



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



January 31, 2025

*Winter-Valentine's Day, 2025 Art Drawn by Troy resident artist, Mrs. Shannon Cogswell.*

Dear Troy Family,

It has been nice to feel a little bit of normal Southern California winter with a little bit of rain, cold, sunshine, and great air quality here in Fullerton. It has truly been a wonderful week at Troy High School as we continue to move forward through our Spring 2025 semester.

It seems impossible, but it is already the end of January and our Winter sports season is wrapping up and overall, our teams have had very successful seasons and are doing well in our new athletic conferences and leagues. I would also like to add, often the success of a team is counted by wins and losses, making the playoffs, and championships...but not all the time. We have had some very successful teams this Winter by the traditional measures, and I am also proud of the success earned with our teams that have been diligently working all season.

Our Winter Formal Dance, themed: ***Yule Ball, A Night in Hogwarts*** is tomorrow night February 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-10PM here at Troy High School. Everyone will be warm in the North Gym so come and enjoy the last Troy dance before the Prom in April!



**For 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in the Troy Tech Magnet Program, January 25, 2025 was the FINAL test date for the 2025-2026 School Year for Troy Tech, IB, Cambridge, & Honors at Troy.**

For 8th grade students that tested on January 11, 18, or 25, 2025: Before March 1, 2025 notifications will be emailed to all applicants. Acceptance emails include the March registration time and instructions.

**What if I missed the January 2025 test dates for 8th grade students? Troy's administrators will be working on enrollment in the upcoming months. There may be room to consider additional applicants. Complete [THIS FORM](#) to indicate that you would like to be contacted by March 1, 2025 if additional test opportunities are available. [January 2025 Applicant Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

**You can also check [applicants.troyhigh.com](http://applicants.troyhigh.com) for more information.**

Troy is a wonderful place to be a student, parent, and employee. We have a family oriented, supportive, college going culture, which has made Troy a highly ranked high school both in California and nationally. I think you will like our school so check us out [HERE!](#)

# **Mental Health Resources:**

FJUHSD Virtual Calming Room: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

FJUHSD Mental Health Resources: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1476>

OC Support and Crisis Resources: <https://www.namioc.org/help-support-overview>



## **Niche 2025 Best Schools**

## **2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Schools**

We love Troy High School! It is also rewarding to see when other entities that rank schools also agree, and reward the hard work of our Students, Teachers, Parents, Counselors, Staff, FJUHSD Board and Administrators! Thank you, Warrior Family!



Warriors, this is the QR code for all the FJUHSD social media. There are many, many, awesome events, activities, athletics, and recognitions happening in FJUHSD and Troy High School! Additionally, for even more information for the happenings in FJUHSD here is the link to the January, 2025 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! <https://conta.cc/421e7vx>

One of the ways FJUHSD and Troy High School have been measuring student engagement in school, rallies, clubs, and school activities has been to use the 5-Star App. Here is a little more information on how it is used in FJUHSD. Hint: We don't use it as a tracking app. 5-Star has an FAQ that specifically relates to location tracking (or lack thereof).

<https://help.5starstudents.com/hc/en-us/articles/24186201832333-Does-the-5-Star-Students-app-track-a-student-s-location>





### 2025 MIT Team Champions

Last weekend our “A” and “B” Science Olympiad teams participated in the 2025 MIT Invitational in Boston, Massachusetts. As you can see from the photo above, our Troy Warriors got the job done! Thank you to current Sci Oly Coach, Mr. Kurt Wahl for providing the championship photo along with the following details and scoring updates for our teams!

*“Congratulations to the Troy High School Science Olympiad Team for winning first placed at the 2025 MIT Invitational. This is the most competitive competition in the Nation and this year was no exception as it featured 9 of the top 10 teams from last year’s National finals. This year was a very close competition with Troy Team A winning by a mere 8 points over Mason, Ohio. Out of the eight times they have competed in person at MIT. This is seventh time Troy has won the MIT team championship!”*

These are the following competition categories and the Troy students performances earning the Team A the winning final score!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anatomy:** Cloris Shi & Cynthia Kung

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fermi Countdown:** Aditya Peddi & Seojin Park

**6<sup>th</sup> Astronomy:** Aditya Peddi & Seojin Park

**1<sup>st</sup> Chemistry Lab:** Daniel Jiang & Liran Zhu

**6<sup>th</sup> Disease Detectives:** Cloris Shi & Sean Murzello

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dynamic Planet:** Jacqueline Zhou & Seojin Park

