



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



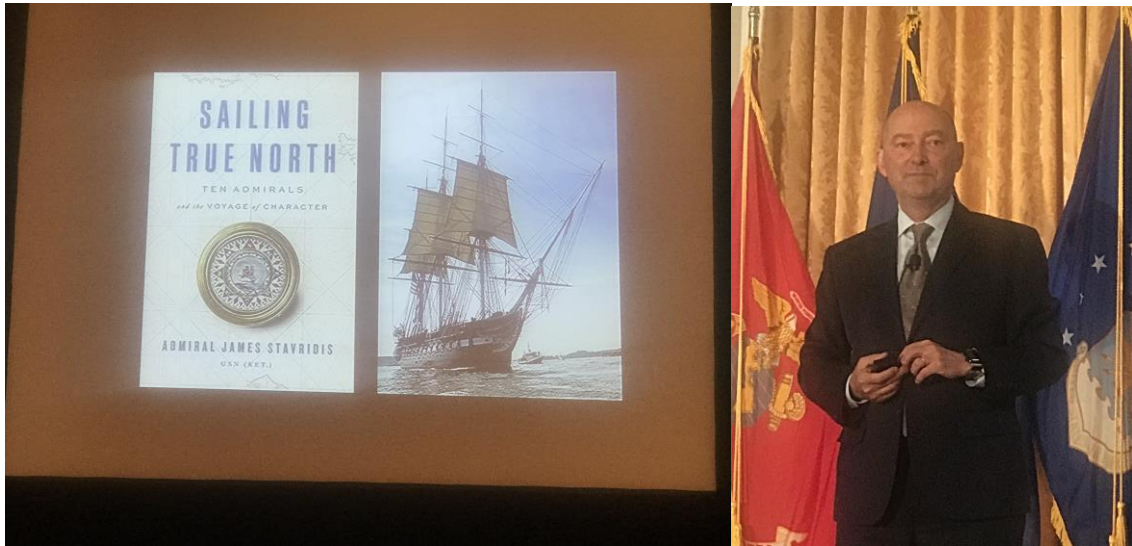
November 22, 2019

Here we are! It is Friday as we head into Thanksgiving Break! We have earned it, and a week off to spend some nice time with family, friends, and perhaps a little travel is ours. What could be better?



Troy's Gratitude Grams continued this week with our students showing their gratitude and appreciation for each other as well as other members of their Troy family. Here are some of our outstanding AVID students holding one of the posters with our students Gratitude Post-It

messages. It was really nice to see students' thoughts both on the cards and the Post-It notes, and they are a true representation of Thanksgiving. Troy is a special place, and this was another affirmation of who we are in this community.



Monday night our Troy NJROTC cadets attended a book signing and discussion on character and leadership at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. Retired four star Admiral



James Stavridis, a former NATO Supreme Allied Commander was the main speaker. Apparently this event was also taped by CSPAN2 for later broadcast on TV sometime this weekend. If you choose to tune in, at the 48:48 mark you will see a Troy cadet ask a question of the speaker. Thank you to Commander Lauper for providing the details of this event and also for another wonderful opportunity for our students to see the application of good character and hard work and the opportunities that arise when the two intersect. Go, Warriors!



There were very tough conditions at the California State Girls' Golf Championship on Tuesday. Wind is not awesome when trying to have low scores, although there might be a certain level of fun in the challenge... Here is the play by play from Girls' Golf Coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill. *"How many titles can this duo get, before they move on from Troy? How many times can the team rally back, when they find themselves down to start? The answer my friend, is blow in' in the wind , The answer is blowing' in the wind. The scene was amazing during Monday's practice round for the Troy Girls Golf Team as they prepared to defend their State Championship. Monterey, California, 73 degrees, sunny, gentle breeze blowing. The participants: seniors Isabel Sy, Sherilyn Villanueva, and Amy Kim, junior Kamille Dimayuga, and sophomores Gabby Kano and Hannah Ulibarri. The girls gathered information about the iconic Poppy Hills Golf Course as they played, measuring distances and making plans on what club to hit on each hole. But when they got to the course Tuesday it all changed. 15-25 MPH wind, intermittent sunshine, 60 degree temperatures (in other words - normal weather for mid-November). It became a day of survival, with all players in*

*the field struggling to make pars. As has been their pattern this post-season , the Warriors got behind early and by the half-way point things were starting to get out of control and the Palo Alto Team was getting out of touch. With only a few holes to go it was apparent that taking first was not going to happen, but the girls kept fighting. With Isabel and Sherilyn taking charge with birdies down the stretch they finished just ahead of Diamond Bar for 2nd place. And on the individual side of things, Sherilyn's round of even par earned her the title of the 2nd best girls golfer in the State of California! Both feats are amazing!*

*For Sherilyn and Isabel, their high school golf careers are over. But few people can say that they were in the State Finals all 4 years and finished no worse than 2nd place each year. It is no coincidence that they were in the center of things for their entire stay at Troy, as they helped put Troy Girls Golf on the State and National maps.*

*Thanks to everyone for your unbelievable support on this journey. It is truly A GREAT DAY TO BE A WARRIOR! "*

Troy Challenge Success update! Here is my weekly Challenge Success Parent Survey completion numbers update.

