



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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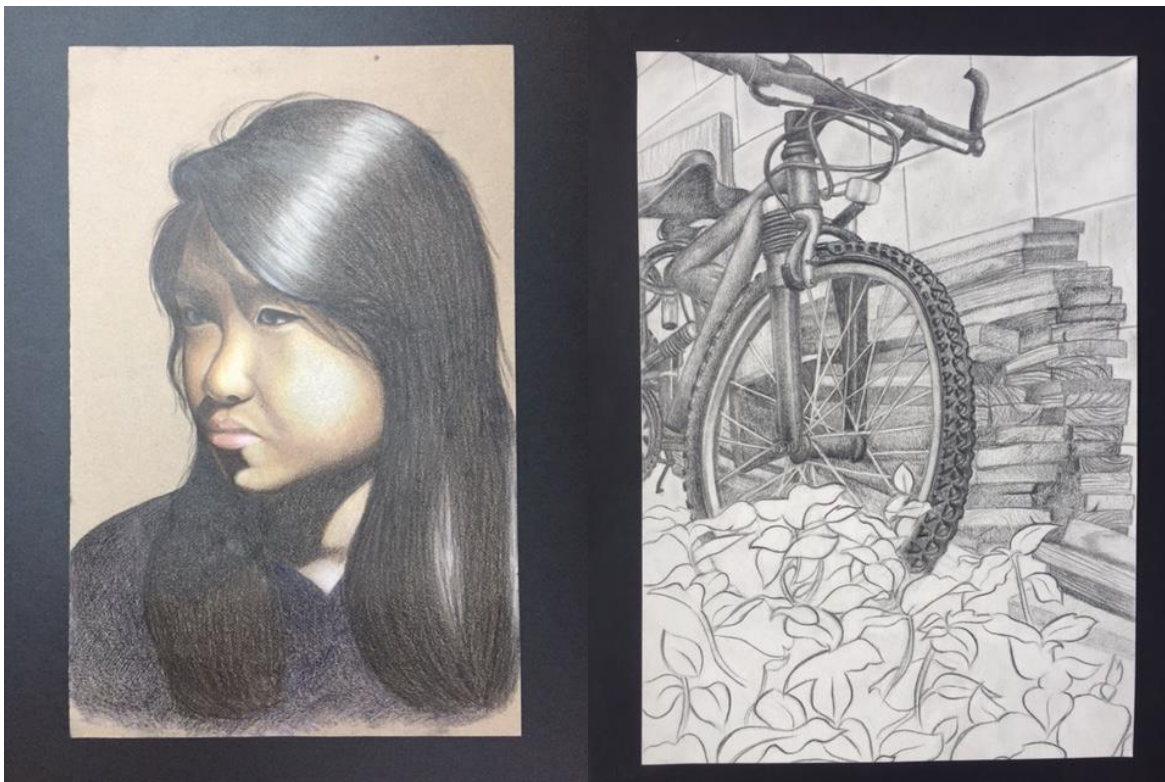
We are back from Thanksgiving Break! Hopefully, we all received some much needed rest for our sprint to the end of the semester on December 21<sup>st</sup> for students. There is a lot going on for all of us, so time management and being able to prioritize tasks are going to be the keys to success! Students, keep the pedal to the floor for until December 22<sup>nd</sup>! Troy staff members, and parents...we will do the same. ☺ There is sooooo much going on...



On Monday night, FJUHSd had a rare Monday Board of Trustees meeting. At the recognition / commendation part of the meeting, the organization affectionately known as F.L.O.C.K. (Fullerton's Love of Orange County Kids) were presented with certificates of

appreciation from our Board and Superintendent. This group is a non-profit that gives to students in need throughout our region. They have provided all sorts of things for students that would otherwise do without, or with significantly less. Shoes, meals, Prom tickets, dresses and makeup, bikes, prescription eyeglasses, school supplies, laptops, mattresses...these are just scratching the surface of what this organization has done for kids. Yes, that is our own Athletic Director, Mike Silzer in the picture with the group. ☺

We have seen many examples of student artwork that is displayed throughout our school. Some has been up for awhile and some other pieces are rotated through during different times of the year. Troy art teachers, Mike Thomas and Christian Nguyen work with some very talented students, and the work produced is nothing short of amazing! Currently, some of their work



is on display at the Muckenthaler Center, on Chapman Ave. All FJUHS D schools are in the show, and Troy students have won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the painting category!

