



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



December 15, 2023

Warriors, we are almost done with the first half of the year. Final Exams are next week beginning on Tuesday. BTW, please be aware that during finals with everyone arriving on campus at the same times the parking lots during drop offs and pick up times will be impacted and more crowded than normal. Think beginning of school type traffic jams so give yourself some extra time. Also, at this point every student should be academically ready and prepared to finish the semester strong!

Today is also an exciting day with our much-anticipated Holiday Rally put on by our ASB and concluding with the famous Elf Dance! For many of us this is the rally of the year, the one that nobody wants to miss. If you are not an alum, student, or staff member, the Elf Dance is difficult to comprehend as it is one of the strangest, yet most fun rallies imaginable. Here is my version in a Wikipedia type synopsis. Our seniors dress up in costumes, mostly as Elves, and perform a choreographed dance ending in moving human tunnels which they run through while the music being played is *Run, Run, Rudolph*, by Bruce Springsteen. It all makes perfect

sense...it is unforgettable and a truly great time for everyone and does make for a great start to another weekend during this Holiday Season!

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| <u>Early Release / Final Exams</u> | |
| <i>Day One - 12/19/23 & 5/28/24</i> | |
| Period 0 | 7:28-9:28 |
| Break | 9:28-9:38 |
| Period 1 | 9:43-11:43 |
| Break | 11:43-11:53 |
| Period 6 | 11:58-1:58 |
| <i>Day Two - 12/20/23 & 5/29/24</i> | |
| Period 2 | 8:30-10:30 |
| Break | 10:30-10:40 |
| Period 3 | 10:45-12:45 |
| <i>Day Three - 12/21/23 & 5/30/24</i> | |
| Period 4 | 8:30-10:30 |
| Break | 10:30-10:40 |
| Period 5 | 10:45-12:45 |

Mental Health Resources:

FJUHSD Virtual Calming Room: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

FJUHSD Mental Health Resources: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1476>

OC Support and Crisis Resources: <https://www.namioc.org/help-support-overview>

We love Troy High School! It is also rewarding to see when other entities that rank schools also agree, and reward the hard work of our Students, Teachers, Parents, Counselors, Staff, FJUHSD Board and Administrators! Thank you, Warrior Family!



www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/districts/fullerton-joint-union-high/troy-high-school-2247.

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Troy Central Tutoring



Monday - Friday

- Math
- Biology
- World History
- English
- Spanish

Location

Library

Hours

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact

igarcia@fjuhsd.org

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
-Theodore Roosevelt



PTC IS LOOKING FOR TUTORS!

2023-2024



Google Classroom Code: e3s2iyx

Peer Tutoring Club

Get volunteer hours by tutoring other peers in your favorite subjects! Hours are usable for NHS.

Contact Info.

Contact any of our board members (Reagan Hsu, Adriana Zhou, Alexander Lee, Seohyun Yoon, Serena You) or reaganhsu123@gmail.com for questions.

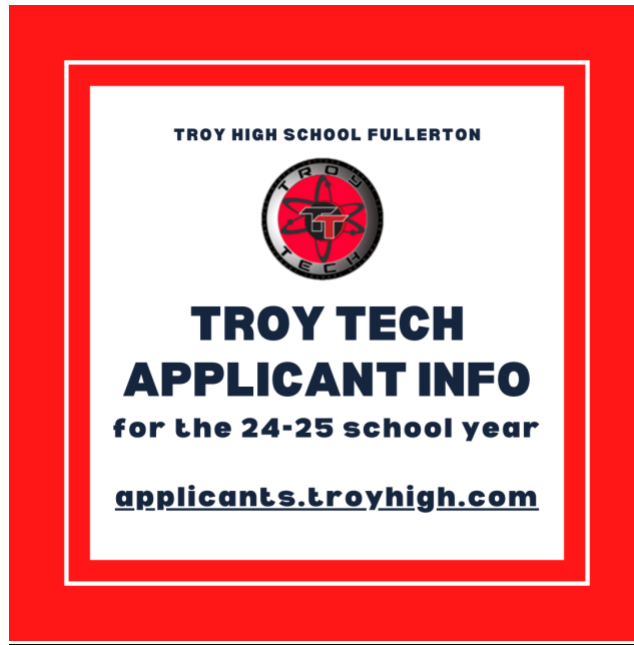


Room 318

JOIN US NOW!



We are in the process of recruiting for our Freshmen Class for 2024-25! For students currently in the 8th grade, our Troy Technology Magnet Program application is now live and available!



See applicants.troyhigh.com for more information. The detailed updated flyer can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oysgwgU-1HW6bcQJW5QOyHTNJCWJLs-y/view?usp=drive_link

Students! We have already held one session, please sign up for the next one on Naviance!

