



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



January 15, 2021

Sunrise at Troy, 1-8-21

Warriors,

Week two of our spring 2021 semester is in the books! There is much information in this edition of the *Warrior Weekly*, so I will not keep the readers waiting in protracted anticipation. Suffice to say, we have a fantastic and dedicated teaching staff, wonderful students, and a school support staff that is the foundation of our school operations, even in the virtual Distance Learning world in which we have been operating for almost a year. There is no better school district than FJUHSD, and no better school than Troy. ☺ Go Warriors!

Tuesday evening, our Board of Trustees unanimously voted to extend our Distance Learning Instructional Model beyond the original return to Hybrid date of January 19th due to the ongoing COVID-19 surge. Distance Learning is extended through Friday, January 29th. Clear information so our community can plan is important, and yesterday our Superintendent put out a newsletter with information regarding our school schedule. Also included in this communication is new and exciting preliminary information regarding COVID-19 vaccination plans in Orange County. I have included Dr. Scambray's letter in it's entirety for you beginning on the next page.



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Dear FJUHSd Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

Extension of Distance Learning Schedule

As you were informed in December, the Board of Trustees made the decision to return to a Distance Learning Schedule (on-line) effective Monday, January 4, 2021 through Friday, January 15, 2021.

At the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees made the decision to extend the Distance Learning Schedule (on-line) through Friday, January 29, 2021.

Update on COVID Vaccine

I would like to summarize information that was shared with me during my weekly meeting with OC Superintendents and the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA). While we don't have all the answers, the following information will provide a good summary of what we are told thus far regarding the COVID vaccination process.

Dr. Chau, Orange County's Health Care Agency Director, stated the vaccine roll-out across the state has been slower than anticipated, but things are improving. The OCHCA is partnering with the Orange County Fire Authority and other fire agencies to help plan and deploy the vaccine process for Orange County. They have a bold goal to have all OC residents and those working with OC to be vaccinated by July 4, 2021. They are in the process of establishing and setting up five (5) Super Pod Vaccination sites. They hope to have the Supersites open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Disneyland will host the county's first Super Pod site. Updates can be found on the OCgov.com website.

There are several logistic issues to deploy and staff these sites. We were told that vaccine sites have to have a medical doctor on site to monitor the potential side effects of the vaccine (most need to remain for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine has been administered). They shared they may need support from school and District RN's and LVN's to help at the super sites and they are partnering with OCDE on this effort as well. They will also need several other non-clinicians working at each site to help with parking, traffic, electronic check in, and more.

The chart on the next page is California's COVID 19- Vaccine Plan priority:

California's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

After healthcare workers and long-term care residents, the next to be vaccinated will be individuals who have higher risk for severe disease or death (due to age or other factors), who are unable to work at home, who live or work in geographic areas that have been highly impacted, or who are most likely to spread disease to other workers or to the public.

These individuals *will* be prioritized as follows:

Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 1C
About 3 million people		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Healthcare workersLong-term care residents <p>See CDPH Allocation Guidelines for Phase 1a.</p>	<p>1B Tier One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals 75 and olderThose at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture <p>1B Tier Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals 65-74 years of ageThose at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturingCongregate settings with outbreak risk; incarcerated and homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals 50-64 years of agePeople 16-64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: water and wastewater; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous materials; communications and IT; financial services; government operations / community-based essential functions

According to OCHCA, if OC receives its allotment of doses, they anticipate as early as February to start seeing vaccinations within the education sector. Dr. Chau said he expected further tiering and prioritization within each level. For example, Tier 1B has education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. This is still a very broad tier and will be further tiered for priority.

They shared there would likely be prioritization within the education sector, and likely by risk level. They provided the following as an example but it is not an official model:

- High: Heightened risk of exposure, daily/regular exposure (aerosol/direct contact with bodily fluids)-Ex., Special Education School Staff and other staff who have close interaction with Special Education students (Bus drivers, etc.)
- Medium: Moderate risk of exposure- intermittent, ability to maintain distance/face mask, etc.-Ex., General Education School Staff
- Low: Limited/rare exposure, also able to maintain distance, contact- Ex., District Office Staff

They shared they may vaccinate school nurses and LVNs sooner and perhaps within the next two weeks. They will likely use an App called Othena that people will be required to use to schedule the vaccination and the follow up vaccination (3-4 weeks depending upon the one administered) and record other necessary data. The app will have a passport function that will be used to verify that you have been vaccinated. The app is not fully developed yet for general deployment and right now only those that are specifically sent an invitation can use the app properly.

