



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



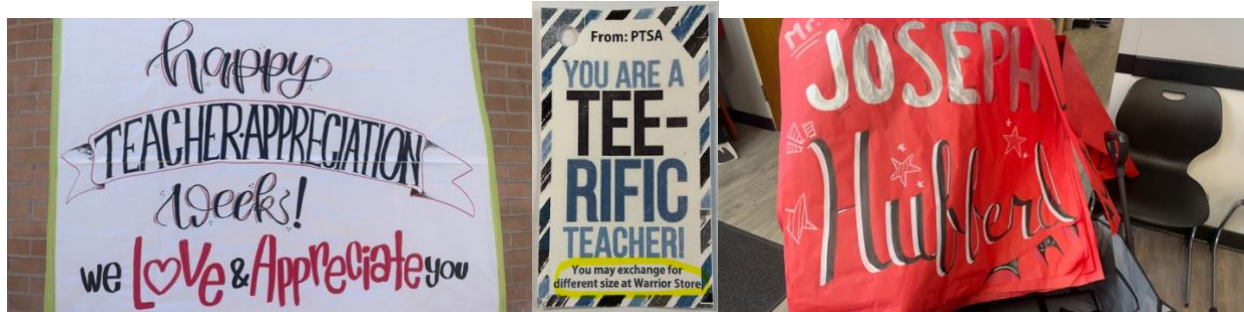
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Dear Troy Family,

It has been a fantastic week here at Troy High School! We are well underway with all our external assessments in Cambridge, IB, and as of Monday, AP exams! Students, make sure you get enough sleep, eat dinner the night before, breakfast in the morning and lunch as you both take your exams and/or come to school as we wrap up the end of the school year. There is a lot going on for everyone across the board from students and parents to our entire Troy Staff! Let's finish the year strong. It is a great day and time to be a Warrior!

This week has been Teacher Appreciation Week! We appreciate our teachers all year long, and this week is no exception. Our ASB has been active in creating posters for our teachers both in the Quad and posters for each teacher which were delivered Wednesday and Thursday.



Our PTSA worked with Admin and Ms. Williams, to create one of the most amazing Teacher Appreciation Week events ever! PTSA brought in this spread for our teachers during Break. Also



in every teacher's box our PTSA placed a t-shirt with the Troy logo. Kudos to our PTSA for going above and beyond to celebrate our teachers and all their dedication to our students, families, and their profession! We are truly fortunate to have the greatest teachers with which I have had the pleasure to work, and they truly bring out the best in our students and vice versa! Thank you to all our teachers, for always doing what is best for kids! Warriors for life!



Speaking of teachers doing an amazing job, here is AP US History Teacher, Mr. Ken Nicholson giving a final AP US History review in the 500 hallway that began this morning right around 6AM. I think all our students are prepared, and honestly this final review was just the thing they need to give them a little more confidence as they go into this AP exam. By the way, last year 100% of 319 Troy's students taking the AP US History exam passed with a 3 or better with the average being a 4.4 out of 5. I don't think our students or their parents need to worry about how our students will perform this year. They are new group of students this year, but they have the same teachers. ☺. Let's go Warriors!

Here is important International Baccalaureate news at Troy! Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick our IB Coordinator who has done an amazing job for the past 15 years will be retiring at the end of this school year. Finding someone to pick up the mantle from her for next year was no easy task. Fortunately, we have an outstanding educator, Ms. Carrie Snipes who has accepted the role to be Troy's IB Coordinator moving forward into the 2025-26 school year! Ms. Snipes has experience in leadership as co-Chair of the English Department, and has also taught AP, IB, and Cambridge English courses. Ms. Snipes' knowledge of IB, the curriculum and instruction, will be very valuable in her new role. Congratulations to Ms. Carrie Snipes!



Here is a great story from IB and English Teacher, Ms. Laurelin Varieur! *“This is a project that one of our Junior IB students did as part of her CAS requirement. It's great. I think it would be a great addition to the Warrior Weekly. I recommend this for the next issue!”*

STEM of our Humanity originated as Helen Fang’s Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) project for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Driven by a deep appreciation for both STEM and the Humanities, Helen was inspired to take action after reading a *New Yorker* article on the nationwide decline of English majors. This reflection sharpened her awareness of similar trends at her own STEM-centric high school, where the Humanities are often undervalued.

