

January 7, 2022 Warriors,

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We are back, and our Spring Semester has started! Winter Break is over, but winter is most definitely making her presence known with the rain, snow, wind, and chilly temperatures. Everyone, please make sure you are dressing in layers just in case the temperature stays below 65 degrees. © We don't need anyone getting sick due to the winter weather.

Speaking of staying healthy, all of us are doing our utmost to take all the steps we are able to avoid and or minimize the impact of COVID-19 on ourselves, family, home, school, workplace, friends, and community. As know, we are in a COVID-19 surge which is putting us all to the test. We all must do our part to put this pandemic behind us, and there are various steps and components we are able to take to ensure this will happen. We are going to get through this pandemic and our success in doing so will be driven by our deliberate, clear communication, combined with everyone working together.

Since the beginning of the pandemic you have received has a steady stream of communications to our FJUSHD and school community through our Superintendent, District Office, and Principal. Over Winter Break and this week, via email communication you have received timely information. This information will keep coming so please keep checking for additional communication with our school community. Additionally you are invited to access focused updated information by checking the Fullerton Joint Union High School website, <a href="https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1472">https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1472</a>

and the Troy High School website, https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/19.

With the current COVID-19 surge, it is forcing Troy to change some of our routines and procedures. Depending upon when the current COVID-19 surge ends, some of these changes will be more temporary than others, but as is often the case, timing is everything. Before Winter Break, we were preparing to resume our normal Troy Tech Testing for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders looking to be part of the Fall, 2022 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. During Winter Break, we realized we were not going to be able to do our Troy Tech Testing, so changes had to be made. Here is the information and links to the information on the changes you will need for Troy Tech. applicants.troyhigh.com @WeAreTroyTech

- Troy Tech Testing for January 2022 has been cancelled due to district safety guidelines. Current 8th grade students will be evaluated based on their online application only. Apply online between now and 6pm on January 28, 2022 at <u>applicants.troyhigh.com</u>
- Troy Tech, IB, and Cambridge will host a virtual information night on January 20, 2022 from 5-6 pm followed by Troy ASB Student Showcase from 6-6:30 pm. Link will be posted on applicants.troyhigh.com
- <u>Application Instructions and FAQ January 2022</u> includes details on writing samples, evaluation, and troubleshooting was updated on 1/5/2022.





2022 Winter Troy Main Office Holiday Chalk Art, by Mrs. Shannon Cogswell. Right after we left for Winter Break I received word that Troy freshman, Ms. Diya Sreedhar won the 2021 Congressional App Challenge for California's 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District! It is truly impressive to read about the work Diya completed on this app. The best description of the work and what this app does was included in the press release from U.S. Congressional Representative, Ms. Young Kim.

Troy High School Freshman Named Winner of 2021 CA-39 Congressional App Challenge https://youngkim.house.gov/media/press-releases/troy-high-school-freshman-named-winner-2021-ca-39-congressional-app-challenge Congratulations to Diya Sreedhar, for her incredible and inspiring work!

## **COVID-19 Reminder for all Troy High School Students!**

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), CA Dept. of Public Health (CDPH), and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), we ask that you complete the Qualtrics survey each morning prior to arriving on campus. However, **please do not attend school** if you have experienced any COVID-related symptoms:

- Flu-like symptoms such as fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Cough

- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose that is not associated with a pre-existing condition or other chronic health condition.

Following the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued guidance in support of full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible. A link to that guidance is included at the bottom of this communication.

 Please note that masks will be required by all staff and students while indoors

 regardless of vaccinated status.</u> As an extra precaution, FJUHSD is committed to continuing

 the enhanced cleaning procedures established to ensure that our schools are clean, sanitized, and

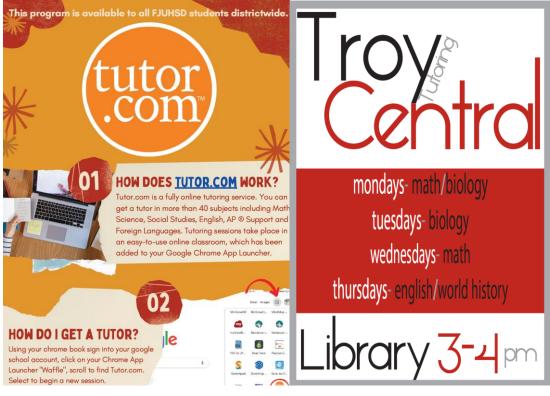
 safe. Additionally, using our thermal cameras, temperatures will continue to be taken each

 morning.
 CDPH COVID-19/K-12-Guidance

## Safety Procedures for attending school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- All students and staff will complete the Qualtrics COVID Safety Survey each morning (the survey will be sent to your school email).
- To enter campus, students will show their green checkmark from the completed survey permitting them to be on campus.
- Students will walk through the thermo-imaging temperature cameras by either the Main Office or the North Gym and show their green Qualtrics survey checkmarks.
- Face coverings (masks) are required inside and are optional while outside.
- Last but not least, <u>if you have taken a COVID-19 test</u> and are still waiting for results, <u>please do not attend school until you receive the results of that test</u>, and then <u>only</u> <u>come to school if you are negative for COVID-19!</u>

Thank you and GO WARRIORS!



