



December 2, 2016

Here we go! Next week is the final week of instruction before finals! Then, the fall semester is over and we begin the back half of the 2016-17 school year. Students, use this last week before finals to get all assignments turned in, questions answered, finals study groups formed, and be rested and ready to go on December 13th! That will be a good day, and at least it is not Friday the 13th. ©

Thank you to all the teachers that were part of the after school Troy Tech Classroom visitation on Wednesday. It was nice to give prospective students and their parents a more in depth look at some of our classes. Every department was represented and our visitors received a good look at some of what happens inside our classrooms and on our fields! A special thank you goes to our Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum for creating the schedule and detailed map for this event. It made it much easier for prospective students and their parents to quickly navigate our school and visit the classes within the Troy Tech pathways they initially found to be most interesting. However, I would also like to point out that as I visited with parents and potential students, many of them found their way into other pathways! It was a great day!

If you are one of the students in our new AP Computer Science Principles, there is a new resource for you if you need extra help! Lunchtime Academic Tutoring is now available for students on Tuesdays in Room 407 with Mr. Grack and in Room 1001 with Mr. Stubblefield on Thursdays! As this is a new class in the AP catalog for everyone worldwide this year, I am sure the opportunity to have additional time with our teachers will be very beneficial for our students!



While we were on Thanksgiving Break, the floor in our North Gym was cleaned and refinished. As you can see there is a very high shine to the floor with the lights reflecting quite brightly off the surface. I am sure our dancers seen stretching on the floor, as well as our basketball teams very much appreciate this newly refinished surface! Thank you to M & O for another job well done!

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday our AVID 3 classes have been having "Career Week" for our students. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn from professionals that have given their time to come by our junior level classes and share about some of their career choices and previous work or school related experiences. We have been fortunate to have had lawyers, civil and aerospace engineers, police, scientists, and a pediatric nurse all speak with our students! Thank you to all of these professionals for sharing their experiences, and thank you to our AVID Coordinator, Ms. Tiffany Robinson for arranging this valuable career exploration opportunity for our AVID 11th graders!



On Wednesday and Thursday our Symphony of Troy performed their "Home for the Holidays" Winter Concert. Led by Director, Mr. Joseph Castillo, our students performed various holiday songs, some of which is very well known and just as well performed by Troy's musicians! It was a wonderful evening and with our cool fall/winter temperatures they definitely captured the holiday spirit in their performances! Great job Warriors! Also, thank you for doing a great job protecting our newly resurfaced gym floor with the cover!

For those of us that cannot get enough holiday music, our Choir is having their Winter Concert next week. Led by Director, Mr. Mark Henson, they will be fantastic! The show is next Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts building. Every year this show is a huge hit and it is a one night only production, so don't miss out if you want to see and hear our choir sing holiday music this year!

Not only is next week the last week before finals begin, it is also Spirit Week, concluding with the Elf Dance Rally on Friday! Monday is warm blanket day, Tuesday is favorite holiday hat day, Wednesday is fuzzy socks and slippers day, Thursday is ugly holiday sweater day, and Friday is pajama day for the Elf Dance Rally! Too much fun for one week!



Pool construction continues according to plan. Yesterday the construction workers began removing the bottom of the pool, so we are getting closer to the deconstruction phase ending and the reconstruction phase beginning! It is wonderful seeing this project progress and knowing how fantastic the finished project will be for our students, school, and community! Project completion is anticipated for summer 2017 and we are on track! Great job to M & O and thank you very much!

It is the weekend and it is that time of year for holiday parties and events. Please be very aware of travelling safely to and from holiday events. It is my holiday hope everyone will have the opportunity to share the spirit of the season with family and friends. As always have a great weekend, and take some time to rest and relax. Don't forget this Monday, December 5, 2017 is a late start day on our calendar! I look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday morning!