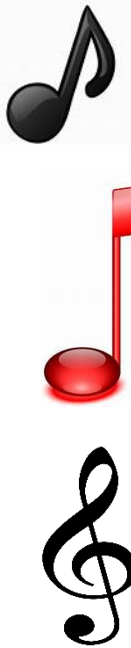


TROY AREA SD NEWSLETTER



In the halls at W.R. Croman you will find a wall with words of encouragement for students

CONGRATULATIONS PMEA DISTRICT CHORUS CONTESTANTS

A few weeks ago, four of our Trojan singers submitted pre-recorded video auditions for judging and acceptance into the PMEA District Chorus Festival. This required each of our singers to prepare an individual audition using a challenging piece of choral literature and record a 90-second video audition. This year, more than most, required each student to rely on their individual musicianship to prepare and rehearse on their own and I am overjoyed to announce that **Anna Lewis, Sadie Beers, Rylee Weaver, and Dustin Hagin (ALL FOUR!)** placed among the top 20 students on their voice part, qualifying for the PMEA District 8 Chorus Festival!!

This year, PMEA festivals will be functioning a little differently due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be no Region level for which our students may audition, but the top 10 students among the voice parts for the District festival have qualified to audition for the All-State level. **I am proud to announce that Sadie Beers and Anna Lewis placed in the top 5 for each of their voice parts and they will begin preparations for the PMEA All-State Choir Auditions this spring!!**

Mrs. Sydney MacDonald
Music Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS PMEA DISTRICT 8 CONTESTANTS

TASD wishes to announce junior band members **Elizabeth Geer and Jackson Simpson** successfully submitted video auditions for the 2021 Virtual PMEA District 8 Band and qualified! They placed 3rd and 5th respectively.

Ms. Brianna Erdmann
Director of Bands

DISTRICT WEB PAGE LINKS

- [School Information Application](#)
- [Face Mask Protocol](#)
- [CAOLA Links](#)



HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

Troy School District Health and Safety Plan approved by the board on January 12, 2021. Below you will find a link to access a copy of the plan.

[Health and Safety Plan Update 1.12.2021](#)

HEALTHY CLASSROOM SNACKS FOR ANY CELEBRATION OFFERED BY THE TASD FOOD SERVICE DEPT

Healthy Offerings for Classroom Parties...offered by the Troy Area School District Food Service Department.

It is your child's birthday?

Is your child having a classroom party?

Do you want a healthy snack for your child's classroom?

Does your child or one of his/her classmates have food allergies?

We have the solution for you.....

Who? ALL PARENTS/TEACHERS are encouraged to participate

What? Healthy Snack Options

When: We will deliver it when you want it

Where: Your child's classroom

Cost \$.50 per person

All Items must be prepackaged & individually wrapped including beverages.

Trojan Food Corner



The WR Croman Cafeteria Staff decorated for Christmas with the Meal Components that make up a Healthy Lunch.



Troy Food Service Dept promotes fresh cabbage as the harvest of the month for December. They made coleslaw with the fresh cabbage. The students were encouraged to try it.

Mind Your MATERS



Wear Your Facemask

Wait Your TURNIP



Person At a Time

Troy Area School District Cafeterias are using colorful signs to help remind the students to wear their mask and to social distance while in the breakfast and lunch line.

Please Keep 6 Feet BEET-WEEN



You and Others



The Troy Area School District continues to hand out free meals to all children ages 0 to 18 that reside in the district. If the children are not attending school in person, they are eligible to pick up meals. If they are in person at school, they must go to the cafeteria to pick up their free breakfast and lunch. The entire staff at WR Croman pitched in to help pack the meals. It was a #ONETEAMTROY effort by everyone involved.

Please contact Bonnie Bixby, Food Director, with any questions: 570-297-2750 # 1, # 3 or bbixby@troyareasd.org

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Gloria Burns, Matt Schwenk, Danielle Van Noy, Beverly Anderson, Bobbi Jo Anderson, Kelly Aylesworth, Robert Binduga, Victoria Birch, Heidi Butler, Glen Butters, Melissa Caudill, Kathi Crawford, Annette DeLosa, Janna Dibble, Brianna Erdmann, Marie Gible, Rachel Holz, Stacy Houseknecht, Leighanne Ingram, Jennifer Jicha, Jeremy Kulago, Ellie Madigan, Christine Panek, Craig Pequignot, Danielle Wheeler, Diane Brenner, Renee Broschart, Jill Cavanaugh, Shari Coxhead, Janet Crandle, Michael Davy, Chis Eiswerth, Candace Frick, Carrie Johnston, Jodi Landis, Nicole Schrader, Shaina Slocum, Laura Taylor, Caitlin Wright, Malori Coates, Pamela Collins, Roni Dean, Jeannie Estep, Kelly Gee, Brittany Hakes, Jill Hoffmann, Danielle O'Dell, Jamie Stephens, Rebecca Swain, Jennifer Vosburg, Anna Warnick, Lori Sollenberger



