

UPCOMING EVENTS

RVH Meet the Teacher Night
Monday, August 14

First Day of Fall Sports Practice (GHS)
Monday, August 14

First Day of Fall Sports Practice (GMS)
Wednesday, August 16

First Day of Classes
Wednesday, August 16

PTO Back to School Bash
Thursday, August 24th

First Day of After School Program
Monday, August 28



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GHS Principal Tim Davied

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New Faces at RVH and GMS



Evan Troike
RVH Physical
Education

Evan Troike is from Girard and graduated from Pittsburg State University in May. This will be his first year teaching. "I am looking forward to bringing enthusiasm and energy to the district that I grew up in and to join the staff and community as an educator to help create physically literate students."



Lindsey Scheibe
2nd Grade

Lindsey Scheibe has been an ESOL and Title para at RVH for four years. This will be her first year teaching in the classroom. "I am looking forward to taking a deep dive into educating our younger Trojans and continuing to cheer them on as they grow and learn the next new thing in their education. Go Trojans!"



Jon Bishop
7th Grade English

Jon Bishop has been in the education field for thirty years. He has been the principal at The Learning Center for the past six years. "I am most looking forward to reconnecting with students as a teacher and being focused on creating positive relationships with students."



Grace Cheesman
5th Grade

Grace Cheesman is originally from Kansas City and has been subbing at RVH for two years. This will be her first year teaching. "The community and class size is what drew me to teach in Girard. I believe having a close school community is important and I see that in the Trojans. I'm looking forward to this school year and becoming an official Trojan!"

New Leadership at Girard High School

Beginning in August of 2023, Mr. Tim Davied will be taking over the role as the new principal at Girard High School.

"Mr. Davied has proven himself to be a successful high school administrator and will be a valuable asset to USD #248." Mr. Ferguson, superintendent of USD #248, said.

Mr. Davied began his career in education at Northeast High School in Arma, where he taught physical education and coached football, basketball and track. Mr. Davied then moved to the Webb City School district where he taught computer aided drafting, weights and driver's education for ten years. He also coached football and baseball. In 2000, he began his administrative career at Webb City as

the assistant principal and athletic director of the junior high. In 2007, he moved to Webb City High School where he was the assistant principal for three years and the principal for seven years. In 2017, he moved to the Columbus school district where he was the principal of Columbus High School for two years and assistant principal and athletic director for four years before taking on his new role as Girard High School principal.

When asked what led Mr. Davied to Girard, he said, "The traditions, goals and commitment I have seen from USD #248 match my educational vision."

Mr. Davied obtained his bachelor's degree in education from Pittsburg State University, his master's degree

from Missouri State University, and his Educational Leadership degree from Pittsburg State.

"I am most excited to meet the students and staff at Girard. I hope to bring my skills and knowledge to be an asset in the educational process." Davied said. "One of my goals is to create an environment that fosters learning, making the teacher's job easier so they can be able to teach their curriculum and have better relationships with their students. That is, in the end, the most critical part to have a quality education."

"Mr. Davied brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the district." Mr. Ferguson said. "I am genuinely excited to work with him moving forward."

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Todd Ferguson *Message*

I am humbled and honored to write to you as the new USD 248 Superintendent. Having served as the high school principal/assistant principal for the past thirteen years, it fills me with immense pride to continue my journey within this district. I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and look forward to working with each of you to build upon the strong foundations that has been established.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth and achievements of our students, the unwavering dedication of our teachers and the unparalleled support from the community. As superintendent, my commitment remains based in maintaining and enhancing the quality of education and an environment that sets our district apart.

Academically, we will continue to uphold high standards. Our focus will be on students reaching their full potential, critical thinking skills and preparing them to excel in an ever-changing world. We will actively seek opportunities to enhance the curriculum, introduce innovative teaching methods and provide the necessary resources for all students to be successful.

As we begin this new chapter together, please remember that each one of us plays a vital role in the growth and success of our district. I am excited about this journey, and I look forward to meeting and working with each one of you. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if there is any way I can help you.

Go Trojans!

New Faces at RVH and GMS



Megan Webb
3rd Grade

Megan Webb began her teaching career last year teaching special education at a preschool in Fort Scott. "I am so excited to teach in a close knit community where families and the community members are involved in the education of their children."



Megan Buzard
2nd Grade

Megan Buzard has been teaching in the Pittsburg School District for the past seventeen years. "I am looking forward to working in a smaller school district that supports their staff, students and community."



