



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



May 5, 2017

We are edging ever closer to the 50th Troy Commencement with the graduation of our senior class on May 25th. As of today at the close of school we will have completed the first week of regular AP / IB testing, with one week left to go! Go Warriors!



On Monday we celebrated Troy High School's success when we were presented with the Gold Ribbon School Award by California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. Regarding Gold Ribbon Schools, Tom Torlakson stated, "These terrific schools are leading the way in embracing our new rigorous academic standards and showing others how to help students succeed on their way to 21st century careers and college." We received this award for our model program, the Troy Tech Magnet. In the photo to represent Troy High School and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District from left to right: Troy Tech Coordinator Laurie Downum, Assistant Principal Laura Rubio, me, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sylvia Kaufman, IB

Coordinator Charlotte Kirkpatrick, and FJUHSD Superintendent Dr. Scambray. The event was held at the Hilton in Costa Mesa and was attended by representatives of Gold Ribbon schools from throughout the Southern half of California. Last week I wrote about Troy receiving this award, and once again I would like to thank everyone in the Troy community that made this recognition possible. We have a great school and it is nice to be able to show how we consistently do “what is best for kids!” Thank you Troy family!



On Tuesday I was fortunate to be able to attend the Fullerton Council PTA End of Year Luncheon. This event honored PTA members from throughout the city and included parents, teachers, students, and administrators. This year the luncheon was held at the well-known Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante. Both the company and food were great! It was nice to see all the hard work done on behalf of our students by the PTA, and it was important to give proper recognition for those who have gone “above and beyond.”



Also on Tuesday the first FJUSHD Board Meeting in May was held. There were two key part of the evening directly related to student and staff recognition by the Board and Superintendent. First, students from all FJUHS D schools were recognized by the FJUHS D Administration Association in the form of a \$300.00 college scholarship for each student. From Troy High School, Daisy Cho was recognized for her academic achievement and school involvement.



Also during the Board Meeting every school also recognized their own site Teacher of the Year. Each principal spoke about their nominee and why that person was selected by their school community. Unfortunately Troy's Teacher of the Year, AP Calculus teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Dave Booze was unable to attend. However, I had kind words about him on

behalf of our students, staff, and parents regarding his contributions to our students and school.

Congratulations to all FJUHSD site Teachers of the Year!



Speaking of Teacher of the Year, all week has been Teacher Appreciation Week! For Troy's teachers they have found daily email messages of affirmation and small tokens of appreciation in their mailboxes. Thank you to Maria Williams, our PTSA parents, and Laura Rubio for assembling and distributing these food items and the positive emails. Troy is not Troy without this teaching staff working with our community of students. Thank you for doing what needs to be done for each of our students everyday, and for ensuring both as individuals and as a school we always do what is "best for kids!"



This was an awesome week in Boys' Golf for Troy High School! The following information on our epic week was provided by Boys' Head Coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill.