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## CHALLENGE SUCCESS

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In a super slight improvement on completion of our Parent Survey this week, the responses have increased from 418 parents to 441. Thank you to our 441 parents / guardians who have completed the survey. Only one week left and the time in the hourglass is definitely running out. This is your last chance to have your voice be heard as part of the parent peer group! Stanford has completed the analysis of the student surveys, and they will ultimately apply the data from parents to complete the study. More parents = more reliable data. The last day to complete the survey is November 30, 2019. ☺ The Troy High School Parent Survey Link: <http://bit.ly/2kuTHSps>

Without a doubt, everyone is aware of the Troy Tech tours we have been giving prospective parents and students for the past couple weeks. We have a few more Troy Tech events when we return in December. Also, our online registration for the Troy Tech / Honors placement examinations in January will begin by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnet for the hard work in scheduling and arranging the moving parts for these events to be highly organized and successful! Here is the specific additional information from Ms. Downum-Bonnet:

1. Online registration for the **Saturday testing on January 11, 18, or 25** will be available Dec 1 (possibly even later today) on the website [applicants.troyhigh.com](http://applicants.troyhigh.com)

2. Our final Troy Tech tour is the morning of **Tuesday, December 3**. We will visit the same classrooms as the previous tour dates.

3. We have a campus-wide event **Wednesday, December 4 from 3:30-4:30 pm**. Classrooms open, all departments represented, school clubs, information sessions in library, food sales, athletic practices, photo opportunities, Troy Tech giveaways, and more. Maps are available from NJROTC students at campus entrances and at [THIS LINK](#). **Visitors will be walking throughout the campus. Signs will mark participating rooms** (see list below). If I missed you - and you will be on campus at that time and want to open your room, please reply to me and I'll add you.

4. Friday morning **December 6** Ladera Vista 8th graders will visit Troy (North Gym) from 9-10:00 a.m.



In the Pacifica High School Drill Meet last Saturday, our NJROTC competed and were ready for the uniform inspection they knew would be taken very seriously. As always our team looked great and passed this portion of the competition with flying colors.

In Cyber Patriot cyber security news, the Troy teams and the middle school teams that train with Troy are performing well through the second round of Cyber Patriot competition held last Saturday and Sunday at Troy. Round three is on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Here is the cyber update from Cyber Defense Teacher and Coach extraordinaire, Mr. Allen Stubblefield:

*Cyber Competition Summary: #1 Nationally in both High School Divisions #4 in Middle School. Round 2 finished up last night with some fantastic results despite some rather frustrating computer issues. My apologies for those teams who we had to relocate on Sunday morning to another room, sometimes more than once. In the end, everyone got to compete.*

*#1 in Open: Our returning national champion team smoked Round 2 with a perfect score on their 3 images in only 1 hour and 6 minutes for the 6 hour round. Our other 45 Open teams*

*included 9 others in the top 100 out 2,500+ teams. ALL of our teams have shown they have learned a lot!*

*#1 in NJROTC: In what is sure to be a Troy dog fight in January for the semi-finals, Troy finished this weekend #1-4, 6, 8 & 9 amongst NJROTC teams, with all 15 teams in the top 50% of the 223 total.*

*#4 & #10 in Middle School: Beechwood's team of 8th graders shows what happens when a team works together for 3 years. Starting as 6th graders in 2017, they rocked Round 2 from 800+ teams. Cedar Lane of Hacienda Heights Team 1 was close behind in 10th place with a group of 2nd year competitors. Diamond Bar's new team finished 43rd. We had 18 middle school teams competing at Troy this weekend, with all but Cedar Lane practicing at Troy.*

*Official results due next week. Round 3 is Dec 7 & 8.*

*Go Cyber!*

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*2019 & 2018 CyberPatriot Nationals Champion and Runners-Up*

*2019 Girls Go Cyberstart Nationals Qualifier*

*2017 SANS Corp Cyber Security Difference Maker*

*2016 CyberPatriot Coach of the Year*

*2 favorite websites: [www.cyberseek.org](http://www.cyberseek.org) and*

*<https://threatmap.checkpoint.com/ThreatPortal/livemap.html>*

It is possible on December 5<sup>th</sup> we may have a unique event at Troy High School from about 12:30pm until 2:00pm. We are still working out some of the logistics, but it is looking highly probable (90%) the elite Army Ranger Parachute Team, the Black Daggers will be literally jumping from an airplane onto the Troy Soccer field about 12:30pm. Students are welcome to watch outside of the established perimeter and then will be able to speak with them if they would like. Around 12:50pm, the Blackhawk helicopter that will pick up the team and

take them back to their base will also land on the field and become a static display until they leave at 2:00pm. Once we know for sure, I will send out confirmation, hopefully no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here is a link to the Black Daggers.

<https://www.soc.mil/blackdaggers/blackdaggers.html>

During the summer, our Superintendent made the decision to produce professional videos of all FJUHSD schools in order to promote all the wonderful things our schools are doing and the opportunities for students in our district. These video productions turned out well and here is a link to the Troy video. Thank you to Dr. Scambray and Dr. Kaufman for spearheading the creation of this informative and promotional video!

