

There's No Place like Home(coming)

By David Truitt, Superintendent

After finishing the non-district portion of the football schedule with a 2-1 record, the West High School mighty Trojans head to Teague this week in District 19-3A action. Following this game, Homecoming is right around the corner on Friday, October 6, 2017. This year's Homecoming opponent is the Elkhart High School Elks. Thinking back to recent Homecomings, the Trojans have experienced much success on this special night. Our hope is that this Homecoming game will be no different. From the Pride of West Band performance to the Dazzlers routine to the Cheerleader chants and stunts to the football game plays, we are ready for action. Of course, the Homecoming Court will be introduced and crowned during halftime as well.

Homecoming is an important night for our school district and community. Many class reunions will be held, and alumni will return to West to see old friends and loved ones and cheer on the Trojans. It is our goal to ensure you have a fantastic and memorable time throughout the week. With this goal in mind, West ISD is set to sponsor many student activities and events throughout the week. I hope you will come out and help celebrate the great things that are happening in West. It is truly an exciting time to be a Trojan.

The Dress-up Spirit Days begin on Monday, October 2. Monday is 'Merica Monday, and all students are encouraged to dress in red, white, and blue in honor of America. Tuesday, October 3, is Too Old Tuesday. West ISD is going old school and encouraging our students to dress like they have reached one-hundred years old. Wednesday is Color Wars Wednesday, and every grade level is set to wear a specific, individual color. Thursday, October 5, is University Day. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite college spirit wear. Friday, October 6, is Trojan Spirit Day, and, of course, we want all Trojans to wear the mighty black and red.

On Thursday, October 5, the West Middle School Trojan football teams will play Whitney Middle School at Trojan Field. The B Team will play at 5:00 PM, followed by the 7A Team at 6:15 PM, and the 8A Team at approximately 7:30 PM. The West High School Lady Trojan volleyball team will also play in West on Friday, October 6. The Varsity Team will play at 4:30 PM against Whitney High School in the West Middle/School Arena. Both teams are at the top of the standings in District 19-3A. The Freshmen and Junior Varsity Teams will both play at 6:00 PM in two of the West Middle/High School Gyms.

On Thursday night, October 5, the Bonfire and Community Pep Rally will be at 7:00 PM at the Westfest Grounds. This special night will feature performances by several student groups including music by the Pride of West Band. The Pep Rally for all West ISD students is set for Friday at 12:40 PM in the West Middle/High School Arena, and the West High School Student Council is ready to crown the Homecoming Court during halftime of the game. The Duchess nominees are Kennedy Eubanks, Katy Willis, Hallie King, and Trinati Montes. The Princess nominees are Lesley Carroll, Abby Kolar, Tia Kolar, and Gabby Warren. The Queen nominees are Jodi Kunkel, Mia Pokluda, Macie Polansky, and Caroline Roessler. The King nominees are Jacob Bates, Alfredo Perez, Jarek Rozyskie, and Trevor Scott.

On Saturday, October 7, we are scheduled to host tours of the 1923 and 1957 buildings. This restoration project is nearing completion and should be ready for move in later this fall. The sheetrock is installed, and the floor and ceilings are in a stage that is allowable for tours. To schedule a tour time, please

contact Sandra Kettler at (254) 981-2000. If a Class Reunion group would like to tour the new campus as well, please call Sandra to schedule a time.

I know Coach Woodard and his staff will have the team prepared for the big game. The Pride of West is ready to showcase their new marching show, and the Dazzlers and Cheerleaders both have new routines to wow the crowd. It is our desire to host the best Homecoming in the history of West ISD. I know everyone will be proud of the job our students are doing in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts. The current Trojans want to wish all of our alumni a heartfelt "Welcome Home!" I want you to feel at home in our schools, at the Bonfire, in talking with our students and staff, at the pep rally, and at the football game. Whether you live in West or are coming from a great distance... welcome home! Once a Trojan, always a Trojan!