Speaking of creative students, Troy's PTSA recognized nine students in the national PTA Reflections art program in several categories (Literature, Film Production, Music Composition, & Visual Arts) with the theme, *Within Reach*. Fullerton Council PTA submitted twenty-one

entries from Troy and four students took 1<sup>st</sup> place, three 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and two 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will move forward to state competition.



#### Literature

1st place: Shannon White  
2nd place: Aishwarya Sitaraman  
3rd place: Alison Cover

#### Film production

1st place: Julianna Sabile  
2nd place: Phoebe Um

#### Music composition

1st place: Austin Chen

#### Visual arts

1st place: Tiffany Kao  
2nd place: Daniella Kim  
3rd place: Miseok Kim

Winter sports are here! This has been a busy week as our winter sports have fully started their seasons! Boys' and Girls' basketball have been in tournaments, and Girls' and Boys' Soccer are in non-league play as are the Girls' Water Polo teams! All of our teams are off to a great start to their seasons! Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys' Soccer teams this week for



big wins! This picture is of our Boys' team after winning their season opener at South Hills in Covina by a score of 3-0! This afternoon, Boys' Soccer is playing vs. El Modena High School at home! I think it will be a great game!



On Friday afternoon before we left for Thanksgiving Break, our Superintendent, Dr. Scott Scambray put out a district memo announcing Mr. Lance Bletscher as Troy's new Assistant Principal of Instruction and Operations (APIO). Many of us know Lance, having worked with him for a couple of years prior to his promotion to the APPS (Assistant Principal of Pupil Services) at Buena Park High School a year and a half ago. Mr. Bletscher is highly talented, and will be a wonderful re-addition to our team at Troy! I enjoyed working with him in the past, and I know he will bring his energy and knowledge to his new APIO position. He has to pick up where both Dr. Sonje Berg, and Ms. Laura Rubio left off when they handed him the baton. I know Lance is up to this challenge, with his impact being continual improvements in opportunities and outcomes for our students, staff, and our school. Welcome back Lance!

Every so often I will receive information from parents that are a joy to share! Troy senior, Sharleen Loh was mentioned on November 15, 2017 in the *Orange County Register* for some of her achievements while in school—or perhaps well beyond what she does in high school. In Sharleen's case, she was already on my radar for some of the extraordinary achievements in which she has been involved prior to this year. When her Mom sent me some links to the recent article in the *Register* along with some other information, I was again amazed at her capabilities

knowing that they clearly eclipse my own... Congratulations to Sharleen's Loh! We are tremendously proud of her! Here is some of the recent news coverage that was shared by Mom!

<http://www.ocregister.com/2017/11/15/placentia-teen-creates-nonprofit-to-get-younger-kids-interested-in-sciences-and-math>

<https://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/responsible-living/blogs/meet-20-kids-who-are-changing-world>

<http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-stories/girl-scouts/NYWOD/sharleen-l-revolutionizes-stem-education-in-southern-california.html#podium>

[http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/en/gsoc/news/2017/placentia\\_girl\\_scout.html](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/en/gsoc/news/2017/placentia_girl_scout.html)

In Troy Mathematics News, AP Mathematics Teacher Mr. Paul Rodriguez reported that Troy's Math Team entered a competition through Mathleague on November 18th and took first place in the team competition. Students that represented and drove our team to the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place were:

12th grade: 1st place, Matthew Kim

11th grade: 2nd place, Jerry Li; 3rd place, Sanat Mishra; 4th place, Ayush Nabar;

5th place, Megan Yang

10th grade: 1st place, Darren Chen

Mr. Rodriguez wrote, *"I believe most of our team that attended qualified for State Mathleague."*