<https://vimeo.com/368302225/c2d878d590>

Troy has built a reputation, especially since the inception of Troy Tech in 1986 of being an academically rigorous school, capable of providing many opportunities for the students that choose to come here. Along with our Troy Tech Magnet program, in 1986 we also brought in the International Baccalaureate program to give students an academically rigorous program with an International Diploma. Fast forward to 2019...Troy High School is internationally known as a school for outstanding academics in the classroom, but also in academic competitions such as our thirteen National Championships in Science Olympiad. Our students are attending college after graduation at a 99% rate, and they are prepared when they get to college as they persist and graduate, something that colleges and universities really love.

Due to the consistent success of our school, many schools not only in our district but in surrounding districts have made decisions to strengthen their academic programs not only for their current students, but to also keep from losing their future students to Troy. Not being a school to sit back and be reactive, we choose the proactive approach to better serve our students that are here as well as those that choose to come here in the future. To this end, after researching a new program beginning last November, the Troy Department Leaders decided to move forth with bringing the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma to Troy High School. Our decision was supported by our superintendent Dr. Scambray and Cabinet and we proceeded to move forward for approval of this program at Troy.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Keith Lucey the Senior Manager East North America and Dr. Nancy S. Potter, School Development Manager West North America for Cambridge Assessment International Education conducted a school visit to determine Troy's eligibility for the program. After their visit, both of them, FJUHS Superintendent, Dr. Scambray, FJUHS Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kaufman, and I, went to meet with Orange County Superintendent, Dr. Al Mijares to speak about bringing the Cambridge AICE Diploma program to Troy High School and allowing us to build the program. Both the Troy site Cambridge visit and the meeting with Dr. Mijares were a success, and I am happy to report beginning in the 2020-21 school year our students will be able take coursework towards earning the Cambridge AICE Diploma!

Do keep this in mind, no programs are leaving and we have added another option with Cambridge! If I had it to do it over again, I would not go to Arcadia High School, but I would come here. Between AP, IB, AVID, Cyber, Troy Tech and the Internships, Athletics, Drama, Music, Art, Computer Science, and NJROTC I would be here for sure!

With the addition of Cambridge, not only will our students be able to earn the Cambridge AICE International Diploma, but we are able to weave the content into many of the higher level AP and IB courses we currently offer. It takes outstanding teachers to be able to do this, and we have them. They are organizing the coursework in this manner so students do not test until the second year when they will take what is known as the "A Level" examination. We have especially chosen the "A Level" examinations as the route Troy students will use to achieve the AICE Diploma as colleges and universities treat these courses as "higher level" when determining college credit and there is added benefit. Cambridge "A Level" examinations actually predate Advanced Placement (AP) by four years beginning in 1951 and are as well known by colleges and universities worldwide as AP and IB.

Another benefit, for our students is they can begin the AICE coursework as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade, rather than having to wait until 11<sup>th</sup> grade, which will help them spread out the rigor of the International Diploma curriculum. Additionally, this premise goes hand in hand with some of our efforts in teaming up with the Stanford University *Challenge Success* program this year.

I have attached a link to the Cambridge AICE Diploma page if you wish to search for more information. Warning, there is a lot of information here, likely to result in more questions. That is ok. Feel free to email me and I will answer the questions as they come. ☺





# Cambridge Assessment International Education

## Cambridge International School

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-aice-diploma/>



Wednesday, was another successful day for Troy students involved in an economics competition at Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Los Angeles branch. The students and their teacher AP Economics teacher, Mr. David St. Clair boarded the train in Fullerton and took it to Grand Central Station. Mr. St. Clair has long well prepared his students to take on other schools in these federally sponsored economic challenges. I am unsure how much money our students have earned over the years, but they tend to do very well. Congratulations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish! Great job, Warriors!



In an event that very much embodies the spirit of Thanksgiving, last night our AVID students along with AVID Coordinator, Ms. Tiffany Robinson helped serve Thanksgiving dinner at Commonwealth Elementary to students in the Boys and Girls club. This is an annual event and another nice way to be part of the wonderful community here in Fullerton! Thank you AVID students for being who you are! Awesome.

My Thanksgiving wish is that everyone will have a restful, peaceful, and rejuvenating Thanksgiving Day and vacation. Additional best wishes to the Thanksgiving chef—there is a lot of pressure on him or her. Help out in the kitchen! ☺ Enjoy the break, be safe, and I will see everyone back here on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at our regular school start time.

Luna is ready to go! *“Over the mountains and through the woods, off to grandmother’s house we go!”* I don’t know if we will see snow at the beginning or end of vacation, but I predict there will be some of the cold fluffy water crystals in our future next week. Weirdly, for a dog with almost no fur coat, she does not mind the snow. Of course to be properly prepared

she has to be suited up as pictured to the right. There are also snow booties, but that is a struggle...Enjoy Thanksgiving Vacation!



W.V. Mynster



*Light dusting of snow at Lake George in Mammoth Lakes a couple of years ago.*