**6<sup>th</sup> Dynamic Planet:** Gordon Wong & Caden Guo

**4<sup>th</sup> Ecology:** Ethan Li & Kevin Yin

**4<sup>th</sup> Electric Vehicle:** Ianna Lin & Lauren Tsi

**5<sup>th</sup> Entomology:** Arjun Wategaonkar & Andrew Tsai

**1<sup>st</sup> Forensics:** Josephine Idanawang & Ethan Li

**2<sup>nd</sup> Forensics:** Audrey Donn & Cynthia Kung

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fossils:** Jacqueline Zhou & Cynthia Kung

**5<sup>th</sup> Helicopter:** Kyle Yu & Lauren Tsi

**2<sup>nd</sup> Microbe Mission:** Cloris Shi & Cynthia Kung

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tower:** Kyle Yu & Ianna Lin

Congratulations to our entire team of students on our Science Olympiad. Also thank you all of these students, their coaches, and parents for the hours, and hours of work they spend on these various components of the competition. They have to figure out the content, the nature of the contest, and work out the solutions to be better than the next competitor. Performing well, and winning Science Olympiad competitions is a true measure of knowledge and the ability to apply the knowledge combined with true skills. Awesome job, it was truly a great day to be a Warrior!



It appears our Troy teams were able to adjust to the frigid Boston weather. This was also a win!



Each school year we regularly conduct various types of drills in all FJUHSD schools. We have Fire, Disaster, & Lockdown drills all designed to enhance our preparedness and ensure that students know what to do in emergency situations. As it should be, student safety is a top priority in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and at Troy High School. **The second week of February FJUHSD will be holding a surprise Shelter in Place drill.** The purpose of this drill is to help students and staff practice transitioning in the event of a real emergency.

A **Shelter in Place** occurs when there is a potential risk near our campus. Students will go indoors to the nearest classroom space and doors will be closed and locked. A **Shelter in Place** allows us to be prepared should risk elevate. [More information can be found here.](#)

The drill should last roughly five minutes. The day of the drill we will be sending out additional information to parents letting you know when the drill will begin as well as when the drill concludes.

Please feel free to contact any Troy administrator should you have any questions.





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## Registration for 2025-26 Classes & 2025 Summer School

### REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES AND 2025 SUMMER SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!

**11th**

**Friday, February 7:** In-Class Presentation from School Counselors

**February 7-17:** Window for juniors to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal

**Wednesday, February 19:** Juniors meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests

**10th**

**Tuesday, February 11:** In-Class Presentation from School Counselors

**February 11-19:** Window for sophomores to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal

**Friday, February 21:** Sophomores meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests

**9th**

**Thursday, February 13:** In-Class Presentation from School Counselors

**February 13-23:** Window for freshmen to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal

**Tuesday, February 25:** Freshmen meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests

#### REGISTRATION FAIR

**Friday, February 14 @ Lunch in the Quad**

Every department will have a station where students can ask questions about courses, course prerequisites, and to research course options.

#### ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the registration section of our counseling website for course profiles as well as all registration details:

<https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/600>

**\*Special education students in our mild/moderate special education program (those with a Case Carrier) will enter their course requests followed by a review and modifications by their Case Carrier. For special education students in the FACE East and West programs, course registration will be handled by their special education counselor.**

**\*\*If a student is absent on the day of their in-class registration presentation, they will be able to view the presentation slides within their school counselor's Google Classroom.**

Troy Students, these are important upcoming dates to remember regarding selecting and registering for your classes in 2025-26 and 2025 Summer School! On the next page is more info!

# 2025-2026 Registration Fair

February

14

2025

Student Lunch in the Quad

Registration for next year's classes is starting soon! In order for you to make informed decisions about your 25-26 classes, attend the registration fair. This is your time to ask teachers about course workload, assignments, taking H/AP/IB/C level classes, and to learn about existing and new classes. When next school year begins, you won't be able to change classes. Use this time to research the right courses.







Dear Friend of Troy, I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of Troy High School and the Troy Support Organization (TSO), we are excited to announce a special milestone-the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Troy High School. This event brings our vibrant community together to support our students and the exceptional educational programs that have made Troy a recognized leader in academic excellence.