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Troy Students! Here is a very important announcement regarding your Spring classes from your Counselors!

## Spring Semester Deadline to Drop an Additional Class or Class Level:

Students may request to drop down in course levels (i.e., H/AP/IB/C to the lower level) if space is available or drop an additional class. Students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 classes and students in grade 12 must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes. The deadline for a level change or to drop an additional class is Friday, March 18th by 3:00 p.m (end of the third grading quarter). Students must see their counselor in person before first period, at break, lunch or after sixth period by the deadline. If a student is in an Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or Cambridge course and wishes to request to move down in levels, they have until 3 PM on Friday, March 18th to do so. To request a level change, the student is to see their school counselor in-person at break, lunch, before first period or after sixth period. Parent/guardian permission is required. As long as there is room in the lower-level course and it will work with the student's schedule, the request can be accommodated.



President of the Troy iExplore club, Mr. Ryan Kern occasionally will send me updates as to what the club members are doing in the community. Over Winter Break the club was busy and gave back to our community in a number of ways:

- Gave handmade Holiday Cards to senior citizens in a care facility
- Played holiday music as part of their monthly musical performances for seniors in the care facility
- Prepared Brea Junior High students for the You Be the Chemist challenge in the spring via three different Q & A sessions over Winter Break



As principal of Troy High School, I am proud of our iExplore club. These students are performing extraordinary service in our community, and they are amazing! iExplore President, Ryan Kern wrote to me, "...with each day that goes by I become more and more proud of being a Troy warrior! I see how Troy students devote their time and effort to help better our

community. It inspires me to continue to lead Troy iExplore in contributing to this special community. I hope that in 2022 we can all use our influence to bring positivity to others." We should all follow Ryan's lead. <sup>(2)</sup>



With the New Year we have two new Senior Records Clerks up in the Main Office! Pictured on the left is Ms. Noemi Vargas-Segura. She is a Buena Park graduate and is also a current CSU Dominguez Hills student working on her degree in Sociology and ultimately becoming a School Guidance Counselor. Ms. Vargas-Segura took over Ms. Erin Black's role supporting our Special Programs, Guidance, and Athletics. Ms. Black was promoted to the District Office and is working in Education and Assessment Services. Pictured on the right, is Ms. Courtney Shirk. She is not an FJUHSD grad, but her husband is a Fullerton High School graduate and her parents graduated from Troy High School. I think it is fair to welcome her family back to FJUHSD and Troy High School! Ms. Shirk is taking over Ms. Stephanie Rosner's role as the Troy High School Registrar. Ms. Rosner has moved into the Guidance Tech role previously held by Christopher Standifer. Chris has a passion for automobiles, (I don't blame him), and was offered a public relations job in the automobile industry with Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) that he could not refuse. While we will miss both Erin and Chris, we wish them both well in their future positions. However, we are very excited to bring Noemi and Courtney onto the Troy High School team! When you have the opportunity, please take a moment to meet both of them on a trip to the Main Office. Welcome, Warriors!

Troy Family, if you have not clicked on the link below I encourage all of you to take a moment and do so. If I am feeling a little stressed, or just need a pick me up, this link works wonders. My personal favorite combinations are ones of the virtual fireplaces combined with sounds of the ocean or thunderstorms. Of course, there are also the puppy cams... <sup>(c)</sup> https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home



On Wednesday, our Boys' Soccer team won their first Freeway League match of the season when they defeated tough Buena Park High School team with a final 4-2 score! Great job Warriors! Make sure you pay close attention to Coach Lester Maldonado he definitely can guide you on the right winning strategy! This was an important win, and I am sure our team will build upon it as they move through the rest of league play. Go, Warriors!



Troy Family, welcome back! This has been a very busy and challenging week for all of us. Sleep sounds great, and I am going to spend the weekend following Luna's lead. Everyone, get some good quality rest and relaxation this weekend. Take every precaution to stay healthy and safe, and I will see you back here on Monday morning! W.V. Mynster