

TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Last Friday our NJRTOC held their annual inspection. I am happy to report they had a fantastic day! The drill teams, marching, and formations, were all very sharp and impressive. Thank you to Area 11 representatives as well as our Superintendent, Dr. Scambray, and our Board of Education for attending this event. Congratulations to our NJROTC cadets and their instructors. It takes a well-oiled machine to be this consistent, and hard work is the key component. Great job in earning another top tier inspection! Go Warriors!

In the past couple of weeks, I have had the pleasure to be invited to see teachers experiment with Socratic Seminar in their classes. This week I had the good fortune to see Ms. Sara Velarde and her AP Environmental Science classes discuss Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's). The conversation focused largely on the food supply, with both crops and

animals raised for meat. The discussion between students was profound with students using research based articles to have well thought out conversation on points that would often lead to further examination of the issue during the conversation. I enjoyed the first one of these classes so much, I returned to a second class with Mr. Bletscher and Ms. Rubio!

The last opportunity for 8th graders wishing to test for Troy Tech, Honors, IB, for the 2016-17 school year is this Saturday, January 30th at 7:15am! Online registration is now closed, but any 8th grader wishing to test just needs to show up with photo identification. School ID or passport photo is sufficient and please bring a printout of the student's 8th grade school schedule showing their current mathematics course. Most importantly, if you are testing on Saturday make sure you get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast! Nobody does well on a test without sleep and food. Be at your best when you take the test!

Last weekend our Troy Science Olympiad team took 1st place at the MIT Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament held at MIT! This is the same event in which we took 3rd last year! Additionally our students won medals in 19 events within the competition, which surpassed the achievements of any other team. Great job to our students, and thank you to all of our teacher/coaches for supporting our team! This is a great team, and they know they can keep improving as they move ever closer to being able to defend their 10th national championship! Keep up the great work! Go Warriors!

This week the *Oracle Lit Mag* was released! I strongly encourage taking some time with this magazine to view the outstanding art, and literature found therein. It is fascinating to me to see the amazing art as well as read what has been written and expressed by our students. All of it is tremendous and it makes me wonder where these students will be in a few short years and what is on the horizon in terms of their artistic expression! The development of perspective in pictures and literature has me reading this over and over again. Simply fantastic!



If you are among the many that has noticed the stunning transformation of our previously brown benches, when you see Mr. Rudy Garcia let him know what you think. Mr. Garcia is the primary person responsible for the design and execution of the bright red benches. I think they add a nice touch to our Quad, and I don't think I am the only one that likes the look! Nice job Mr. Garcia!

On a side note, get used to seeing signs regarding paint or other types of construction type work. There is a lot that is going to start happening at Troy! The pool complex rebuild, floors and air condition in our gyms, technology upgrades, traffic flow changes and upgrades, plants, marquee, roofing, our track and football field, lighting, front entrance to the school, and more paint are all on the agenda and much of it is coming sooner than later!



Congratulations to Girls' Soccer on winning the Freeway League Championship when they defeated Sunny Hills yesterday! This team has tremendous talent, but has also worked very hard to become the team they are today. To play at Sunny Hills and on a field that plays very differently and not to the advantages of our team, we were still able to earn a convincing win! This is especially significant as our last meeting with Sunny Hills at home resulted in a 0-0 tie. Thank you to all the athletes, and their coach, Mr. Mike Silzer!

El Nino is coming. Eventually. Actually it looks like we may have some significant rain this weekend and Monday. Dress warmly on Monday! However, the weekend is just beginning. I plan for a nice evening out to dinner with Mrs. Mynster. ☺ After dinner we may have to go see Star Wars again. Dinner and a movie, always a good date night! Have a great weekend, rest, relax, and do something fun! I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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