Holiday festivities at WRC Primary School



FFA ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year Troy District had 7 first year FFA members apply and earn their FFA jackets! This application includes essay questions and their participation in FFA as a first-year member. The District is very proud and looking forward to these member's future achievements and their continuation of the District's strong chapter. Congratulations go to:



Landon Jenkins, Olivia Champluvier, Ben Cook, Garrett Seymour, Zach Woolf, Caiden Martin, Hart Houseknecht

Also, there were 3 senior FFA members that applied and earned the highest degree a Pennsylvania FFA member can earn, the **Keystone Degree!** This award is based off the member's SAE project hours, FFA involvement, and community service activities. The 3 members are not only exceptional officers of our chapter but have invested much of their time and high school careers working towards this award. They are also outstanding role models to younger members. The District is very proud of the seniors for achieving this honor! Congratulations go to: **Carl Kingsley, Hope Houseknecht, Tiffany Hart**

Brooke Ostrander, VO-AG Teacher

Parent and Community Zoom Meeting Dates

Please check our website, <https://www.troyareasd.org/>, for links to the following meetings or contact Mrs. Gyla Hoose at ghoose@troyareasd.org.

- Home School Meeting – January 13, 2021 at 9 AM
- Troy Virtual Academy Meeting – January 13, 2021 at 1 PM
- Parent Meeting – January 20, 2021 at 6 PM

Meet Ralph:



Croman's new addition

JSHS School Spirit Crew

Congratulations from the IAFA on bringing the spirit to the HS

Janna Dibble
Brenda Vogel
Rebecca Wrisley

TASD NEWS

The Troy School District was nominated as the Business of the Year for the 2020 year. It was a privilege to be honored even though we were not selected. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for honoring us with the nomination.

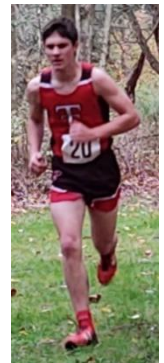
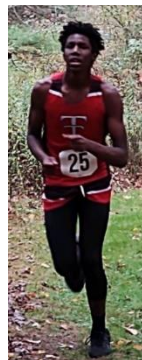
TASD Athletic Announcements

The NTL Cross Country Coaches and AD approved all-star team.

Owen Williams, Lilly Depew, Sydney Taylor, Julia Colton, Rachel Kingsley



Junior: Seth Seymour, Troy High School Most Valuable Runner 2020



Freshman: Lance Heasley, Newcomer of the Year 2020

The Troy School District congratulates all the members on their achievement.

The Soccer Coaches and AD approved All-Star Team.

Emmi Ward, Laci Hinman, Camilla McRoberts, Nicole McClellan, Wyatt Hodlofski, Isias Watkins, Brady Sparling, Connor Faust



Wishing you and your family, from my family, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Apple Certificates

Please congratulate the following staff members for receiving their Apple Teacher Certificates: Mr. John Imbt, Mrs. Renee Broschart, Mrs. Melissa Caudill, Mrs. Rachel Holz, Mrs. Leighanne Ingram, Mrs. Angela Keating, Mr. Jeremy Kulago, Mrs. Melissa Lehman, Mrs. Sydney MacDonald, Mr. Ryan Schrader, Mrs. Beth Ward and Mrs. Caitlin Wright

School District Welcomes New Board Member: Mary Abreu

Resignations: The TASD would like to recognize Todd Curren and Bill Brasington for the dedication, efforts, time and their many years of service they gave to the Troy School District.



Todd Curren, 19 years



Bill Brasington, 7 years

PSBA Years of Service Award: Dan Martin; 12 years

1923 JSHS Salvaged Gymnasium Floor



The first two photos are of the gymnasium floor from the time period 1923 to 1974. The photos show the demolition as it was taking place during the 2007 renovation project. This area has been re-purposed as the first floor Business wing (horseshoe area) at the JSHS. During the 2007 renovation the original floor was discovered underneath the protective underlayment board in the area that was re-purposed to the library from the 1974 renovation.



Upon uncovering the original gymnasium floor, we stopped the demolition crew and salvaged the center court tee from being lost forever (picture #3).

Picture #4 captures demolition taking place during the 2007 building renovation.



The last photo shows the salvaged 1923 gymnasium floor which is proudly on display located at our Auditorium Lobby.

The Troy Environmental and Sustainability Club has taken over the Trex Recycling Challenge. Over the last 5 weeks, a few members from the club have collected recycling from local businesses. President Owen Williams, Vice President Hunter Kulago, and Senior Jacob Case have spearheaded the project and collected 405+ pounds of plastic so far. The club has also begun collecting plastic from the community as well on the 2nd Saturday of every month at Alparon park, Gate 2, from 8-9 AM; they will be collecting Trex plastics and all other hard plastics. All of these will be recycled by the club. The club is optimistic for the future and hopes to collect 500+ pounds every month and we want to ask every community member to help us reach our goal. Covid-19 has dramatically affected the club and halted our ability to compost in school, but we hope we will be able to change that for early 2021 or for the following school year.



