



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



December 18, 2020

*TRHS Elf Dance, 2016*

Warriors,

Yesterday, we finished the last Final Exams of the 2020 Fall Semester! The Fall Semester is over and all of us made it through what has been and will likely be one of the most challenging times in our lives. It has been difficult, and there are still difficult days ahead, but there is also a strong ray of hope that the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is in sight. The arrival of two vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are here, and soon will be distributed in ever increasing numbers to more and more people. The vaccine is what is going to end the pandemic, but until then, we need to slow down the spread of the virus.

I want to thank our Superintendent, Dr. Scambray, Trustees, Students, Staff, Parents, and Community members, for taking the measures we have implemented seriously, so we may keep everyone in our schools safe. All of us have done a commendable job, and our schools do not mirror the COVID-19 infection or transmission rates in California, Southern California, or inside the FJUSD boundaries. The district data is available on the district website. Look for the COVID-19 dashboard. <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/4195> Afterwards, go to this webpage <https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/> This is the California COVID-19 State and County link to find the infection rates throughout various parts of California.

Students are already on break. Teachers are finalizing grades, and by the end of the day, all of us will be on Winter Break for the next two weeks. Please be cognizant that your established routines over break will be different. Please continue to be careful and to stay safe

and stay well! We all still need to do our part which means still Social Distancing, washing our hands, wearing masks, and limiting the size and scope of social gatherings. Just for a little while longer, please continue following these guidelines. It will make a difference in January, February, and March as the vaccines continue to become more widely available. Your decisions today could also very well mean we will be able to have sports, more students in school, perhaps normal AP and IB testing? Possibly a more traditional graduation ceremony, and perhaps a normal looking summer with in person school activities, summer school, internships, and summer sports camps? What we do today will impact tomorrow. This is a critical moment in this pandemic, and the timing of Winter Break in this sense is fortunate.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

To help our FJUHSd community with breaking the COVID-19 surge, on Tuesday night our Board of Trustees and Superintendent made the decision to start the 2021 Spring Semester in Distance Learning. This information on both Distance Learning starting the Spring Semester and the recent updated Athletics guidance from the Orange County Office of Education and California Department of Public Health was sent yesterday via email to all members of the FJUHSd community.



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December 17, 2020

Dear FJUHSd Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

### **Temporary Return to Distance Learning Model**

At the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees gave direction to the Superintendent to return to a Distance Learning Model (On-Line) effective Monday, January 4, 2021 through Friday, January 15, 2021.

Monday, January 18, 2021 is Martin Luther King holiday. It is anticipated that the District will return to the Hybrid Schedule on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. This schedule, however, will be evaluated by the Board of Trustees at the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting.

### Distance Learning Plan

- Although the District will return to distance learning beginning January 4, 2021, we will remain on the Hybrid Bell Schedule for Distance Learning. Bell schedules are attached to this letter.
  - Classes will meet every day on-line according to the student's normal daily schedule.
  - Google Classroom will serve as the main platform. Students will be provided instructions daily by their teacher of record.
- Teachers will be available on-line and actively accessible to students during each of their regularly scheduled instructional periods.
- Work and assignments will be completed electronically and teacher feedback and grades will continue.
- Staff members will check school email at least once per day and respond to parent communication within 24 hours. If you do not have wi-fi at home, please contact school administration and arrangements will be made.
- Teachers may work remotely or from school, if they choose to do so. Classified staff members will report to their current assignments, unless directed otherwise by their immediate supervisor.

### **Latest Guidance on Athletics**

At the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees gave direction to the Superintendent to continue outdoor-only activities and outdoor-only workouts.

