



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



December 15, 2017

Today is the Elf Dance! I need say no more. As is the tradition at Troy, our seniors have practiced diligently for this annual celebration of the holiday season. It should be a fun dance performance and a great rally! We know how to have fun at Troy, and we know how to study. Speaking of studying, with Finals next week I know what students will be doing this weekend.

Last Friday night, our Troy Choirs directed by Mr. Mark Henson gave their annual Holiday Concert. They sang to a full house and they did not disappoint, with the event beginning with carolers outside the Performing Arts, and the music continuing shortly thereafter inside. The music was exceptional and it is clear more of our students have realized how amazing our choirs have become! In addition to this holiday performance, our choirs have also been singing in targeted classrooms this week with their Holiday grams. ☺



I know I have written about our NJROTC program / Troy Tech Leadership pathway numerous times. Most of us see only a small snippet of what they do when we see them perform

in a rally, color guard, uniform day, or we see them at the gates for a football game. However, in their leadership role they embody many of the various interests both athletic and academic that make up our school. In the past few weeks, NJROTC has been involved in Orienteering in Red Rock Canyon in which they must read maps, and compete a challenging course, all while running and obtaining a team score. It is not an easy event, but our team is good and gets better



every year! NJROTC drill teams were also up in Lemoore last weekend on a one day turnaround trip, leaving early Saturday morning and returning Saturday evening. Our unarmed drill team and armed drill teams all performed and were exceptional! In the NJROTC squad bay room



there is a table at the front of the room with the trophies that have been won during the year. As can be seen in the following pictures, Lemoore was a successful trip with numerous trophies added to the table! Team Black placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and Team Red took a close 2<sup>nd</sup>! Great job



performing at a high level on a quick trip! The academic teams are not left behind either. Troy hosted a Brain Brawl Academic Competition on December 9<sup>th</sup> and currently our academic team



has advanced to Level II of the 2017-18 JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl! Also last weekend our NJROTC CyberPatriot teams competed in Round 2 and out of over 1000 teams competing nationally Troy NJROTC holds six of the top ten spots! An additional function



provided to our community is our Color Guard. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, NJROTC presented the colors at the Manufactured Housing Educational Trust breakfast. It was a large gathering that included virtually every city mayor in Orange County. Congratulations to our NJROTC, the cadets, Commander Lauper, Chief Fernandez, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Barnes and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Lyon for their examples of immense dedication and tireless work ethic. They represent our country and our school everywhere they compete, perform community service, and show the colors. Last but not least, Commander Lauper through his Navy contacts has arranged for some very unique experiences for our cadets. On a recent weekend, our students were able to go up the coast onboard an Air Force Globmaster C17A. This is a huge aircraft and I included a couple pictures from that experience!



In other CyberPatriot competition news, CyberPatriot Coach of the Year, Mr. Stubblefield, reported these results for Round 2 competition, held at Troy last weekend.

*“Four high school teams in the top 50 nationally out of over 1,900 teams!”*

- Tied for 10th == Jared Flores (12), Khoa Nguyen (12), Jay Kang (12), Jino Sirivatanarat (11), Jennifer Ho (10), Kanin Liang (10)
- Listed 28th == Ahmed Abdalla (12), Jarred Allen (12), Christo Bakis (12), Jonathan Chen (12), Steven Fosmark (12), Brandon Tetley (12)
- 33rd == Raymond Hua (11), Mark Lee (11), Brandon Liang (11), Tim Zhuang (11), Benjamni Liu (10), Rahil Shah (10)
- 49th == Vince Dihn (11), Eimon Erfanfar (11), Ying Lin (11), Joshua Luna (11), Tanmay Singal (11), Alex Swanson (11).

*Not to be outdone, Troy NJROTC holds 6 of the top 10 spots NATIONALLY out of over 1,000 teams!!!!*

- 1st == Johanna Liang (11), Alicia Wang (11), Anya Garg (10), Clement Chen (10), Jimmy Li (10), Joseph Xu (10)
- 3rd == Brandon Shin (12), Silas Shen (12), Ha Young Kong (12), David Lee (11), Charissa Kim (10), Nichole Wong (10)
- 5th == Roy Choi (10), Irfan Iqbal (10), Justin Lee (10), Christopher Li (10), Andrew Na (10), Andy Tran (10)
- 6th == Cassidy Chang (9), Evan Deters (9), Safe Gergis (9), Tyler Kim (9), Jun Young Shim (9), Soo Min Son (9) = 3rd year working together after starting in 7th grade at Ladera Vista
- 8th == Richard Shin (12), Mitch Radvansky (11), David Chang (10), Patrick Florendo (10), Gabriel Fok (10), Brendon Won (10)
- 10 == Terry Zhang (11), Zhiar'a-nais Abegunde (10), Charles Cheng (10), Jessica Leung (10), Esther Park (10), Catherine Wang (10)