**Our 60th Anniversary Celebration and Auction will take place on February 22, 2025, at Troy High School.** YOU are invited to attend to celebrate and participate in raising funds to directly benefit Troy's academic enrichment programs, scholarships, and resources. We welcome your help to make this event a success, and there are several ways you can contribute included in [THIS](#) letter. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support Troy High School and the next generation of leaders. We look forward to collaborating with you to make this 60th Anniversary Celebration an unforgettable event. Warm regards, Grace Wu & Linda Toy, TSO Presidents TSO@TheTroyDifference.org [https://www.thetroydifference.org/tso\\_foundation/troy-high-school-60th-anniversary/](https://www.thetroydifference.org/tso_foundation/troy-high-school-60th-anniversary/)



Yesterday, our Girls' Soccer Team played their last regular season home match against Villa Park High School in a tough and equal match up. On Senior night, our team fell behind early 0-1 but was able to tie the score at 1-1. This was another close game and despite playing on Villa Park's side of the field for most of the second half and having multiple corner kicks, we just could not get the ball to bounce our way and finished the game with a 1-1 tie. The good news for our team, Troy is the League Champion! As the playoffs approach we will know soon who we will be playing in the first round of CIF.



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January 24, 2025

Dear FJUHSD Staff and Community,

**Office of the Superintendent**

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For over a century, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) has been a cornerstone of our community, dedicated to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our students. Our greatest strength lies in the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, who contribute daily to making our district a place of learning, growth, and support.

At FJUHSD, our top priority is ensuring that every student has the skills, experiences, and confidence they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. We take immense pride in fostering a culture that prioritizes not just academic achievement but also the emotional well-being, safety, and overall success of our students and staff.

As laws and policies evolve at the state and federal levels, we remain committed to keeping our community informed with accurate, reliable information. We understand that changes can bring uncertainty, and we are here to address concerns and support one another through these transitions.

One area of significant focus right now is immigration, which may be impacting many of our students and their families. Please know that FJUHSD is dedicated to ensuring that every student feels safe, valued, and supported. Each school site has dedicated family liaisons who can provide guidance and share resources from the State and the Orange County Department of Education. Additionally, our school counselors and mental health specialists are available to provide a safe space for students who may need support.

We want to reassure our community that all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right to a free public education. This is guaranteed by federal and state laws, including Plyler v. Doe (1982) and California Assembly Bill 699. These laws ensure that:

All students are welcome: Schools cannot discriminate against students based on their immigration status or the status of their families.

Schools remain a safe space: Immigration enforcement officers cannot access school campuses without a judicial warrant or court order. Any legal requests are carefully reviewed by our Office of Student Services.

Student information is protected: Schools are not allowed to share personal student information with immigration enforcement agencies unless required by law.

Our District policies, including Board Policy 5145.13, reflect these commitments, reinforcing our promise to uphold student rights and ensure their safety at school.

Please note that this message is intended to provide general information and does not constitute legal advice. If you have any questions or need additional support, we encourage you to visit the



California Website on Immigration and Families (<https://www.ca.gov/immigration/>) or reach out to the appropriate contact at your school site:

**School Site BHHS**

**FUHS LHHS LV/LS HS**

**SHHS SOHS TRHS**

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We are grateful for the dedication and compassion each of you brings to our students and community. Your unwavering commitment makes a meaningful difference every day. Thank you for being a part of FJUHSd's long standing tradition of excellence and support.

Sincerely, Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D. Superintendent

Soon, Troy High School will be having the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Students that have not yet tested as proficient in English will be taking this exam. The tentative schedule for testing is February 6th and 7th in the library with some make ups scheduled for the following week as needed. Below is a link, with more information on this exam.

[ELPAC Information](#)

From our proud Speech and Debate Coach, Mr. Connor McNamara here is an update on the recent success of our team! *The Troy High School Speech and Debate Club had a very successful tournament last weekend at Fullerton High School. Please join us in congratulating the following Warriors:*

- *David Nyguen, Peyton Wu in Humorous Interpretation*
- *Sydney Wang, Lauren Li in Original Oratory*
- *Minseon (Jianna) Kim, Anastasia Efremova in Informative*
- *Kaywan Madaen, Austin Yu in Impromptu*
- *Helen Fang in Informative - Tie for **first!** - Sera Yu and Yuqing (Skylar) Zhou in Duo - **1st Place!!!***

*For Debate: -*

*Ellen Tan & Kamila Rivera **2ND PLACE** in Parliamentary Debate*

*- Anthony Nguyen & Omya Srivastava **3RD PLACE** in Parliamentary Debate*

*-Minnah Vakil & Swasti Dhagat **4TH PLACE** in Parliamentary Debate*

*-Cheryll Prabakaran & Lucas Yun **5TH PLACE** in Parliamentary Debate*

**Congratulations, to our team as they showed it was truly a Great Day to be a Warrior!**



Here is some great news from our FBLA from their Teacher, Mr. Luke Laubhan! *Last Saturday, 119 Troy Business students competed at the first Conference of the year: SSLC (Southern Section Leadership Conference) at Cal State Fullerton. They did fantastic!*