The following information regarding the latest guidance on athletics was sent from the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE):

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***COVID-19 update: California officials issue latest guidance on athletics, including youth sports (From Orange County Department of Education)***

*State health officials have [released fresh guidance for recreational sports](#), including school-based athletics programs. The guidance issued Monday, Dec. 14 by the California Department of Public Health covers all organized*

*youth sports, along with adult recreational leagues, but it explicitly does not apply to college athletics. The CDPH says team competitions can't start in California until Jan. 25 at the earliest, and that's assuming regional stay-at-home orders are lifted.*

*Youth and adult sports will now be classified by their level of contact — low, moderate or high — as well as whether they're played indoors or outdoors. Along with those considerations, permission to hold competitions or practices will depend on where a county falls on the [state's four-tiered monitoring system](#).*

*The CDPH has a [chart that breaks it down](#) pretty well, but here are a few examples: ● Outdoor, low-contact sports such as golf, tennis, archery, and track and field can take place with precautions even when a county is in the most restrictive, purple tier. That designation currently applies to Orange County and nearly every other county in the state.*

- Outdoor, moderate-contact sports like baseball and softball can resume when a county gets back to the less restrictive red tier, indicating substantial transmission. ● Because football is considered an outdoor, high-contact sport, it can't be played until a county is in the moderate range, otherwise known as the orange tier. The same goes for indoor, low-contact sports like gymnastics and badminton.*
- Indoor sports with contact like basketball and wrestling will have to wait until a county demonstrates minimal transmission in the least restrictive yellow tier.*

*The CDPH defines low-contact as “sports where contact within six feet of other participants can be avoided.” Team sports with frequent or sustained close contact — and therefore a high probability of transmitting respiratory particles — are considered high-contact sports. It's worth noting that some sports, including cheerleading and basketball, can be classified differently depending on whether they're performed indoors or outside.*

*There are also new directives and recommendations related to face coverings, physical distancing, hygiene, equipment sanitation and indoor venues. The release of the new guidance ended a more than four-month wait for coaches and school administrators following the CDPH's last update on August 3rd.*

I would like to thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times together. Best wishes for a restful holiday.

Sincerely,



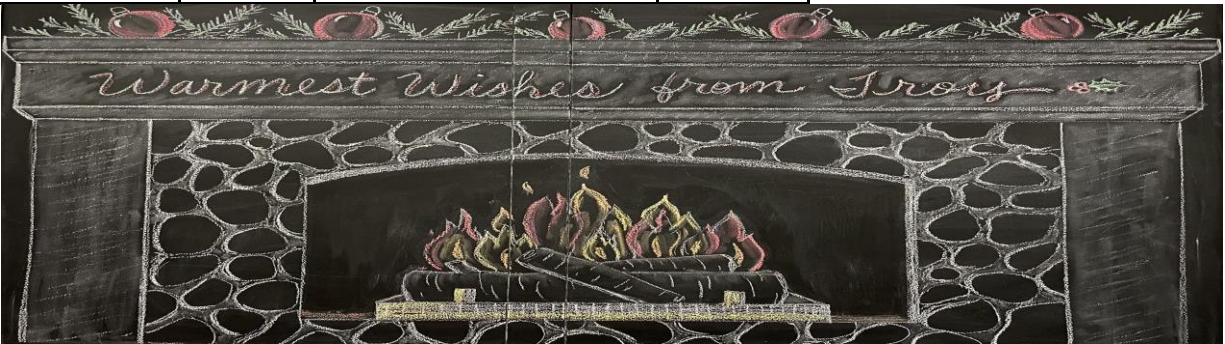
Scott Scambray, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## Hybrid Bell Schedule (Monday-Friday)

Cohorts A, B & C from Home

Period	Start Time	End Time	Minutes
Period 0	6:51 AM	- 7:39 AM -	48
Passing	7:39 AM	- 7:47 AM -	8
Period 1	7:47 AM	- 8:35 AM -	48
Passing	8:35 AM	- 8:43 AM -	8
Period 2	8:43 AM	- 9:31 AM -	48
Passing	9:31 AM	- 9:39 AM -	8
Period 3	9:39 AM	- 10:27 AM -	48
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:27 AM</b>	<b>- 10:42 AM -</b>	<b>15</b>
Passing	10:42 AM	- 10:50 AM -	8
Period 4	10:50 AM	- 11:38 AM -	48
Passing	11:38 AM	- 11:46 AM -	8
Period 5	11:46 AM	- 12:34 PM -	48

Passing	12:34 PM	- 12:42 PM -	8
Period 6	12:42 PM	- 1:30 PM -	48
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>- 2:00 PM -</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Student Support</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>- 2:30 PM -</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>- 3:00 PM -</b>	<b>30</b>



