



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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We are already in March! 2017 just began right? We are also halfway through the spring semester, and month after next is graduation! This is a very busy time of year as we are in the mid-semester mindset with projects, exams, school events, spring sports, State testing, AP and IB exams, finals, and graduation! There is a lot going on at Troy High School!

Our extraordinarily busy week essentially began last Friday after school. In recognition of Allen Stubblefield's decade of service at the helm of NJROTC as Commander Stubblefield, the NJROTC Boosters held a very nice "Change of Command" event after school last Friday evening. A number of former NJROTC cadets as well as current command attended. We were joined by parents and other Troy staff members. It was a nice evening and Allen gave a synopsis, perhaps more of a treatise on the last decade of NJROTC at Troy. ☺ It was a very nice evening and a wonderful event! Thank you to our Troy NJROTC Boosters!



Also, last weekend was busy for Troy Athletics! Wrestlers Jacob Alderson and Tommy Hoover Team qualified for the CIF Individual Championship Tournament held at Oak Hills High School and despite performing very well, at this point the competition is very tough and the difference is only a few points. Both of them had a wonderful season, and represented Troy High School very well! Congratulations Jacob and Tommy!

Our Girls' Soccer team was also in a tough match up with Mater Dei High School on Friday. In an extraordinary match, the game was tied and went into overtime! However, and despite outstanding play from our team, Mater Dei was able to score the first goal in overtime and that heartbreakingly ended the game. On this day, at the end of the day Mater Dei was the better team. But rest assured our team is going to be back in the playoffs next year and they will have learned so much from their experience this year. Congratulations on an outstanding season!



Last Saturday, our Girls' Basketball team played Long Beach Poly in the Open Division Quarter Finals, and despite stretches of brilliance, they had one disastrous quarter and went down by 20+ points. It was a hole from which they could not dig themselves out and we lost the game. However, because we are in the Open Division, our season continues and we will be playing next Friday on the road. We will not know our opponent until this weekend, but there is a good chance we will see Long Beach Poly again, either this game or the next. I would love to see that match up again. Go Warriors!

Also last Friday, Troy held Fine (Performing) Arts Day in the Performing Arts building during periods 1-4. It was a fantastic opportunity for students, as they are registering for classes in 2017-18, to have the chance to see what students in Band, Choir, Dance, and Drama are doing at Troy High School! The abbreviated performances were outstanding and inspiring! Thank you Ms. Alison Wills, Mr. Joe Hufferd, and the members and students in our Visual and Performing Arts department for putting on this event!



Also in the Arts, our Troy Orchestra performed a music festival style concert last Friday evening. Mr. Joseph Castillo conducted the various orchestras as they performed for a very attentive audience! Our musicians sound great and they still have more performances this year. I highly encourage anyone that has or has not yet heard them to take advantage of the next opportunity. You will not be disappointed!



Ok, I am still reporting on happenings from last weekend, but here is the last event but it was a huge undertaking. Our Sadie's Dance was on Saturday night and complete with a Hawaiian vacation theme! Our ASB and their advisor Ms. Alexandria Williamson had a fantastic evening planned, beginning with a Hypnotist at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts building. At 7:30pm the Sadie's Dance began and at that time the event moved to the South

Gym. Keep in mind during this time the Girls' playoff basketball game was happening in our North Gym, so we were a very busy campus during the overlap between the events! It felt like a regular day during the nighttime, but fortunately we were prepared with the full admin team and a lot of staff and parent support! Despite the cooler than Hawaiian temperatures, say 50 rather than 80 degrees, our students still had a good time in the outdoor and indoor portions of the dance. Thank you to everyone for a great evening at Troy High School!



On Monday evening the CIF Southern Section held their annual Student Athletes with Character Dinner at the Anaheim Convention Center. It was a huge event with 50 Orange County schools and 100 athletes representing their schools! Additionally, there were principals, athletic directors, and honored student family members in attendance as well. CIF organizes a couple of large student or parent recognition events each year and it is always nice to hear about specific people for their achievements that may or may not have to do directly with their athletic performance. At this event the recognition was as much for what the athletes do out of the

competition arena as inside. Our recognized athletes were Conner Contreras for Football and Naomi Hunt for Girls' Basketball. Congratulations to both student athletes / leaders!



Also this past weekend, a team from our school newspaper *The Oracle*, participated in the Orange County Journalism Education Association competition. Fourteen students received awards ranging from 1st place to Honorable Mention in nine different categories! Christopher Lee, Lucy Lee, Hannah Ro, Vince Kang, Ryan Fawwaz, Caroline Zhu, Brandon Ann, Ashley Fan, Julianne Kim, Jeanette De La Torre, Faith-Carmen Le, Jenny Tran, Joshua Kim, and Katherine Nguyen all took home awards. Congratulations to these outstanding contributors to our award winning school newspaper, and to their advisor, Ms. Pricilla Cheney!

Yesterday our Boys' Golf had an outstanding win vs. Marina High School at Hacienda 193-229. Remember low score wins in golf. ☺ Led by 11th grader, Paul Khang and 10th grader,

Jetty Sivongsay, our team marched to victory! Our Boys' team is off to a great start, and I think we can look forward to a long run this season!



Choir Director Mr. Mark Henson informed me this week of a high honor one of our Choir students earned when she was selected as a member of the 2017 California All-State Women's High School Honor Choir! Ms. Michelle Willits performed on February 18 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in San Jose, California! Congratulations on this remarkable achievement and honor! Certainly this bodes well for the Choir Program at Troy High School!



On Tuesday Troy High School selected our Classified and Certificated Employees of the Year. The winners of this honor are always selected by a vote cast by the entire staff of Troy High School. This year the winners of this honor are Ms. Nancy Olivar for Classified Employee of the Year, and Mr. Dave Booze for Certificated Employee of the Year! Congratulations are in order for both of these deserving Troy Staff Members!

On Wednesday, Troy High School hosted sixteen student teachers from SOKA University, Japan. This is the fourth year of this visit to Troy and it is part of a program with neighboring Cal State Fullerton. This year we invited our guests to be part of our ASB students' classes for two periods. These future teachers were able to have a better insight into how our teachers' instruct their classes and how our students' learn by this experience rather than simply learning about teaching methodology from a textbook and lecture. Thank you to all the teachers that hosted guests and thank you to our ASB and their advisor, Ms. Alexandria Williamson for helping this annual visit be the best one to date!



I think this next picture goes a long way to describe this story. Everything you are about to read is with Troy English teacher Ms. Dorey Madrid's permission.



Three years ago, Ms. Madrid was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. In what was a very public battle against the disease which included Ms. Madrid being the representative of St.

Jude and the Fullerton Fire Department's effort to find cures to end Cancer, Ms. Madrid successfully fought back this disease and returned to work at Troy High School. We celebrated her victory and her return to our school where she has been and continues to be a valuable and extraordinary member of our family. However, the disease has returned and it is going to be as large a fight as it was the first time. To win this battle, it has necessitated that Ms. Madrid will be fighting the cancer fulltime and will take the rest of the school year off to do so. She will need our support, as we once again rally behind her to beat this terrible disease for a second time. When she wins this time, and hopefully for the last time, she will return to Troy. And if the cancer comes back, Ms. Madrid will fight it again, and we will rally behind her again. Cancer will not define Dorey Madrid. Cancer will not take who she is from us. It is going to be a tough battle but our thoughts, prayers, and support go out to Ms. Dorey Madrid! She and all of us will once again, "Fight Warrior Strong!!!"

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