

# TROJAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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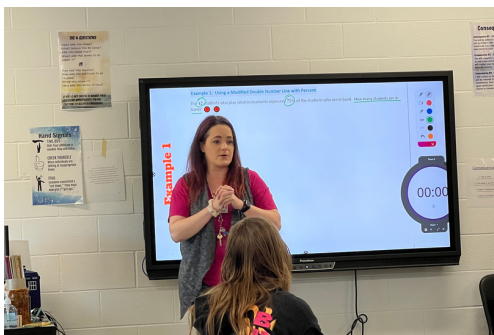
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**TROJAN GOOD THINGS**





# *Principal's Update*

## *Keep Grinding , Get Back Behind the Rock*

As you prepare for another school week, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the amazing work you are doing. Your tireless efforts to help students learn, grow, and thrive are truly inspirational. I can walk into any classroom and see that learning is happening, and I can prove it with the data that we get from all of you.

As teachers, you are the cornerstone of our education system. You are responsible for shaping young minds and fostering a love of learning that will stay with students for the rest of their lives. This is no small task, but you rise to the challenge each and every day with passion, dedication, and a deep commitment to your students' success. What I love most is that when we walk into the front doors each morning there is always somebody in the building that is encouraging us to not only have a great day, but that somebody is there for you if you need anything.

As you know, teaching is not just a job, it's a calling. It requires patience, creativity, and a willingness to go above and beyond in order to reach every student and help them reach their full potential. And yet, despite the many challenges and obstacles that you face, you continue to persevere and find new and innovative ways to engage your students and make learning fun and exciting. It is evident to our students that learning is not optional because there is a teacher that will do everything in their power to ensure students learn the essentials we have set out to be successful in every aspect of their educational experience.

The impact you have on your students is immeasurable. Your encouragement and support can inspire a lifelong love of learning and help students overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. Your guidance and mentorship can help students develop the confidence and skills they need to succeed in all aspects of their lives. If you need proof, go to the essential celebrations during seminar and see the smile a student gets their name called in front of their friends, gets a piece of paper, and gets a picture with a principal who was not the reason they got the paper. Students at The HSJA know how valued they are by the educators that impact their life everyday.

So, as you head into another school week, I want to remind you of the incredible impact you are having on the lives of your students. Your hard work and dedication are making a real difference, and your students are lucky to have such a caring and committed teacher.

Keep up the great work! You are appreciated, valued, and loved. We still have a sense of urgency to ensure success on the ACT Aspire, we still have CFAs we give to measure student learning, we still have to respond when students do not learn essentials, we still have to put grades in the system, still have to call parents, and still have to have high expectations for your students and yourself. Those aspects of our job will not change, and the love and appreciation I have for what you do each day will not change either.

Thank you for motivating me to want to be a better principal, and thank you for pushing me to always ensure The HSJA is moving forward in the right way. Our job can be overwhelming if we try and do it by ourselves, but we are in this together, and there is no obstacle that will prevent our success as long as we stay in this grind together. Tomorrow, let's get back behind our rock and begin to push up the hill together towards our goal of Model PLC, High levels of learning for ALL, and getting better at our craft each class period you teach.

# Week At A Glance

**MON.**  
**2/13**

**TUES.**  
**2/14**

**WED.**  
**2/15**

**THURS.**  
**2/16**

**FRI.**  
**2/17**

Seminar

9th Grade Essential  
Celebration

Grades due for  
interims by 3  
pm

Seminar

Valentine's Day

Floral Shirt  
Wednesdays

GC  
3:30-4:30

Seminar

Grade for the  
week due

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

Much Needed Rest  
for the amazing  
staff of The HSJA



# *HSJA Celebrations*



## ***Essential Celebrations***

It is always a great reminder of all the hard work in the school when you get to see the joy of students being called across the stage to recognize them for their work. For some, this is the first time getting called among their peers. For many, they have a teacher who has pushed them when they didn't want to do it anymore!

## **6th Grade Welcome!**

On Wednesday we got to welcome our incoming 6th grade families, and the parents were just as nervous as the children. When they heard about the caring and knowledgeable staff, it began to ease the fears that most have for the big move to The HSJA. You are what makes that move a peaceful one with parents and students!



## ***School Counselor's week was this past week!***

There are so many things that go on in school that are quietly handled with no fanfare. That is the job description of the school counselors. They are rockstars and we are so grateful to get to have them as a part of our team

# *Important Information*

- **Seminar**

- Follow [HSJA Seminar Plan](#)

- **Unit Plans & Instructional Strategy Unit Plans**

- We will be discussing Unit Plans in teams this week, and Brig will want to see unit plans as well. Please ensure that you have shared everything you put in your units with your team and administration.

- **PGP Progress Tracking**

- You were not observed for your PGP goals the first nine weeks, but admin will start observing you to see how you are progressing on your PGPs beginning this nine weeks. Please make sure you all fill out [this form](#) to track your own progress for your PGP. Please look at the [compendium](#) to see the element that you picked to improve on and see the rubric for how to grade your progress for each month. I will send this out again on the 1st of each month.

- **Grades**

- Remember each Friday to ensure you have at least one assignment in eSchool you have taken a grade for your one grade per week. This can help you with remembering to contact parents the next week if we have students that are in danger of failing.

- **RTI Form**

- If a student has an "F" in your class I need you to fill out this RTI Form. We have to make sure we are documenting our struggling students, and we have to make contact with parents. Please do not allow an interim report or Report Card to go home with an "F" and you have not contacted a parent. We should have an RTI Form for the student, and parent contact on each of those students. This will now be something we do every 2 weeks.
- RTI Form- Here is the link to the updated RTI form. It is located in the [hyperdoc](#) as well.
- please do not fill out the template, fill out the form. If you fill out the template the entire document has to be edited.

- **Lesson Plans**

- Drop your lesson plans into your folder in [our 2022-2023 shared drive](#) by Monday at 8:00 a.m. each week.
- Within **YOUR** folder, create a new folder for each month and drop your lesson plans in there. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Moody.

- **Staff Shoutouts**

- **Jackie Williams**- "Ms. Williams has initiated a project for the math seminar classes. She went above and beyond her duties to research and design the project. Thank you, Ms. Williams." From Mr. Willard
- **Ryan Morrow**- "Coach Morrow created and taught the RTI lesson for U.S. History CFA 4. Our students are at 87% passing after the second attempt! Thanks, Coach Morrow for helping our students succeed!" From Mr. Stevens
- **Ms. Fustin**- " Ms. Fustin really helped out the education planning committee during a conference on the spur of the moment and was fantastic!" From Mr. Hatcher
- **Ms. Cruz**- "Ms. Cruz works with students one-on-one during seminar to provide tutoring on Lexia skills! Thank you for your willingness to help our students achieve their Lexia goals!" From Mrs. Sadler
- **Ryan Morrow**- "Coach Morrow always interacts with students in a positive way in the morning, he encourages them and gets them ready to attack the day." Social Studies Department