This week on Tuesday and Wednesday a number of fortunate administrators from Troy and FJUHSd were able to interview Troy AVID juniors in Mock Interviews. My turn to be an interviewer was on Wednesday, and I had the pleasure of interviewing five truly outstanding 11<sup>th</sup> graders! Celeste, Sara, Justin, Christian, and Sofia were amazing! Each candidate was asked a series of questions such as they would likely face in an interview for college and/or career. A couple sample questions: 1. Tell me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work or school, and how you dealt with it. 2. Where do you see yourself in seven years? 3. Describe a mentor who has impacted your life. Each student, and I am sure they are representative of all our 11<sup>th</sup> grade AVID students, were well prepared, well spoken, and have clear expectations and goals for their future. Congratulations to our AVID students, and keep up the great work! Go Warriors!





Showing their true Holiday spirit, Troy Guidance Tech, Mr. Christopher Standifer and Assistant Principal, Mr. Lance Bletscher showed off clothes they actually possess in their wardrobes. The guy in the middle is “Buddy the Elf,” and fortunately cannot contract COVID-19, thus our Troy staff are right about appropriately Socially Distanced and masked. 😊

There are still more Troy Tech Events for Prospective Students on the calendar! This is a strange year, and we are having events outside of what we have done in the past in order to get relevant information to 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the Troy Tech Magnet Program! To join LIVE Virtual Troy Tech Tours: January 12, & 26, 2021 from 10-11:30 a.m. Sign up [HERE!](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfc_E2sCD3WuBVWbR_-Tu81f6vy1Yn4LBxbjX0dvZN9hjJXw/viewform)  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfc\\_E2sCD3WuBVWbR\\_-Tu81f6vy1Yn4LBxbjX0dvZN9hjJXw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfc_E2sCD3WuBVWbR_-Tu81f6vy1Yn4LBxbjX0dvZN9hjJXw/viewform).



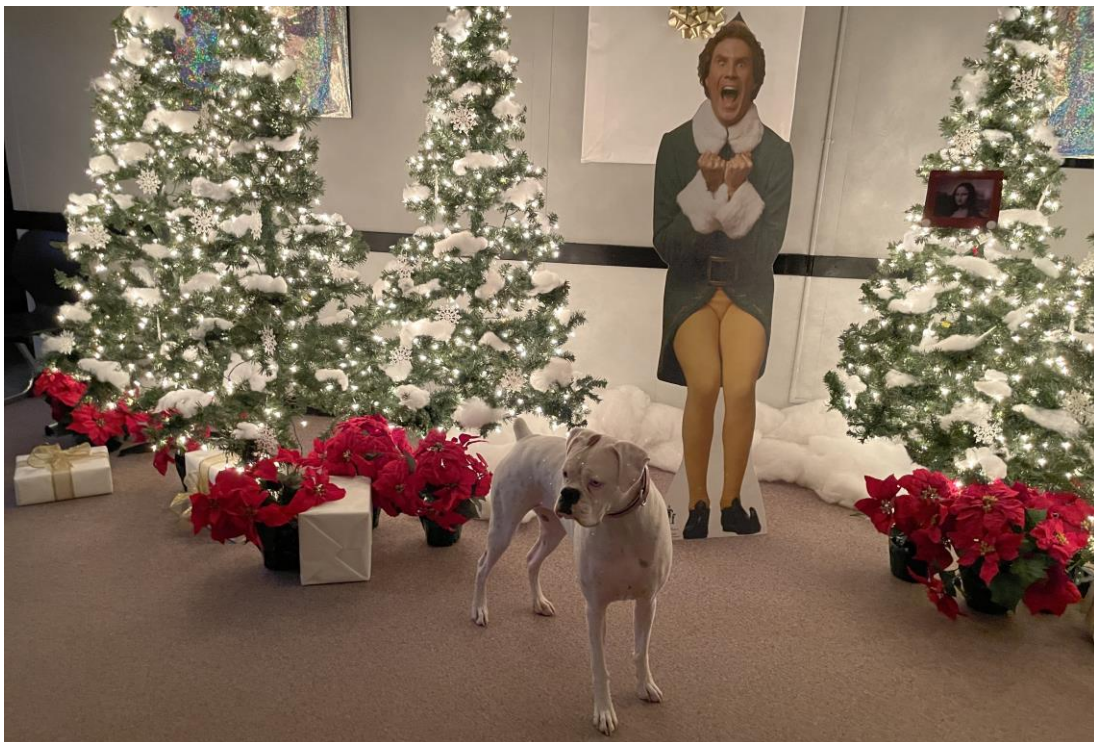
On Wednesday, I was fortunate to be able to participate in an event with Troy alumni in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home for the Holidays event at Troy. This year was different because the event was virtual, and because of the timing we knew many of our students that normally would be part of this event in person would be taking finals or studying for finals and thus would watch this later using the link above. Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnett has a better description of this event here. *“Wednesday, December 16 was Troy's Second Annual Home for the Holidays VIRTUAL Event featuring Troy Alumni. It was a wonderful conversation with 6 Troy Alumni spanning classes from 2001 to 2011. Here is the video featuring Dr. William*