Troy Parents, here is some important information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from our Counselors and Administrative Teams!

Dear Troy High School Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to provide you with information on state legislation, AB 469. The legislation requires **all California seniors to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA)**, and FJUHSD is required to confirm the submission of either application per California Ed Code Section 51225.7. This requirement expands financial aid opportunities for students who may not have the resources to attend a two-year community college or a four-year college or university. **The next steps in this process are as follows:**

If your student is a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, they complete the FAFSA

- The FAFSA opens in December 2023 and has a priority closing deadline of April 2, 2024.

- You and your child must create an FSA ID. Your FSA ID is a digital signature used to sign the

FAFSA application. *Create your FSA ID now at:*

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

- For informational videos, access their YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FederalStudentAid/featured>

If your student is undocumented, has or does not have DACA, has Temporary Protected Status or is a U Visa holder, they complete the CADAA

- The CADAA opens in December 2023 and has a priority closing deadline of April 2, 2024.
- The CADAA application as well as resources may be found here:

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

- The CADAA allows students to apply for state financial aid

The School Counseling Department will be hosting financial aid workshops to help senior students complete either application. Keep an eye on emails regarding these events. If you wish to opt out of completing either financial aid form, have your student see their school counselor during drop-in times for an opt-out form. Please note, opting out means your student will not receive potential federal or state student aid.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important part of your child's senior year.
Sincerely,

Troy High School Administration & School Counseling Department



Warriors, this is the QR code for all the FJUHSD social media. There are many, many, awesome events, activities, athletics, and recognitions happening in FJUHSD and Troy High School! Additionally, for even more information for the happenings in FJUHSD here is the link to the Superintendent's December FJUHSD newsletter. This is a great source for the global FJUHSD insight, news, and events! <https://conta.cc/3uJITLU>



Last Friday night our Troy Choirs put on two fantastic Holiday concerts! There is another opportunity for Holiday music if you missed out last Friday. Tonight in the North Gym, our

Troy High School Instrumental Music Program
Presents
The Christmas Waltz
featuring
The Symphony of Troy
Apollo's Strings
Warrior Jazz
Guitar Studio
Warrior Band and Guard

Friday, December 15th at 7 pm
Troy High School
North Gym
Admission \$5
FREE to 8th graders and Younger

Instrumental Music Program will have their annual Holiday Concert and they are outstanding. If you need a boost of holiday cheer this is going to be the place to be!

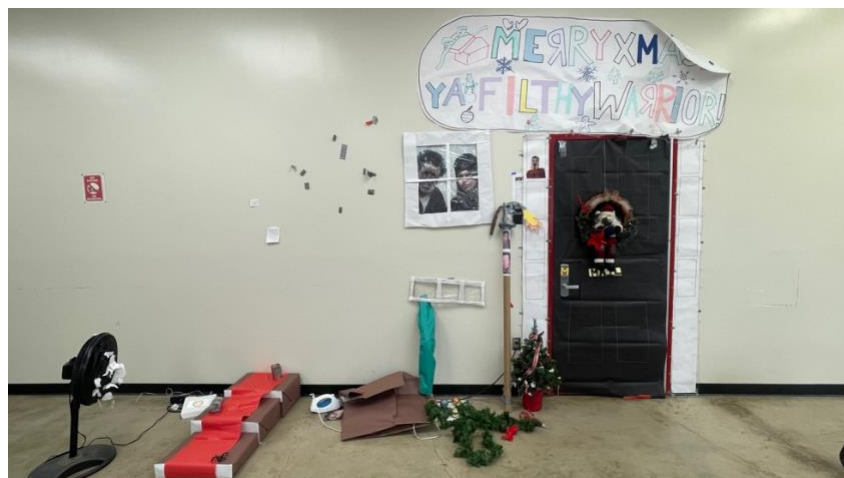


The Holiday door decorating contest was this week, and a number of creative door decorations were voted upon beginning yesterday. We do not yet know who won, but these are many of the doors up for the 1st Place prize! Will Snoopy win again?





As you have seen, there have been some very creative designs, from 3D doors such as the Christmas tree, to the scary Santa on the left... the quaint fireplace on the right, or Peace on Earth, there are lots of great decorations, with the common theme of coming together.





This is our NJROTC Brain Brawl team doing what they do best in an academic competition last Saturday. LT Roger Fronek reported our teams did quite well and took 1st, 3rd, and 4th! As a result, Team 3 has joined Team 1 and has now also qualified for the National Finals later this spring/summer!





The Persimmon tree in my Mom's backyard last week. The I don't know what kind of tree in my backyard 12-9-23.