Determined to reframe this narrative, Helen turned to documentary filmmaking—a medium she had never explored before—as a way to highlight diverse perspectives and tell a more complete story. With the invaluable collaboration of fellow Troy High School students Amy Pham and Gia Desai, the team transformed a conceptual idea into a full-fledged documentary. Over the course of more than 250 hours spanning four months, their shared vision came to life with their documentary, *STEM of Our Humanity*, featuring interviews with Troy students Aditya Peddi, Cloris Shi, Soham Dev and teachers Mrs. Varieur and Mr. Sutton. They were also able to gain insights from STEM industry professionals as well as students and professors from Stanford, Columbia, Berkeley, and more.

Following months of planning and coordination with their IB supervisor Mrs. Varieur, Vice Principal Mr. Padgett, and the theater production team, the *STEM of Our Humanity*

documentary was formally screened for the first time on April 16, 2025. Held in the Thomas Moore Auditorium, the event welcomed approximately 200 students and faculty members for an afternoon of reflection, insight, and reimagining the role of the Humanities in STEM education and careers.

If you missed the screening, look out for the final product on Youtube, which will be released soon to their instagram @stem.of.our.humanity as well as their website, which is underway.

Troy has amazing students, and I recently received notice from the U.S. Department of Education that our own Ms. Cloris Shi was selected as one of only 621 semi-finalists to advance to the final round of the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program! From the 621 semi-finalists, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected.

As the final process to select the students who will become Presidential Scholars began in April, we should know in the next couple of months. Once the Department of Education has completed the selection of the high school seniors who will be named as the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars, then the names of those students will be announced by U.S. Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon.

Troy Families! AERIES has been updated and both returning and new families are now able to access the Data Confirmation process for the 2025-26 school year! For our Parents, be aware that when you next log into your AERIES account, you will be prompted to complete the Data Confirmation process upon logging in. 😊



Mental Health Resources:

FJUHSD Virtual Calming Room: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

FJUHSD Mental Health Resources: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1476>

OC Support and Crisis Resources: <https://www.namioc.org/help-support-overview>



Niche 2025 Best Schools

2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Schools

We love Troy High School! It is also rewarding to see when other entities that rank schools also agree, and reward the hard work of our Students, Teachers, Parents, Counselors, Staff, FJUHSD Board and Administrators! Thank you, Warrior Family!



Warriors, this is the QR code for all the FJUHSD social media. There are many, many, awesome events, activities, athletics, and recognitions happening in FJUHSD and Troy High School! Additionally, for even more information for the happenings in FJUHSD, below is the link to the May, 2025 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This newsletter is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events!

FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter link: <https://conta.cc/3YtCJdV>

One of the ways FJUHSD and Troy High School have been measuring student engagement in school, rallies, clubs, and school activities has been to use the 5-Star App. Here is a little more information on how it is used in FJUHSD. Hint: We don't use it as a tracking app. 5-Star has an FAQ that specifically relates to location tracking (or lack thereof).

<https://help.5starstudents.com/hc/en-us/articles/24186201832333-Does-the-5-Star-Students-app-track-a-student-s-location>