*Chueh/Class of 2001/Materials Science Professor at Stanford University, Nicholas Hu/Class of 2004/CEO of Dianavi Irvine, Abid Kapadya/Class of 2004/Google Shopping Seattle, David Poll/Class of 2005/Google Software Engineering Mountain View, Melissa Jawaharlal/Class of 2009/STEM Center USA Claremont CEO & Co-Founder, and Monica Zafra/Class of 2011/McGeorge School of Law Class of 2020/Kostiv and Associates P.C. LA.*

*The 33-minute video features 7 minutes of introductions, 7 minutes sharing the responsibilities of their current positions, 6 minutes sharing about internships, 8 minutes sharing about the impact of Troy's education on who they are today, and 5 minutes of Troy memories with mention of Mr. Wittry, Mrs. Hufferd, Mr. Knox, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Hufferd, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Grack, Mrs. Downum, Mr. Sawaya, Mr. Knowles, Enjoy!”*

I always enjoy speaking with Troy alum, and this time was no different. I am very appreciative they are so excited to come back and give their time and expertise to our school and students. They are the next generation of employers that are helping our students with their knowledge and in some cases are also able to provide internship opportunities. Once a Warrior, always a Warrior! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-5ScI2Nwjzxe7bEGTsdliObjjJQzxRQ/view>



Luna is bothered by Buddy the Elf but does enjoy the Holiday décor.

Last week in the *Warrior Weekly*, I relayed information from Mr. Carlos Alcantara, our District Mental Health Coordinator on resources that are available to our FJUHSD community. This is a list of December Holiday Resources in addition to some of the other resources that can be found on the FJUSHD website. <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/1> This information remains relevant as we move into Winter Break!

Remember, I could not make the links active so I included the links right below in sequential order from the top to bottom of the flyer.



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Last weekend, Troy senior Tyler Kim emailed me with some exciting news! *“Good afternoon Dr. Mynster! I'm the president of our Quizbowl Club at Troy and just would like to inform you that our Troy Varsity Team has qualified for the National Quizbowl Championship in June.”* It is amazing that some of our competition teams are still finding ways to compete, and this is another example of teams finding a way during this pandemic. This year their club advisor is 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Warren Barnes. Congratulations to our Troy Quizbowl Club team!



As we close out the Fall Semester, Troy Teacher, Ms. Karen Swenson Lawson announced her retirement to from teaching with a very nice “Happy Trails” email to the Troy Staff. Ms. Swenson Lawson taught Special Education for many years at Troy and served



hundreds of students over the years. We wish her well in her retirement and many years of happiness and travel with her husband and family!



It is the Holidays and it would not be the same at Troy without a Choir Holiday concert! We are all in luck, as Choir Director, Mr. Mark Henson announced The Troy Vocal Winter Choir Concert is tonight @ 7pm! Here is the link. <https://sites.google.com/a/fjuhsd.org/tvm/>



Warriors, we made it! Like Luna, I am going to relax and get some much needed rest over Winter Break. Rest, relax, recharge, and be ready for January 4, 2021! W.V. Mynster