*Troy FBLA finished with 62 Top-10 Finalists, at least 35 auto-qualifiers for the State Conference (more on the way), and 9 Sectional Champions. Overall, Troy finished 2nd at the competition, tying for our highest finish since 2018. Next up, is the State Conference in Anaheim in April.*

*As always, the Troy FBLA students were exemplary participants! They looked extremely sharp, collaborated and connected with others, acted professionally, and competed strongly. Our school can be very proud of them – they set a great example. See here for a list of our 2025 Sectional Champs ...*

- *Advertising (1st) - Evan Chen*
- *Business Communication (1st) - Evan Chen*
- *Business Law (1st) - Sunghyun Park*
- *Business Management (1st) - Victoria Cho, Ryan Qi, Daniel Kim*
- *Computer Problem-Solving (1st) - Soham Kulkarni*






- *Healthcare Administration (1st)* - Charlotte Tanpinco
- *Marketing (1st)* - Ryan Qi, Soham Kulkarni, William Zhang
- *Securities & Investments (1st)* - Daniel Kim
- *Spreadsheet Applications* - Victoria Cho



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL




## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS




| MONDAY<br>02/03/25   | TUESDAY<br>02/04/25   | WEDNESDAY<br>02/05/25                                       | THURSDAY<br>02/06/25   | FRIDAY<br>02/07/25   | SATURDAY<br>02/08/25  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTSA Meeting in the Library (6:30PM)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys V/JV Basketball at Villa Park (4:00PM)</li> <li>Boys FS Basketball vs Villa Park (3:00PM)</li> <li>Girls Soccer (All Levels) at Esperanza (3:00PM)</li> <li>Girls V Basketball at Foothill (5:30PM)</li> <li>Girls JV/FS Basketball vs Foothill (4:30PM)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Events</li> </ul> | <p><b>**LATE START**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Events</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Fest at Lunch</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>League Wrestling Finals</li> </ul> |

February 3 - 7, 2025

### NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK




This ceramic tile work of art is called *Warrior Pride* is by Troy artist / student Aubree Bradley.



Yesterday, a reception marking the beginning of the FJUHSD Visual Arts Showcase, was held at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center here in Fullerton. Pictured on the prior page, and below are some of the pieces of art by FJUHSD students need to be seen in person to be fully enjoyed.



*Self Suffocation* by Zoey Bahng



*Midnight Snack* by Joshua Ta





*Media Conception* by Audrie Kim



*Tallied* by Serie Lee.



*Self Reflection* by Hikari Dao





Pictured is Troy Art Teacher, Mr. Mike Thomas with Troy student, Harry Xiong. Behind them is Harry's photographic art, *Sunrise Parabellum* taken in Berkeley, California. The displays of FJUHSD student art will be on display at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center until February 9, 2025. Come out and see the amazing art of all the FJUSHD students!



Yesterday after school, the Drone4Kids Club and their Advisor, 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Warren Barnes were recognized by the 40<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Representative Ms. Young Kim (also a parent of Troy alumni) for their work in STEM. This is very much a deserved recognition for our students as this is an area that intense interest for students, especially those that come to Troy!



Many of the students that are in the Drone4Kids club are also NJROTC. Yesterday, our NJROTC officers attended the SDMAC event held in San Diego and they had the opportunity to hear a number of people speak who are in the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy as well as see an industry trade show with various STEM related type items such as ships, aircraft, and weapons systems. It was a great opportunity for our students to see and hear people in this forum who are influencing and responding to world events. Our cadets met Vice Admiral



Fred Kacher, Commander US Seventh Fleet and former Superintendent of the US Naval Academy, pictured left. To the right is Vice Admiral Karl Thomas the Director of Naval Intelligence. The last picture is Rear Admiral Nowakowski with all our cadets and instructors.





This is the look Luna will give me when she is listening intently to what I am telling or asking of her. This look is especially likely when it involves the words; food, walk, ride, toy, salmon, chicken, persimmons, bath, names of people or dogs she knows, treat, or anything else she wants or does not want (bath) at that moment. This weekend, with the weather warming up a bit to the high 60's and maybe low 70's she will likely hear the "walk" word a bit more. The exercise is good for me also. ☺ I hope everyone is able to enjoy some of the great So-Cal weather this weekend before we get some additional needed rain next week. Hopefully you will be able to spend some time doing things you enjoy, and repeat. I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

W.V. Mynster