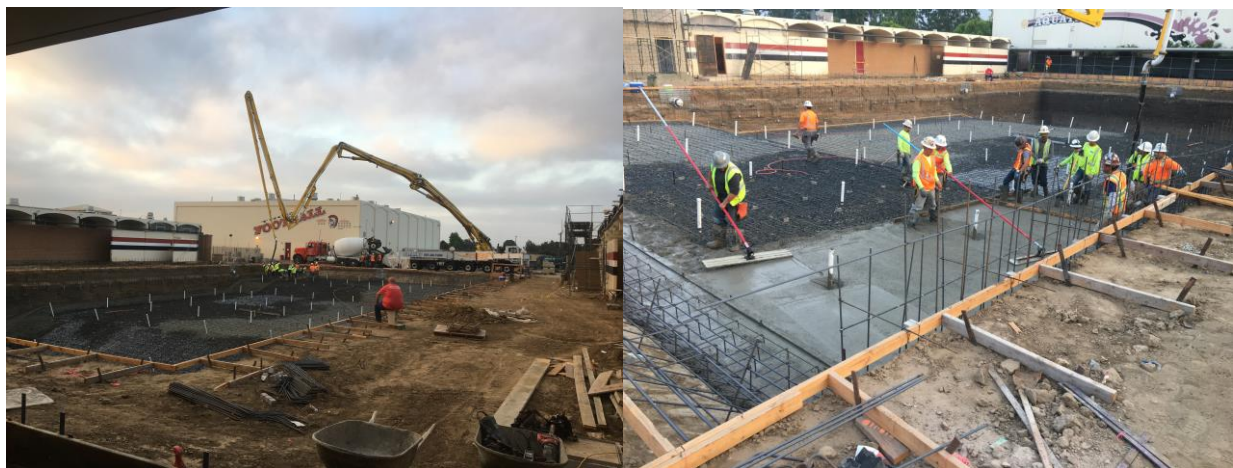
Fore! The Boys Golf Team swept the top four spots at the Freeway League Finals Tuesday at Westridge Golf Course for the first time ever, claiming four of the seven spots available for CIF Individual competition. Also making history was junior co-captain Alex Makimoto, who won the Freeway League MVP with rounds of 72 and 79. It is the first time that a Warrior has won the MVP honor in Boys' Golf. The top four that will be going to CIF are Alex, Connor Nelson, Paul Khang, and Aaron Yoo. All six Warriors competing Monday and Tuesday earned All-League Awards which also includes Chandler Powell and Jetty Sivongsay. Go Warriors!

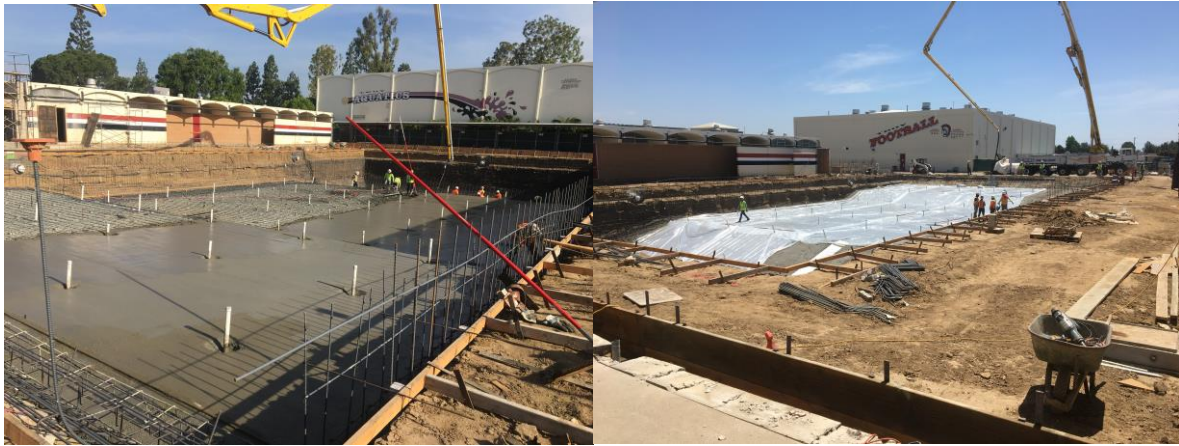
In other sports this week, it has been filled with competition with teams both still in the regular season, but also in prelims and league finals for swim and Track & Field. It has been a great week for baseball and softball, and I will have more on them next week. Tonight the League Finals for Swim will be held at Sunny Hills High School and I am sure it will be a great event! Wednesday, the League Finals for Track & Field were held at Fullerton College and Troy did well. I look forward to continuing to improve upon the successes this year, and our Head Coach Chris Blume and his assistant coaches have done a fantastic job with our teams all year!