Members in the picture are: Owen Williams and Hunter Kulago



Troy Area School District NHS Inductees

Aaron Cole, Emma Colton, Julia Colton, Adele Confer, Molly Davison, Elizabeth Geer, Anneliese Getola, Jordyn Hurlburt, Bailey Johnson, Lilli Kjellander, Paige Manley, Corey McCaslin, Grace Sherman, Jackson Simpson, Ivy Spalding, Olivia Tate, Sydney Taylor, Naveah Tucker, Malachi Walter.





Troy School District Wins Stock Market Challenge December 2020

The Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL) is proud to announce that educator Mr. Butters' student, Jackson Taylor, from Troy School District has finished the Statewide High School division of the Stock Market Challenge in the top ten (Jackson placed 8th). PennCFL provides to all PA students in grades 3-12 a world-class, web-based, stock simulation platform and curriculum. Students can learn how to invest all year long by using the whole curriculum, courses, and more, including two ten-week competitions. The competitions are held in the classroom, by county and state-wide. PennCFL's mission is to provide Pennsylvania's K-12 students with economics, personal finance, and entrepreneurship skills that elevate their standard of living, quality of life, and professional success.



Gingerbread House Competition

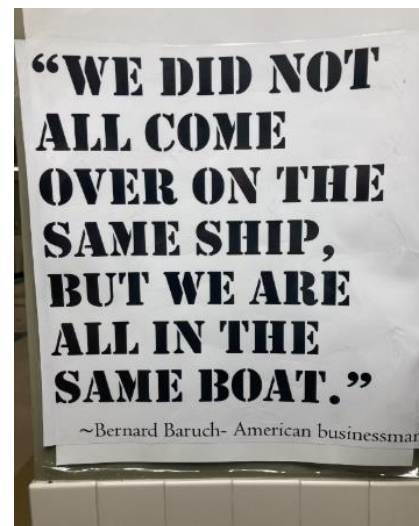
To the left are the first-place 6th Grade winners of the IU STEM Gingerbread House competition, Gianna Renzi, Sheridan Wilcox, and Cheyenne Kneller. These students designed, built, and demonstrated their Recycled Gingerbread House in competition with 8 other area schools. Their build had to meet multiple design and function criteria.

Great job!

[PDE Mask UP](#)

What Masks Do and Don't Do

✓	✗
<p>They do protect people from getting COVID-19 from the wearer of the mask</p>	<p>They aren't unsafe and don't decrease oxygen levels</p>
<p>They do provide an added layer of protection for all</p>	<p>They're not as effective if they aren't worn properly over the nose and chin</p>
<p>They do need to be washed after every use</p>	<p>They're not as effective if the wearer touches the front part of the mask</p>
<p>They are to be worn by adults and children over 2 when out in public</p>	<p>They're not to be worn by people with certain conditions or by children under 2 years old</p>



STEM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATH



[DroneBlocks App & Curriculum - Learn to Code with Drones!](#)



DRONEBLOCKS

The Troy Area School District STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) department received notice of a Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC Donation Grant award in the amount of \$3,500.00. This grant is a first

for the newly minted T ASD STEM department. This grant will fund a classroom set of (10) Drones to be purchased from DroneBlocksEDU (<https://www.droneblocks.io>). With this kit students at T ASD will have the opportunity to create, engineer, and code friendly indoor Tello drones using a mixture of Block, Python and JavaScript code. In addition to the hardware, the kit includes is a drone simulator, and an all-inclusive curriculum (100+ Lessons on Block, Python, and JavaScript Coding) for students and teachers grades 4 to 12. This equipment, as well as a new partnership with Repsol representatives, will provide students with a real-world, hands-on opportunity to explore drone technology in the field of STEM and is the first step of many to developing a comprehensive K-12 STEM program at T ASD. This cutting-edge program offers students the opportunity to explore college and career pathways in the field of STEM.

"We really appreciate the support from Repsol Oil & Gas USA as well as the hard work of Ms. Caudill, our district Gifted & Talented / STEM teacher. This grant will enhance our STEM space by providing very valuable engineering, design, and programming experiences which will help to prepare our students for high demand / high pay jobs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.)" Dan Brenner, JS HS Principal

OVR: PARENT NIGHT

WHEN
January 19th, 2021
7pm - 8:30pm

WHERE
Virtual
Via Zoom

FEATURING - Individuals from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation explaining what OVR is, how it benefits the students, how to register for OVR services, and much more.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 570-297-2176 X 5216

AN EVENT FOR PARENTS

PRE-REGISTER
Must be pre-registered. Once registration is completed then a Zoom link will be sent to you.

REGISTER AT
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BENEFITING
Troy Area School District Students