Maddie Krebs
4th Grade

Maddie Krebs is from Fort Scott and recently graduated from PSU. This will be her first year teaching. "I am looking forward to being a part of such a close knit community that's more like a family!"



Courtney Williams
1st Grade

Courtney Williams is from Fort Scott and graduated from Pittsburg State University in May. "I am looking forward to the experience of working alongside the other grade level teachers at RVH and how I may continue to grow myself as a teacher and assist my students in their own growth."



Hannah Inman
Special Education
Preschool

Hannah Inman is originally from Harrisonville, MO. This will be her first year teaching. "I am looking forward to meeting and learning from everyone and becoming a productive part of the district community."



Tracy Belcher
6th Grade Math

Tracy Belcher has been teaching at RVH for the past eighteen years. "I am

excited about a new change of pace and a new atmosphere with the middle school. I started my career in middle school, and I look forward to working in that area again."



Moriah Morey
5th Grade

Moriah Morey has been teaching in Ludowici, Georgia for the past seven years. She is originally from the Southeast Kansas area. "I am looking forward to joining the RVH team! I'm excited that I get to come back home to Kansas and that I will be in the same school as my daughter. I can't wait to utilize the technology that the county has provided as a learning tool in my classroom."



Renee Scales
GMS Special
Education

Renee Scales has been teaching Special Education in the Northeast-Arma School District for the past seven years. "I am most looking forward to being back at my alma mater and working with students and staff to make this school year a success."

RVH News

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please review our RVH tab on the district website (www.girard248.org). Before school starts, please review the student handbook with your child.

We encourage all parents to be involved at RVH. There are several opportunities available to parents throughout the year, such as joining our Parent/Teacher Organization and volunteering at events, becoming a mentor in our building, and supporting your child's classroom. You can follow us on social media through the Girard Trojans facebook page, Haderlein PTO facebook page, and Instagram.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists are available on our website. Go to www.girard248.org and click on the RV Haderlein Elementary pull down menu.

If you have any questions, please contact:

—Tina Daniel, RVH Principal - tdaniel@girard248.org

—Joni Benso RVH Assistant Principal - jbenso@girard248.org

GMS News

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

Doors will open at 7:30am. Students should place their belongings in their lockers. Teachers will be available to help students with their lockers. Students eating breakfast will report to the cafeteria to pick up their breakfast, then walk to the Commons area to eat. All students should report to the gym and wait for the bell to ring.

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Students participating in interscholastic activities must have a KSHSAA physical form on file including a concussion protocol form.

Football and volleyball practice will begin on the first day of school, August 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact:

—BJ Pruitt, GMS Principal - bjpruitt@girard248.org

GHS News

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

Doors will open at 7:30am. Students should report to the gym and sit in designated areas by grade level.

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Students participating in interscholastic activities must have a KSHSAA physical form on file including a concussion protocol form.

Football, volleyball, cross-country and golf practice will begin on Monday, August 14th. Practice times will be scheduled by each individual coach. Competition schedules will be posted on the girard248.org website under the GHS pull down menu.

If you have any questions, please contact:

—Tim Davied, GHS Principal - tdavied@girard248.org

—Chris Swartz - GHS Assistant Principal - cswartz@girard248.org

FBLA National Champion: GHS Sophomore Sarah Rose

Fifteen GHS FBLA members competed at the 2023 National FBLA Leadership Conference in Atlanta in June. GHS sophomore Sarah Rose brought home a National Championship in Intro to Business Procedures.

Business Procedures is an objective testing event over a wide range of competencies including human relations, technology concepts, communication skills, decision-making, management, career development, business operations, ethics/safety and information management/processing.

As a freshman in 2022, Rose competed at FBLA Nationals in Chicago. According to FBLA sponsor Beth Wilson, "Sarah used the experience at Nationals

in Chicago to study, prepare, and deepen her understanding across all business content during her sophomore year to earn her 1st place and become the National Champion at FBLA Nationals."

"Nationals was an incredible experience with incredible people." Rose said. "From networking with members across the nation and world, to sightseeing around Atlanta, to watching Girard dominated the state, it was just amazing."

Other awards included Zoe Rhodes 1st runner up in Client Service, Jonah Sandford 6th in Sales Presentation, Darrel McLeod 8th in Impromptu Speaking, and Petr Sotola 10th in Accounting.



GHS Sophomore Sarah Rose with her National Championship Banner