Troy High School
Instrumental Music Program
Presents



WARRIOR TUNES

STRINGS



DRUM WARRIORS

Friday, May 9, 2025


Troy High School, North Gym

7pm with a pre-concert at 6:45 pm

\$5 admission, free to Jr. Hi and Younger



WARRIOR BANDS

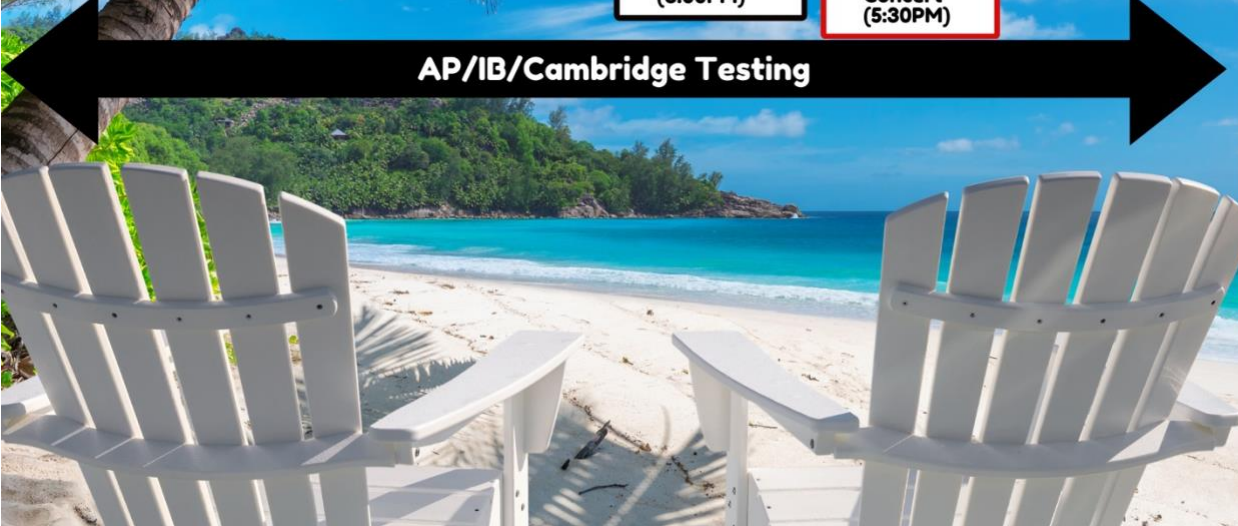
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	<div> AP/IB/ CAM TESTING </div> <div> APR/MAY 2025 </div> 
	29 AM NO EXAMS PM IB - PHYSICS CAM - PHYSICS LAB	30 AM IB - PHYSICS CAM - DESIGN TECH CAM - SPANISH A PM IB - BUS MAN CAM - ENGLISH	1 AM NO EXAMS CAM - SPANISH AS PM IB - PHYSICS CAM - GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	2 AM IB - BUS MAN CAM - MATH PM IB - COMP SCI	
5 AM IB - COMP SCI AP - BIOLOGY PM AP - EURO HISTORY CAM - ENGLISH	6 AM AP - CHEMISTRY CAM - HISTORY CAM - BUSINESS PM IB - CHINESE B AP - US GOVT & POLITICS	7 AM IB - CHINESE B AP - ENGLISH LIT CAM - MATH PM AP - COMP SCI A CAM - MEDIA STUDIES	8 AM AP - STATISTICS CAM - HISTORY CAM - DESIGN TECH PM IB - ENGLISH A LIT AP - WORLD HISTORY CAM - BIOLOGY	9 AM IB - ENGLISH A LIT AP - US HISTORY CAM - SPANISH A/AS CAM - COMP SCI PM IB - PHILOSOPHY AP - MACROECONOMICS AP - CHINESE LANG	
12 AM IB - PHILOSOPHY AP - AP CALC AB AP - AP CALC BC CAM - SPANISH A/AS CAM - BUSINESS PM IB - BIOLOGY AP - MUSIC THEORY CAM - BIOLOGY CAM - ENGLISH	13 AM IB - BIOLOGY AP - PRE CALC AP - FRENCH LANG PM AP - ENVIRO SCI AP - PHYSICS 2	14 AM AP - ENG LANG CAM - MATH PM IB - SPANISH B AP - PHYSICS C (MECH)	15 AM IB - SPANISH B AP - SPANISH LANG CAM - HISTORY CAM - COMP SCI PM IB - MATH ANALYSIS AP - COMP SCI PRINCIPLES AP - PHYSICS C (E&M) CAM - BIOLOGY	16 AM IB - MATH ANALYSIS AP - PHYSICS 1 CAM - BUSINESS PM IB - DESIGN TECH AP - PSYCHOLOGY CAM - PHYSICS	
19 AM AP - WORLD HISTORY AP - EUROPEAN CAM - MATH PM AP - ENGLISH LIT CAM - MEDIA STUDIES	20 AM CAM - HISTORY CAM - BUSINESS PM IB - FRENCH B AP - US HISTORY CAM - PHYSICS	21 AM IB - FRENCH B CAM - COMP SCI PM IB - MATH ANALYSIS AP - MACRO AP - CHEMISTRY	22 AM AP - CHINESE AP - PHYSICS C (E&M) AP - ENGLISH LANG PM AP - CALC BC AP - CALC AB	23 AM AP - ENVIRO AP - SPANISH LANG AP - PHYSICS 1 CAM - COMP SCI PM AP - COMP SCI PRINCIPLES CAM - ENGLISH	



TROY HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY 05/12/25	TUESDAY 05/13/25	WEDNESDAY 05/14/25	THURSDAY 05/15/25	FRIDAY 05/16/25	SATURDAY 05/17/25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting (6:00PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Events 	**LATE START** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSO Meeting (9:00AM) AVID Senior Awards (3:00PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NJROTC Awards Night (6:00PM) Choir Spring Concert (5:30PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Events



AP/IB/Cambridge Testing

2025 Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp Students Named ! The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Program is proud to announce the 20 finalists who will participate in the Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp, at the University of Maryland College Park, MD, June 1-14, 2025.

