## TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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I would not normally begin a newsletter writing about professional sports, however as I ended last week's *Warrior Weekly* with the Super Bowl, I am still amazed by the outcome of that game! It was completely improbably that the Patriots would come back after being down by 25 points. Sure, the Falcons gave them opportunities, but taking advantage of the opportunities would not have been possible without the Patriots continuing to believe in themselves, continuing to work, and never wavering in their faith they would be successful. By refusing to quit was it a certainty the Patriots would win? No. But quitting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter would have guaranteed the loss and that is not how the Patriots are built. In this respect, there is something we all can take away from the Super Bowl, which is the understanding or perhaps reminder that never giving up is how we are able to achieve our goals—whatever they may be!



Speaking of champions, Troy Girls' Water Polo won their match yesterday and we are celebrating 7 years in a row as Freeway League Champions! Who photo shopped Coach Jason Wilson into the picture? Actually, he always joins the celebration by jumping in on his own!

It seems that virtually every weekend one unit or another from our NJROTC is competing with a chance to qualify for national competition and championships. This past weekend, our NJROTC Team Black qualified in the Field Meet Area 11 Championships, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and qualifying for the National Championship in Pensacola, Florida in April!



This past weekend, our award winning Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) took to their largest and most important competition of the year when 107 students and fourteen chaperones competed in the FBLA Southern Sectionals last Saturday at Biola University. Being a highly intelligent, motivated, and career minded group with outstanding Troy parent support and leadership from their teacher/coach/adviser, Ms. Deborah Henniger they were able to win 1<sup>st</sup> place! Thank you to FBLA Booster parent, Kevin Nicusanti for some great pictures from the event!







Last weekend our fabulous Ladies First Troy Choir took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in their first major competition of the year at Brea Olinda High School. Singing is not easy, and rebuilding a program from the ground up is not easy either. In his third year, Mr. Mark Henson is a renowned Music teacher and instructor and we are seeing/hearing some of the fantastic singers he is helping to make even better! When the opportunity comes to hear Troy's Choirs or perhaps you are thinking about joining one of our several choirs, do not miss the opportunity!!! Every college and university has a choir, and it looks great on the college application in addition to being a whole lot of fun! Once upon a time, I may have even been in a choir...but I digress...Congratulations Ladies First Troy Choir on your 1<sup>st</sup> place award!

Last weekend, our Cyber Patriot teams, including teams from Ladera Vista Middle School continued their quest for a national championship with the Regional competition rounds. Our cyber defense teams in three categories are doing well and we have the top JROTC team in the nation along with three other teams in the chase. In the Open High School division one team is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally with another three teams in the hunt. In the Middle School division, two teams from Ladera Vista are doing well, ranked in the top twenty nationally. In this picture one of the Ladera Vista students is giving me the annoyed look for breaking her concentration. Sorry about that. Keep up the great work cyber defense teams! We are going to need you in the future! Actually, we need you now!



At the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meeting on Tuesday night we were fortunate to be able to honor two great groups of people from our schools. From Troy High School in the first group were people from our ROP courses. Present to receive their recognition were counselor Ms. Dionne Evans, teacher Ms. Amy Jensen (also ROP Teacher of the Year), and three of our wonderful students in our ROP program at Troy! We have two ROP programs at Troy. One is the Medical Careers pathway with Ms. Taylor Swaney and the other is the Principles of Teaching and Learning pathway with Ms. Amy Jensen. Both are great opportunities for students to get hands on training possibly preparing for a career choice,

however they are also preparing our students for college. ROP prepares our students for college AND careers, not just one or the other.

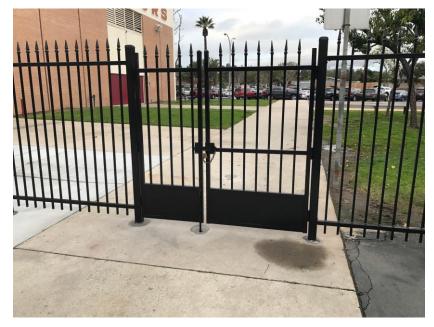


In a second presentation at the Board Meeting, the Instructional Math Coaches throughout the district were recognized. Our Math Coach, teacher Ms. Kasey Grant was recognized for her work with our staff as we continue to implement state standards in mathematics and for her help as we move forward with the process for new mathematic curriculum adoptions! Congratulations Ms. Grant!





Congratulations to our Girls' Soccer team and their coach, Mr. Mike Silzer on winning their 3<sup>rd</sup> Freeway League Championship in a row! In the Freeway League this is no easy task and this team has come together, playing very well throughout the course of the season! I very much look forward to a long playoff run as CIF begins next week!



Why am I including this picture of a utility gate? Because I want to give credit where credit is due, which is with M & O, Mr. Phil Fleming and Mr. Todd Butcher. The original gate was too small to allow for utility carts and football water systems to pass through the opening. One solution was to simply go around through another school entrance, but that was not really practical with the school bus drop off in the parking lot. Very quickly, Mr. Fleming and Mr.

Butcher fixed the problem, and increased the utility of our athletic complex. We appreciate it very much! Thank you!



I don't think this picture needs much explanation. The Troy Girls' Basketball Team has been dominant not only in the Freeway League, but in Orange County for a very long time. This team is currently ranked #1 in Orange County as we find out this weekend which school we will be playing in the first round of CIF competition next week. Congratulations to the players and their coach Mr. Roger Anderson, on to another wonderful season! Go Warriors!

Enjoy the long weekend as we celebrate Lincoln's birthday, and remember we do not have school on Monday! It is looking like there could be a good BBQ day mixed in between the rain, so I am thinking steak might be a good option, but I will have to check with the boss first. Have a great weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the 14<sup>th</sup> is also a special day on the calendar and possibly more important to our immediate relationships/existence than Lincoln's birthday. ©

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