***“Also, the top two Ladera Vista middle school teams are #3 and #22 nationally! Go Troy Cyber!”***

On Tuesday, the Fullerton PTA from the Fullerton School District that encompasses many of the feeder middle schools for FJUHS held their first ever PTA Guide to Open Enrollment event. This opportunity for middle school parents to learn more about all our high schools took place from 6-8pm at Ladera Vista Middle School on Monday night. It was a wonderful opportunity for our local kids to learn more about our schools and our specific Open

House dates so they will be able to make the best informed decision as to which of our wonderful FJUHSD schools they would like to attend. Our Troy PTSA parents represented Troy High School and did a very fine job spreading the word about Troy and our programs!

Earlier this week on Tuesday, a number of students in our ROP Principles of Teaching and Learning course, taught by Ms. Amy Jensen received a \$500 scholarship from Cultivating Teacher Leaders for their volunteering after-school at Raymond Elementary School. Ms. Jensen informed me that these students started and oversaw afterschool clubs on Fridays where they implemented the lessons and were in charge of the students for 45 minutes under Ms. Jensen's supervision. Students, Samantha Cabrera, Jackie Rodriguez, Hallie Haberland, Katie Castro and Nayelie Torres received the award and all will be great teachers in the future!



In construction news, our South Gym is well underway with the renovations. It is going



well and will give us a peek into what our North Gym will look like once it has been completed! Thank you to everyone that has made this possible!





On Tuesday at the FJUHSD Board of Trustees meeting for December, a few of our students and teachers were recognized for their achievements. First a couple fantastic Computer Science students and their teacher, Mr. Brian Eager were recognized by our Superintendent and the Board for Computer Science week. They were followed by recognition for our Girls' Golf team and their coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill for having another wonderful season and again finishing as CIF champions and taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State competition for 2017! Congratulations Warriors!



Here is a fantastic way to begin the weekend! 7:00pm our instrumental music groups will perform their Winter Fantasy Holiday Concert! These groups sound wonderful and it is like listening to a recording in your car on the drive home or to the mall. ☺ Come out and hear these instrumental groups, you will not be disappointed!

On Saturday, Troy will host one of the first high school events of its kind in Orange County when we host the Youth Esports of America Winter Festival in the North Gym. This festival will serve to bring together a massive high school community and the main event is eight high school teams in a live tournament for the Esports game *League of Legends*. In addition to the competition, there will be students showcasing their art, sponsors, and a community corner. Food trucks and other vendors will also be available, with 10% of all sales donated to charity. The event runs from 10am to 6:00pm and should be a very fun and unique experience for everyone! Thank you to Troy Guidance Tech Carlos Aldaco, Site Tech Jonathan Hill, Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Williams, Director of Technology Carl Samantello, District Tech John Mara, and everyone else for making this event possible! This is only the beginning, as the Orange County Office of Education is also on board and we are joining them in the creation of a county wide Esports League! Who knew Esports could also be a spectator sport? Go Warriors!



Yesterday, our Theatre Ensemble and our students in our Special Education program held their annual Holiday Performance. The students re-enacted humorous tales at a Holiday family party and set the performance to holiday music. The various songs were accompanied with dance routines and then ultimately the final curtain call routine which could pretty much be described as pure joy. It was awesome to see! Thank you to teachers Ms. Jenny Redmond, Mr. Joe Hufferd, and all the students for creating such a wonderful tradition of love at Troy.

It is another Holiday Weekend! Hanukkah began on Tuesday night, we have another weekend of holiday events throughout the southland, and then after Finals Week only a couple of days remain until it is Christmas! I think we will all begin to slow down ever so slightly on

December 27<sup>th</sup>, just in time to get ready for the New Year! Have a wonderful weekend and I hope everyone has some time to spend times with loved ones, and enjoy the holiday season. Have fun, be safe, and I will see everyone back here bright and early on Monday morning!

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Happy Holidays!