Congratulations to Liran Zhu, Troy High School, CA, Orange County Local Section. Liran is a current 10th grader at Troy and to be one of the top 20 chemistry students in the be selected.

Participants of the USNCO Study Camp will be instructed and guided by the faculty of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry of the University of Maryland College Park and the following mentors:

Dr. Songwen Xie, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, MA, Head Mentor

Dr. Borislava Bekker, American River College, CA, College Mentor

Mrs. Komal Jain, Lake Braddock Secondary School, VA, High School Mentor Dr. Steve Lantos, Brookline High School, MA, High School Mentor.



On Monday our FJUSD celebrated our Classified Employees who are retiring at the end of this school year with a ceremony in the Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Building. As you can see in the photo, the people seated on the stage have all made the well-deserved and difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. While we are excited for all of them to enjoy many, many happy years in retirement, 907 years of total service and experience is a large hole to fill, and each of these employees will be missed. Thank you to each of our FJUSD family for all their years of dedication and service to all our FJUSD schools, and for making a positive impact on our students, staff, parents, and community!



Troy's NJROTC VEX Robotics teams have returned to the National Finals once again! We have several teams that are currently in Dallas, Texas today competing for the top prize! This competition is very much how the teams perform on the day of the competition. Everything that has been done before does not matter and hopefully the lessons learned through all the qualifying rounds have given the teams enough experience to solve the problems and breakage that will happen to their robots in during the course of the competitions! I like our chances!

From Troy's Aquatics Secretary, Ms. Janie Yoo, Troy Swimming Shines at Crestview League Championships! What an absolutely phenomenal 2 weeks for Troy Swim & Dive Team! A huge **congratulations** to our **Boys Varsity and JV teams** for capturing the **Crestview League Championship** on May 2nd—an outstanding achievement that reflects months of hard work and dedication. Special recognition goes to **Luke Leon Guerrero**, who was named **League Swimmer**, as voted by all league coaches—way to go, Luke! Our **Girls team** showed incredible heart and grit, with swimmers pushing themselves to hit **season-best personal times**—your drive and perseverance inspire us all!



After an intense week of competition, 12 swimmers qualified for CIF, 10 advanced to the finals:

CIF Finalists:

Jason He · Kurtis Wei · Brendan Lee-Nguyen · Caleb Yoo · Luke Leon Guerrero · Kevin Yum · Ratana Miller · Mandy Greco · Porsche Boonruang · Alexis Dinh

And we made history with **three new school records: 200 Medley Relay** (Kurtis Wei- Back; Jason He- Breast; Caleb Yoo- Fly; Brendan Lee-Nguyen- Free) **100 Free (Individual)-** Kevin Yum **200 Free Relay-** Kevin Yum, Jason He, Brendan Lee-Nguyen, Luke Leon Guerrero

But we're not done yet—**come cheer for our Warriors as they head into CIF Finals at Mt. SAC!**

- **Girls swim Friday**
- **Boys swim Saturday**

Let's rally behind them as they **fight for a spot in the State Championship—they're close!**

To top off the celebrations, tradition held strong—**Coach Driessen took the plunge** in honor of our league victory! Huge thanks to Coach Driessen and our amazing parent community for making this season unforgettable.

We couldn't be prouder. Your heart, hustle, and unity define what it means to be a part of **Troy Swimming!**





This photo in Troy's Outdoor Classroom was taken on Monday, April 17, 2020. This was in the early days COVID-19 pandemic and on one of the two-days in which our teachers were getting up to speed for converting and teaching all our classes online. Pictured are Luna and Stella, the red puppy about to jump in the pond, Assistant Principal Mr. Bletscher's family member for almost 13 years. With the toasty weather coming this weekend, I was reminded of this photo of Stella and Luna. I think Stella had the right idea, and finding some water in which to wade or swim might be exactly what we all need this Mother's Day Weekend! Stella was a great swimmer, and enjoyed the water. Luna swims like a rock, so no swimming for her.

If you are gathering with family and friends to celebrate Mother's Day, with the sunshine, outside events are definitely going to be an option. I hope everyone is able to enjoy this holiday with family and friends and have a wonderful Mother's Day.

We are less than three weeks from the end of the semester and the Class of 2025's graduation ceremony! We are almost there, so everyone please get enough sleep, rest, and relaxation as we try to balance our studying, grading, and administrative tasks, for the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Whatever you choose to do this weekend, enjoy the gift of time, and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

W.V. Mynster