Lastly, they are partnering with OCDE in developing vaccination education content with grade appropriate lessons and materials linked to the CA Health Framework and Standards that teachers can use to educate students and their families about vaccines. Materials will be available on the [OCDE website](#) for use (coming soon).

I know there are still more questions, but I wanted to share the information we have thus far with all of you.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,



Scott Scambray, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Students, here is some very important news from the Troy Guidance Team!

**Spring Semester Deadlines to Drop An Extra Course
and/or Drop a Course Level**

If a student has an additional course and they wish to drop the class without penalty, they have until 3 PM on Friday, January 22, 2021 to do so. Per district policy, 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. To request to drop an extra course, the student may email their school counselor directly.

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 12, 2021 (end of the 3rd grading quarter) to do so. To request a level change, the parent/guardian and student must send a joint email to their child's school counselor to request this change. 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.

Instrumental Music Director, Mr. Joseph Castillo informed me that we have three more students that have been named recognized for their musical achievement! Our students representing Troy at are the All-State and All-National levels are:

Ethan Huang - All-National Honor Concert Band

Peter Ha - All-State Wind Symphony

Daniel Lee - All-State Symphonic Band

Andrew Lee - All-State Symphonic Band

Troy does have an amazing instrumental music program, and it is outstanding that even in these very challenging times our students are being recognized for their achievements. We look forward to hearing them play in the future!

In the world of Computer Science Troy High School is well known. Something a little less well known is how Troy High School has worked both behind the scenes and out in the open to increase the representation of girls in Computer Science, beginning with the efforts of our former Computer Science Chairperson, Mr. Steve Grack. Today, Troy has an amazing club called G-TEC which was created initially in an effort to interest more girls in computer

programing. Current G-TEC club officers and sisters, Amisha and Ashmita Kumar wanted me to share this information about an event that is open to anyone tomorrow, January 16th.

"Join the G-TEC club at 3 pm on Saturday, January 16th, for Python programming lessons! Anyone can come, but we especially encourage girls to listen in. All you need is a functioning Chromebook. The Zoom link is <https://fjuhsd-org.zoom.us/j/6544089513?pwd=ZTNLWm1hQW44TVlrY1QzN3BGU0VzUT09>, the meeting ID is 654 408 9513, and the password is 407084."

