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This has been another amazing week and Spring Break is next week! We return to school on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will be closed all next week. Unless you are on an academic or athletic competition team, your Spring Break from Troy campus life begins today after school. Enjoy the break from classes, but keep your eye on May 25<sup>th</sup> as it will be here before you know it!

Honestly for Troy the next week always begins Friday after school ends. Last weekend, and certainly this weekend will be no different. Troy English teacher, Ms. Deliana Park relayed to me the news that last Friday, two Troy 11<sup>th</sup> graders, Jared Santa Maria and Julia Cecilia spoke at the TEDx High School Conference in Cerritos. They were selected to participate after auditioning for this event in January. Their presentations were on their personal experiences and thoughts in the broader context of societal issues. Ms. Park sent a few pictures from the event, and we will have edited versions of their speeches from TEDx in a few weeks!



Last Saturday, our NJROTC also hosted the 2017 Southern California Regional SeaPerch Underwater Robotics Challenge at Fullerton College. There were 56 teams ranging from elementary to high school and competing in their own classes. The competition consisted of

three parts: 1. Underwater obstacle course 2. Underwater challenge course 3. Engineering notebook presentation. At the end of the day, two teams from Troy qualified for the National SeaPerch Challenge held at Georgia Tech University on May 19-20<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to these two teams on taking their knowledge of robotics, engineering, and mathematics to the next level!



But wait, there is more! Also on Saturday our Troy High School Math team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Math Day at the Beach Competition! This competition is held each year at Cal State Long Beach and we have done very well in the competition for a number of years. We have a very good team, but unfortunately University High School has edged us out for the top spot the past two years in a row. We will get them next year. As there are 40 high schools competing in this competition, I think we can be very proud of our performance this year and congratulations to our team!



As the Fullerton Joint Union High School District seeks to continually improve operations at numerous levels, there has been some shifting of custodial positions. There is going to be a district grounds crew and our own Mr. Glen will be joining that crew as of next week. While Mr. Glen has been at Troy only a couple years in this long career with FJUHSD, we will be missed on an everyday basis at Troy. Ms. Rubio wrote it best when she said, "We have appreciated all the hard work Mr. Glen has done for us here at Troy. We will miss having him on campus every day." I fully concur with Ms. Rubio's statement, but as part of the district crew we will still get to see Mr. Glen when he returns to campus every week!

There is a great article in the current OC Register on one of the two Troy Cyber Defense teams that will be competing at the CyberPatriot Nationals in Baltimore on April 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Featured is team member Kyra Deters, our resident expert in all matters regarding network security and CISCO systems. Check out this article using the link below! Thank you also to Troy Cyber Defense Coach, and CyberPatriot 2016 Coach of the Year, Mr. Allen Stubblefield for providing information and the link to this article. Go Warriors and good luck in Baltimore! <a href="http://www.ocregister.com/articles/deters-747399-year-troy.html">http://www.ocregister.com/articles/deters-747399-year-troy.html</a>

Thank you very much to Troy Science Department Chairperson, Mr. James Kirkpatrick for setting up the Troy Staff Bowling League this year! For much of the school year, a number of different teams competed in lighthearted competition at a nearby bowling venue. The competition concluded this week, and I am sorry to say the early momentum held by the administrative team was lost when a certain valuable member abandoned the team by becoming principal of Buena Park High School. That's right, you know who you are. © However, it was a great opportunity for Troy Staff Members and families to come together outside of work and have some fun! Thank you once again to everyone that participated and thank you to James for setting up our league! We can look forward to the awards ceremony next month!

On Tuesday, the Gold Ribbon School visitation committee came to Troy High School. In December we applied with the California Department of Education for recognition of our Troy Tech Magnet Program. Our application passed the first hurdle when it was accepted and we were selected to have the visit which occurred on Tuesday. The California Department of

Education does not directly go out and conduct the Gold Ribbon School visits themselves, instead using County Departments of Education as their proxy to validate the written report. The Gold Ribbon School team that visited Troy was very impressed with our school and they were very complimentary of our students, parents, and staff members. There will not be an official decision on our status for the Gold Ribbon School designation for about a month, at which point the Department of Education will have made their final determination based upon the Orange County Department of Education's report. Go Warriors!

This weekend, our own robotics team will be competing in the 2017 Los Angeles Regional First Robotics Competition held in Long Beach. Our team will arrive today and begin practice with the competition on both Saturday and Sunday. Troy Engineering teacher, Kent Goodman and Computer Science teacher Mike Reid, are the team's advisors. The robot will be reassembled on site and then we are ready to go! Good luck and I think we are going to see a great robot performance!

Unfortunately we have another staff member leaving us for a promotion. Ms. Michelle Dorado has been named as the new Fullerton High School Guidance Tech, thus will be leaving her position in the Troy High School Library. Ms. Dorado has been outstanding in her role at Troy, and being outstanding has the benefit of additional opportunities in the future which is why she is now leaving us. 

However, we are happy for her 
and her promotion and if the opportunity arises and she can promote back to Troy, that could certainly be in the cards!

Congratulations, Michelle!

Last week I wrote of our Troy High School Pre-Med HOSA club competing for the first time in the California State Finals. Our team of 22 students performed so well they qualified for the HOSA Nationals in Orlando, Florida on June 21-24! Congratulations to our Troy team and their advisor, teacher Mr. Allen Stubblefield!

This year we have had numerous construction projects and other improvements at Troy High School. One of the projects that did not involve construction is the recent purchase of student seating in the 500 building for students. This new furniture was purchased with funds from our ASB, General fund, and our Troy Support Organization (TSO) foundation.



These are some of the first students to enjoy the new seating. As you can see, some students are still sitting on the floor as they did not yet realize the new seating was for them. Thank you to our ASB and our Troy Support Organization foundation for this new furniture! Additionally, our TSO is currently raising funds for new library furniture and the creation of a Student Union Creative Space in our library. Thank you to everyone!

Speaking of construction, our ongoing pool construction continues to go amazingly well! The pool is starting to be framed and it is beginning to take shape!



This week we held our annual International Day! It is always a tasty lunch period as our clubs use food to raise funds for their organizations. There were many different food choices and our ASB did a great job setting up and taking down all the tables as we were battling a potentially rainy event. Fortunately, the weather held out and we were able to hold the event in the Quad as we are accustomed to doing each year.



In sports this week, Troy has been very successful! Yesterday our Boys' Golf team defeated Sunny Hills High School at Hacienda! This is a very good team and we can continue to see some great matches from them this season!



On Wednesday I watched our Swim Team have an outstanding day against what appeared to be an overmatched La Habra Swim team. Our team looked strong and smooth and our crowd of students and parents was cheering for our team the entire meet.



Yesterday I watched our Track and Field team take on La Habra and we also had a good day! Some of the races were very close, especially the Boys' 100 meter race. However, all three team levels performed well and our team is looking good in the Freeway League!



Last but certainly not least, our Boys' Baseball team played their annual Fullerton Classic at Angel Stadium against Fullerton High School and this time for the first time in three tries, we won the game 6-0! Congratulations Warriors! Let's see if we can go on a 3-0 run at Angel Stadium over the next two years!



I wish everyone a restful and relaxing Spring Break! I know it goes without saying, but take some time to do some of the things you otherwise don't have time to enjoy. We should have some fantastic weather and certainly there will be opportunities to get outside into the fresh air! If you don't desire to have as much fresh air there is a NASCAR race in Fontana this weekend for you to enjoy! Otherwise, with the mountains, ocean, desert, and valleys we have lots of options for recreation! Have a wonderful break and I will see everyone back here on April 3, 2017 bright and early at our regular start time!