On Wednesday, what will be the largest concrete pour of the entire pool project occurred. I am very excited about the progress on our pool and I have numerous pictures to show from this day. Our pool is going to be fantastic when it opens later this summer and I know I speak for everyone when I say we are ready to have our pool again! All of these pictures represent the





concrete that was poured on Wednesday and are images that represent a very important step forward towards the completion of our pool! Hip, hip, hooray!



Why is this group of Troy NJROTC students and Commander Lauper so happy at 4:29am this morning when they sent me this picture via text? Fortunately I am awake at that time... They are happy because they are at LAX beginning their trip to Jacksonville, Florida to compete in the NJROTC National Brian Brawl Championships! Jasper Hu, Alton Lee, Michelle Xie, Brendon Won, and Thienan Bui are our team and I think they will be an excellent representation in this competition of the brains at Troy High School! Go Warriors!

Our music program led by Mr. Joseph Castillo continues to impress! The Winter Season came to an official end when our Winter Guard took 1st place at Championships! Thanks to the efforts of all the students and their instructor/coach Ms. Rhonda Minner-Choat, this group has grown and honed their talents for the past four years to reach this point! Additionally, at the 2017 Regional Music Festivals, our Advanced String Orchestra received a Superior rating! This top rating has become consistent as they have earned this mark more than once this season. There is still another opportunity to listen music performed by our students when our String Orchestra will perform with other groups at the Year End Concert on May 19th at 7:00pm in the North Gym! Great job to all of our musicians and to everyone that has supported them!



On Tuesday AP/IB Computer Science Teacher, Mr. Don Allen sent me this photo and information from the National Center for Women & Information Technology Awards Ceremony held on April 23, 2017. Troy students included in the picture are (top row):Anke Shao, Don Allen, Esther (Hsiu-Chu) Cheng, unknown adult, Delaney Scheiern, Emily Peng, Sharleen Loh,(bottom row) Lydia Cheng, Shreya Havalder and Jessica(Yu Chieh) Lin.

It is that time of year when another round of school rankings created by various entities are released. As a high performing school, Troy High School is ranked by so many different groups it is sometimes hard to keep track. All of them use different methodologies, so comparing apples to apples is sometimes difficult. This most recent recognition is from the Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence. This California Honor Roll program is made possible with generous support from numerous businesses and organizations including Automobile Club of Southern California, Macy's, Wells Fargo, Enterprise Holdings Foundation, and several private foundations.

On behalf of Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), I am writing to congratulate you. After an extensive analysis of student data for every public school in California, Troy High was a clear leader in getting students to grade level and beyond and has been named an Honor Roll school for the 2016 California Honor Roll. Your school will receive recognition in the press as a leader in student achievement, will be provided with a free banner to display on campus, and will be featured on our website where educators and policy makers seek out high performing schools so that they can replicate success.

The 2016 Honor Roll recognizes public elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. For high schools, Honor Roll recognition includes measures of college readiness in students. Through national research, we have identified a common set of success factors in higher performing Honor Roll schools and districts. These include clear, specific learning objectives aligned to college and career readiness, along with evidence-based instructional practices; establishing system-wide mission

of college and career readiness for all students; investing in human capital; maintaining data and assessment systems to monitor school and student performance; and deploying resources and guidance to support schools' efforts to prepare all students for college and career.

<http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/materials?State=CA>

You may have already met her, but we have a new Warrior on board with the addition of Iliana Velazquez to the Troy family as our new Library Tech! You may remember her as she has worked for us in the library previously and has a number of years of outstanding service to our district! If you have not already met Ms. Velazquez stop by the library and say “hi”!

It looks like we are going to have a brief wintery interlude in the midst of an otherwise very warm spring. I don't know how I feel about that right now. Granted, I am looking forward to summer, but on the other hand I don't enjoy really hot temperatures and it has been a warmer spring that I would like. Regardless, I hope everyone is able to get some rest and relaxation during these last few weeks of school. There is still much left to do before the end of the year and we all need to finish strong! Take a study break and get some fresh air, take a hike, eat some good food, and get some sleep! I will see everyone back here on Monday.

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