at HCC with Riverside and Rossville at 6:30 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 18, 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. 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.

2019-2020 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, 2019 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, 2019 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, 2019 in order to be valid for this school year. The appropriate physical forms are available on the schools web page 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.

GO
TROJANS

2019-20 USD # 429, TROY Grade /Middle Schools Supply List

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Grade One</i>	<i>Grade Two</i>
Scissors(Fiskars)	8 Glue Sticks	2 -24 count Crayola crayons
1bx colored pencils	Scissors(Fiskars)	12 # 2 pencils (Ticonderoga)
14 oz. Glue	18 #2 Pencils	Pencil top erasers
2 bx Kleenex (175 ct)	2 bxs crayons (24 ct)	Scissors (Fiskars)
12 Glue Sticks	Crayola Markers	Crayola Markers, broad and thin
6 #2 pencils (Reg.)	(Basic colors-reg. Size)	3 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks
1bx Crayola Broadline Markers	3 bx Kleenex (250 ct)	Colored Pencils
(Classic Colors)	School Box	4 Expo THIN dry erase markers
School Box (No zipper & not a large one)	2 Large erasers	5 plastic poly folders (1 each: blue, green, purple, yellow, black)
Back Pack	2 - 2 pocket folders	1 Large Eraser
2 bx Regular-sized Crayola Crayons	Colored Pencils	1 Highlighter
1 pkg. Pencil top erasers	10 dry erase markers	12 inch wooden ruler with metric
2 Large Erasers	12 Inch Metric Ruler	2 - composition notebooks
Water Colors (Prang or Crayola)	Clorox Wipes (3)	1 small supply box (approx. 8"x5")
4 Dry Erase Markers	Pencil top erasers	2 bx Kleenex
3 ring binder (1 inch)	Headphones	2 Clorox wipes
12-pocket folder	Hand Sanitizer	3-ringed zippered pencil pouch
3 containers of Clorox Wipes		Optional: headphones for computer
	<i>Grade Four</i>	
<i>Grade Three</i>	Scissors (Fiskars)	
4 Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled)	Crayons - 1	
Scissors (Fiskars)	6 glue sticks	
Colored pencils	8 oz. Elmer's glue	
Crayons	Markers - 1	<i>Grade Fifth & Sixth</i>
Crayola markers	Eraser or pencil topper erasers- 1	Pencils
3 Glue Sticks	24 Pencils (NO EVERSHARPS)	Scissors
3 folders with pockets	12 inch metric ruler	Crayons
12 inch metric ruler	3 bx Kleenex (175 ct)	5th Gr. 5- Composition Notebooks
Eraser or pencil topper erasers	Colored pencils - 1	6th Gr. 3- Composition Notebook
2 bx Kleenex (175 ct)	6 Folders with pockets	8 oz Elmer's glue
6 #2 pencils	4 Spiral notebooks	4 Glue Sticks
1pkg. loose leaf paper (wide ruled)	2 pkg. loose leaf paper (wide ruled)	Colored pencils 1 pkg. of 24
2 containers Clorox wipes (1 for art)	3"x5" recipe file box with	Crayola markers
ear buds/headphones	Alphabetical card tabs for recipe box	Lq eraser and pencil toppers
	2 Clorox Wipes (1 for art)	2 bx Kleenex (175 ct.)
	Zipper Pencil Pouch	Pens-blue (erasable)
	1- 3 ring binder 3 inch	4 pocket folders with prongs
	Headphones	Zipper Pencil Pouch
		2 Wide Rule Notebook Paper
<i>Grade Seven & Eight</i>		Trapper Keeper
6 Blue Pens		3"x5" Index Cards
6 Black Pens		Highlighters
2 Red Pens		1 Clorox Wipes
48- Pencils		NO Pencil Box
Colored Pencils		NO WHITE OUT
Markers		School Planners will be sold at enrollment
Scientific Calculator (TI-30X- IIS)		Optional - Headphones
4-Pocket Folders		
4-Hardback Composition Notebooks		
Notebooks OR Notebook paper		
2 Glue Sticks		
2 Boxes Kleenex (175 ct)		
Headphones		
Gym Shoes		
One inch 3 ring binder (no trappers)		
5 tabbed dividers		
NO WHITE OUT		
NO LOCKS		
	STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD BE ON ALL SUPPLIES	

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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