TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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It has been a very, very, busy week as we approach the end of the first semester. Students are busy with presentations, projects, and preparing for finals. On top of all that are the holiday events of which many of us are involved to varying degrees. One holiday event is the Elf Dance, for which seniors practice for a month during lunch. This dance is the highlight of the Elf Rally, and pinnacle of holiday spirit at Troy. It is hard to describe this event, other than to say, only at Troy. \odot I have included a couple of pictures from last year!



Our School Board held their December meeting this past Tuesday and it was the first meeting in which our two newly elected Board Members attended and were sworn in to their new district positions. Congratulations to new Board Members, Ms. Lauren Klatzker and Dr. Chester Jeng! Additionally, our Board of Trustees changes roles once a year and our Board President switched from Ms. Marilyn Buchi to new President, Ms. Joanne Fawley. Additionally, Mr. Andy Montoya is now our Board Clerk. Congratulations, on these new roles as well! Our

District School Board of Trustee meetings address district business, but they also recognize the contributions of staff members and students.



In attendance at Tuesday's meeting, our California State Championship Girls' Golf team was recognized by our Board for their achievement! Congratulations once again to our team and their coach on this first State golf championship in Troy history!



In the winter sports season, we are entering Freeway League play! Already wrestling has been in league, winning yesterday over Buena Park 60-18! Tonight basketball begins league! Our Boys' Basketball team had a big win earlier this week 62-54 over Aliso Niguel High School, and tonight will play Sonora High School. It will be a good game! Additionally, our Girls' Basketball will also be playing Sonora High School. It will also be a good game. These games are at home tonight! Our Girls' Water Polo team beat Sonora yesterday in a high scoring game, 17-8 for a good start in league! Our Boys' Soccer and Girls' Soccer teams are both rolling along nicely. Additionally, our Boys' Soccer had a 1-0 and 6-0 wins this week. Yesterday, our Girls' Soccer kicked off league against Sonora and won 4-0! It is a wonderful to have large crowds to watch our athletes perform. I have the opportunity to see all of our teams, and while I don't see every game or match, I do see them progress throughout the season and from year to year. To be

a good athlete takes dedication, physical skill, talent, and good coaching/game plans. Sometimes when all of these come together, you get some fantastic athletic competition and performances. This is what our coaches and athletes do at Troy High School! Go Warriors!



We want **YOU** to come out and support Troy Athletics!!!



Tomorrow is the *Overwatch* High School Scholastic Tournament Top 4 Live Finals! The tournament will be held at the University of California, Irvine in their new Esports Arena. In the first match we will play La Quinta High School and if we defeat them we then play the winner of the Westview/Fountain Valley match! The tournament will be streamed live on the official NASEF Twitch Channel beginning at 10:00am. If you cannot make it to UCI, tune in to the streamed broadcast!

Go Warriors!

Each year PTA at the local, state & national level holds a contest called Reflections. School and local PTA groups select student works submitted in various categories such as Dance, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Troy PTSA President, Ms. Tracy Wang wrote the following description of the Reflections program and Troy student recognitions.

On 12/11/2018, Troy PTSA honored 17 students who participated in the National PTA Reflections art program to interpret the 2018-2019 theme: Heroes Around Me. Troy PTSA received 20 artworks in 5 of 6 categories and submitted to Fullerton Council of PTAs the top 2 artworks for each category. Our students competed well at the Council level: 2 students won 1st place; 2 students won 2nd place; and 3 students won 3rd place. The 1st place winners are moved forward to be judged by the 4th District PTA and may have a chance to compete at the state level. Great work and congratulations to all!

<u>Dance Choreography</u> 2nd place: Emery Park

Literature

1st place: Aishwarya Sitaraman 3rd place: Micaela Mantinola

Music Composition
2nd place: Clement Chen
3rd place: Makena Williams

Visual Arts

1st Place: Kerrilyn Olimberio

3rd place: Nicole Wang

Troy students' Aishwarya Sitaraman and Kerrilyn Olimberio's work have both moved forward for consideration by 4th District PTA for California State level competition. Ms. Olimberio's artwork of Mother and Child, will be displayed at the Fourth District Reflections Art Gallery on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 1-4pm at the Orange County Department of Education.



In other student recognition news, I am pleased to announce we have a Coca-Cola Scholar Semifinalist! Over 200,000 students submit applications and only 1,900 are named to the Semifinalist list. Troy senior, Michael Zhu is a Semifinalist and he is an exceptional student and a worthy representative of our school to be in the running for this \$20,000 scholarship. Good luck, Michael!



On Wednesday, our NJROTC travelled down to San Diego to tour the USS America, but also were able to hear and meet with Dr. Karen Haynes, President of Cal State San Marcos! This weekend another of our NJROTC teams will be participating in a qualifying Brain Brawl competition and our Orienteering team will be up at Red Rock Canyon, for a competition as well! It is going to be a great weekend to be out and about so best of luck to our Warriors!



I will never say our Mathematics department do not think of creative ways to celebrate the holidays. About a month ago, Troy mathematics teacher Ms. Kasey Grant approached everyone in the main office and asked if she could take our picture for a mathematics project for her class. She promised to show us the finished product. Here it is. Everyone in the front office

has a pair of red socks with our face plastered all over them. There was no mathematics project... My wife kept laughing for about five minutes. © Thank you Troy Mathematics!

Each year students having been accepted and attending Stanford University have the opportunity to recognize the teachers they appreciate and who have made a difference in their lives. Troy 2018 graduates, Ahmed Ibrahim Abdalla, and Lydia Chan selected Troy Science Teachers, Ms. Nga Ngo and Mr. Kurt Wahl for this honor! Please read the students' statements.





If the sunrise this morning was any indication, it is going to be a glorious weekend! We are also still technically in the fall season, so I will have some leaves needing to be raked after my dog Luna finishes rolling around in them. This is the time of year the tree in my backyard looks the best. Luna, she looks good all the time. © Have a wonderful weekend and I will see everyone back here next week for Finals and the end of the semester!

Happy Holidays!

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