I asked Mr. Rodriguez for a little more information on Mathleague as we are looking into hosting a tournament at Troy. Here is the information from their website. *"mathleague.org sponsors a series of high school math contests each year to determine the individual and team state champions in several states, as well as national champions. Local qualifying tournaments are held throughout the school year at various sites in these states. Within space limitations at each site, schools may attend any or all of these tournaments in an attempt to qualify for the state meet. Each event has a cutoff score, and all students and teams attaining the cutoff score will be invited to compete at the state championship, provided their schools are members of mathleague.org and located in a state where mathleague.org holds a championship. State meets will be held in April; details will be emailed by early April to all schools with qualifying students."* This will be an exciting opportunity at Troy High School if we are able to host this tournament! Go Warriors!



This week Troy students under the watchful eye of AP Economics instructor, Mr. David St. Clair students demonstrated their economic and financial literacy. This is Mr. St. Clair's commentary on the day. *"Congratulations to Troy High seniors who competed in the Financial Advisors Contest Wednesday at the Federal Reserve Bank in Los Angeles. Teams were required to create portfolios and give financial advice to fictitious clients. Both Troy teams did extremely well. The team of Hayley Amo, Annette Ketsiri, Stephen Nguyen, and Alisha Sehgal finished fourth. While the team of Ahmed Abdalla, Patrick Cai, Timothy Lee, and Alexander Tsao finished second. Each member of the 2nd place team received \$250! (Mr St Clair did as well!) Great job Warriors!"*

Over Thanksgiving Break I was notified that the SANS Institute has chosen to recognize our own Cyber Defense Instructor, Mr. Allen Stubblefield! *"On Friday, December 15, at the SANS Cyber Defense Initiative (CDI) conference in Washington, DC, SANS will honor you as one of the most dedicated and innovative Difference Makers in cyber security in 2017. Please visit <https://www.sans.org/cyber-innovation-awards> for information on the award and lists of past winners."* Not knowing who SANS Institute is, I looked up and found this information on their organization.

*“The SANS Institute was established in 1989 as a cooperative research and education organization. SANS is the most trusted and, by far, the largest provider of cyber security training and certification to professionals at governments and commercial institutions world-wide. Renowned SANS instructors teach over 50 different courses at more than 200 live cyber security training events as well as online. GIAC, an affiliate of the SANS Institute, validates employee qualifications via 30 hands-on, technical certifications in information security. The SANS Technology Institute, a regionally accredited independent subsidiary, offers master's degrees in cyber security. SANS offers a myriad of free resources to the InfoSec community including consensus projects, research reports, and newsletters; it also operates the Internet's early warning system--the Internet Storm Center. At the heart of SANS are the many security practitioners, representing varied global organizations from corporations to universities, working together to help the entire information security community. (<https://www.sans.org>).”*

Congratulations to Allen Stubblefield on this recognition and for helping train the cyber security defenders of the future!



On Wednesday, Troy 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Imani Musembi was honored with a National Award from Girls Inc. Imani received the Strong, Smart, and Bold Young Woman Award for 2017. She was chosen from 1000 nominees across the nation based upon her performance with Girls



Inc. over the summer in STEM academic content, financial literacy, sound body image, healthy relationships, and college and career readiness! Great job Imani! We are proud to have you as a Troy Warrior!



Speaking of girls' involved in STEM activities here is a picture sent to me from Engineering Teacher, Mr. Kent Goodman with the subtitle "Girls Rule, Boys Drool!" Fact of the matter, at Troy High School our girls are heavily involved in all of our STEM courses and in engineering! They are every bit the equal of the boys. Great job, ladies!

It is the first day and weekend of December! It is finally starting to feel a little bit like winter, although we still have the best weather in the country. We are fortunate to be able to live in Southern California. It is the Holiday Season! However you spend your weekend, I hope everyone is able to slow down just a bit and take in the needed rest. There will be plenty of other things to occupy all of us, homework, grading, holiday decorating, baking, holiday parties, shopping...this list goes on and on. Whatever you do, have a fun and safe weekend! Be especially careful putting up decorations and driving! I will see everyone back here on Monday, and don't forget we have a late-start!



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