The Fall Season along with our Fall Semester is winding down, and the colors of the leaves while still vibrant are making their way to the ground. Enjoy the next couple of days because it looks like the fall colors are about to end. The rain begins late Sunday and may rain throughout much of next week...perhaps good for snow at our local ski areas?

Our Peer Tutoring club has been busy this semester. The Peer Tutoring Club Adviser, Ms. Deliana Park let me know, *"Congratulations to all the students of the Peer Tutoring Club as they conclude the first semester of the 2023-24 school year! The dedication and hard work of our 97 tutors have truly made a positive impact on our school community over the past 12 weeks. The club is currently serving 98 students in tutoring sessions, and an impressive 281 hours have*

been generously provided by our tutors, showcasing not only their expertise but also their willingness to contribute to the success of their peers. This achievement reflects the ethos of our school—a community of good citizens who help one another achieve success.

A sincere thank you to the Peer Tutoring Club members and executive board officers—Reagan Hsu, Alexander Lee, Seohyun Yoon, Serena You, and Adriana Zhou—for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to fostering a culture of academic excellence within our school.”



Yesterday, Troy held our annual Theater-Special Education Collaboration Holiday Show! This year the theme was that of a singing contest at the North Pole. Pictured above are all our students signing in the finale of the show during their 4th period production. The show ran again last night at 6pm for Parents, family, and students. This is always a great event, and is something that makes everyone participating and watching, better for having done so. A fantastic event, and thank you to everyone involved in this production! A special thank you, Theater Teacher, Mr. Joe Hufferd, Special Education Department Chairs Marissa Sanders, and Justin Link, Assistant Principal, Ms. Tina Wilde, and all our FACE Teachers and students who put in all kinds of time practicing for the past couple weeks to make a show that is fun for all the participants and people in the audience. Heartwarming and rewarding, it was truly another wonderful performance! Great job, Warriors!



The people pictured are something of a rarity for a single high school. Why? Because everyone pictured is from Troy High School and is either in the U.S. Naval Academy or the United States Military Academy at West Point. Why many schools measure the number students accepted into Service Academies on one hand over the course of a decade, there are six Troy graduates from the last four years in this photo taken last weekend at the annual Army-Navy game. Pictured from left to right are Zachery Dang (2022), Andy Wang (2022), Raul Godinez (2022), Lois Um (2021), Chloe Um (2023), and Ray Choi (2020). I am always glad to see our graduates as they excel on their chosen paths. Thank you to all of these grads for their service. Lastly, congratulations to the Army for winning the game. Perhaps it will be the Navy's turn next year. ☺ Mr. Gower, it is your turn for shenanigans next year...

On Monday, the winners of the Congressional App Challenge were announced by U.S. Congressional Representative, Michelle Steel. The winning team was from Whitney High

School with an app called “Eco Tracker.” We also had some students with well-designed apps also winning recognition!

In the high school division, here are the results.

1st Place: EcoTracker by Gavin-kai Vida, Christopher Vu & Angad Batra from Gretchen Whitney High School (Cerritos)

2nd Place: Leafy by Dylan Wang from Troy High School (Fullerton)

3rd Place: SchoolBoost by Dheeraj Koppu from Cypress High School (Cypress)

Honorable Mention for Originality: RecycledPlates by Nyomi Castro, Jasmine Chau, Jessica Nguyen & Lan-Anh Trinh from Garden Grove High School (Garden Grove)

Honorable Mention for Visual Design: MOVI by Maanya Arora & Janice Lee from Oxford Academy (Cypress)

Honorable Mention for User Experience: JPPLY by Minh Pham from Garden Grove High School (Garden Grove)

Honorable Mention for Coding: Zodiac Batch Entry by Haily Chan, Cici Xing & Jacqueline Luo from Troy High School (Fullerton) and Walnut High School (Walnut)



Pictured above are a few of our NJROTC cadets that made the trip down to San Diego with Commander Lauper for the San Diego Military Advisory Council breakfast. They had the opportunity to hear various speakers both retired and active duty about world events and the U.S. Navy. It is always interesting and illuminating to hear from first person sources and is valuable

experience for our students to be able to meet and hear from people that behind the scenes and sometimes in the forefront make the news we hear about on T.V. or any other method by which people get their news today.



Santa Claus showed up on the security camera and appears to have made a brief pre-Christmas Eve stop by the Mynster house to visit with Luna. Why? Perhaps Luna will be joining Santa on his deliveries on Christmas Eve. ☺ If your gifts arrive already opened, you will know why...

Everyone, this weekend please make sure you sleep, rest, relax, spend some time with family and friends...and students, study for your Final Exams! Happy Holidays, and I will see everyone back at Troy on Monday! W.V. Mynster