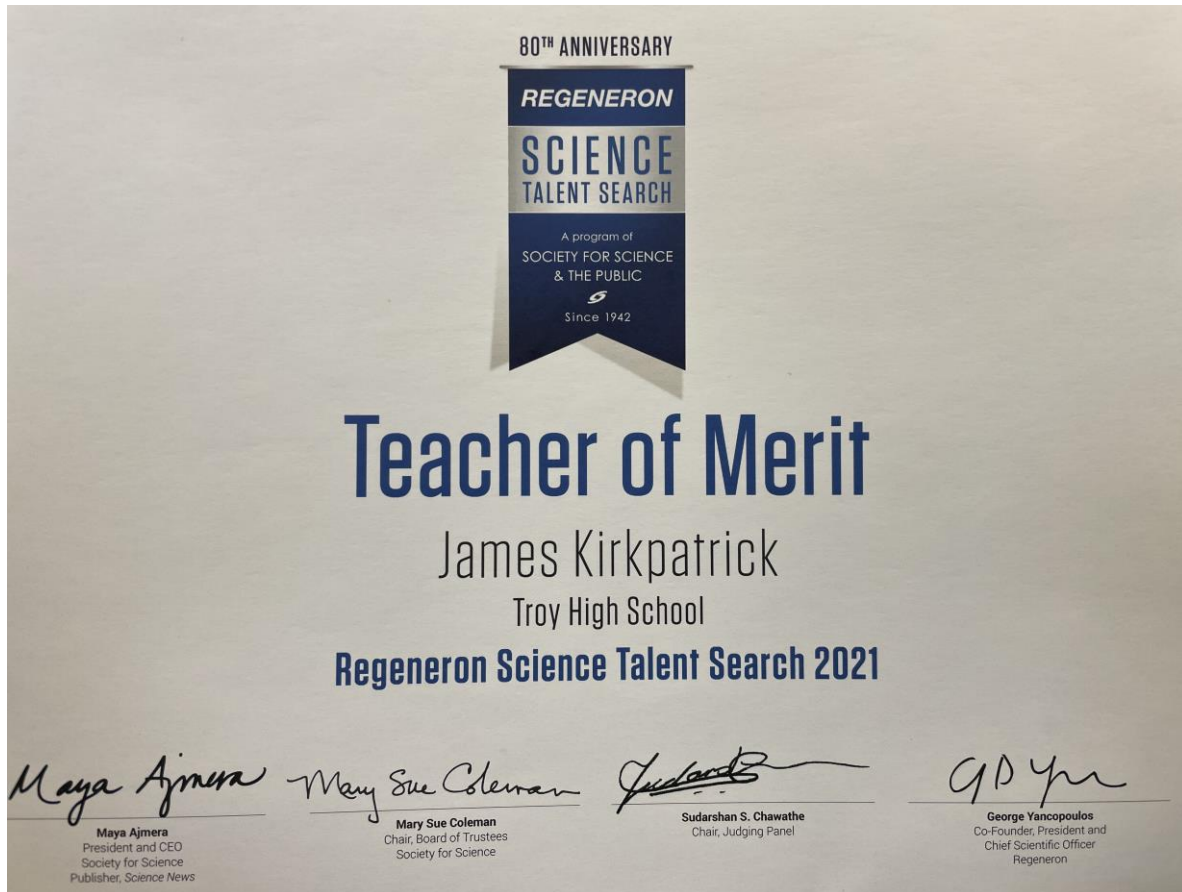
Thanks,

Amisha and Ashmita Kumar



Here is a feel good story about a Troy High School senior, named Andrew Hsu being recognized for his work helping others. We have also had other students receive recognition from former President H.W. Bush's nonprofit Points of Light foundation. Last week, Andrew was awarded the 6,940th Daily Point of Light Award from President George HW Bush's

nonprofit Points of Light last week (<https://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/students-volunteerism-for-developmentally-disabled-students-means-everyonecanstem/>).



Last week I wrote about Troy senior Nitin Sreekumar and his research project completed in connection with Troy Tech Internship with the City of Hope.

Project Title: Variation in Gene Expression Reveals Genes Predictive of Overall Survival in the Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Subtype.

Nitin's project was also recognized by the Regeneron Science Talent Search and he became one of the 300 top young scientists in the United States. We will find out on January 22, 2021 if he will be named to the top 40 Finalists. Additionally, a teacher was also selected to be honored at Troy High School and this year's honoree is none other than Mr. James Kirkpatrick! Congratulations to both of these outstanding Warriors on their contributions to the world of Science and Education! We are lucky to have both of you in our school. Go Warriors!

Next Wednesday, January 20th is our Annual Open House event for Troy High School! This year it will be a little different as we are in the virtual world. More info is on the next page.



Troy High School
Fight Strong Like a Warrior



Join us for our Virtual Open House
Wednesday, January 20, 2021



Go to www.troyhigh.com to join sessions and view presentations and videos. (Links will be activated prior to the event)



Pre-Open House Sessions (5:00PM-6:00PM)

- Troy Tech - International Baccalaureate (IB) - Cambridge AICE
- Sophomore Parent/Guardian presentation.

Open House Sessions (6:00PM-7:30PM)

- Principal's Greeting (10 minutes)
- Four 20-Minute Sessions from All Departments, Programs, Athletics, and a Student Panel

Additionally, if you are looking for more information on the Troy Tech Magnet, International Baccalaureate, or the Cambridge AICE programs please attend from 5:00-6:00pm.

Here we are, and it is Friday. We also have the benefit of it being it the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. I hope all of us can take a moment and recognize the positive changes and sacrifices for civil rights made by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In a larger sense this holiday is not only about Dr. King, but also about the many people who tirelessly worked towards the creation of a more just nation both before Dr. King and since. After WWII, in the 1950's and 1960's, this was the turning point in our nation in favor of more equal treatment and value for all people. We know the work is not done, but we should reflect upon what has been achieved and resolve to finish the work. On August 28, 1963 Dr. King delivered his famous, *"I Have a Dream"* speech in Washington D.C. in front of the Lincoln Memorial. It is one of the most important speeches ever delivered and is worth watching or reading again and again. The message still applies today and this passage from the speech is still true. *"Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."*

I hope everyone will have some time to enjoy the MLK Jr. Holiday on Monday. I look forward to next week and all the positive excitement that will bring! In the meantime, I do hope all of us are able to get some rest and relaxation as we continue to work our way through this pandemic and towards a brighter tomorrow. I know Mrs. Donna Mynster and the boxer dog Luna will be waiting for me when I get home. I will see everyone on Tuesday on January 19th!

