



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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The first semester of the 2019-20 school year has officially ended and we are ready to continue the holiday season and celebrate! Troy students, teachers, staff, and parents, definitely finished the semester strong and there is no doubt everyone has more than earned their vacation! My suggestion to everyone, breathe deeply take a few moments, then go out and finish your holiday shopping. ☺ I need to get out and finish my shopping, which right about now I am not looking forward to doing... Rest and relax for the next two weeks, our spring semester begins on Monday, January 6, 2020 and will be here before you know it. Happy Holidays!



Speaking of holidays, last Friday we held our annual Holiday Rally, with our world famous Elf Dance! These are photos from our rally, beginning with our choir and the national anthem. Early in the rally our cheer squad performed a difficult stunt, and notice they had their

stunting mats on the floor. Thankfully, they did need the extra cushion, but it is always good to have the backup. Later, there was a new event, with each class had the opportunity to decorate a staff member like a Christmas tree. Ms. Llewellyn and Mr. Bainter were good sports and I believe Mr. Bainter ended up being the winner. ☺ Last but not least, the Elf Dance!



Congratulations to our CyberPatriot teams making it into the semi-finals! Our Cyber coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield received word that 36 teams with over 200 students will compete on Saturday, January 25, 2020. We also had 15 of our middle school teams from eight different middle schools, with Beechwood being at the top, also advance to the semi-finals! All of these students at both the high school and middle schools are good, and out of over 3000 teams that competed, only 723 high school teams have made it this far. Go Cyber, and go Troy!



Troy's Choirs and their Director, Mr. Mark Henson performed at John Wayne Airport on Friday, December 13th for about two hours, to the joy and delight of the passengers passing through on the way to their destinations. My guess is our students are on many Instagram and Facebook postings! Nice job, Warriors!



We are very close to realizing Mr. James Kirkpatrick's Outdoor Classroom dream! This week, the classroom desk area is being completed, and shortly after we return from Winter Break, the desks will be in place! For all the people that have helped with the planning, donated and bought a brick, donated labor, the project looks great and will be wonderful for our students for years to come! I cannot wait to see our students out there, learning in this wonderful space!

Troy English Teacher, Ms. Ana Link informed me that her AVID 2 classes won a competition tied to topics and discussions they learned throughout the semester. As part of a project, the AVID students created a research project based upon their topics and then created a rap with the project. Because the students are talented rappers, they made a deal with Ms. Link to enter "Week in Rap's Shout Out Contest" and if they won the contest, it would replace the research project. By the way, to enter the contest they had to create a 60 second rap video. Since I am writing about this story with information liberally supplied by Ms. Ana Link, we know how this is going to end. They won the contest! The Week in Rap Shout-Out Contest is giving Troy a shout out today! I will have to get a copy... Way to go, AVID 2 Troy Warriors!!!

Business Teacher, Ms. Deborah Henniger was informed by this week that Troy student, Courtney Leong is the 2020 Microsoft Office Specialist California State Champion and she is also a finalist in the running to become the U.S. National Champion! The national championship event will be held in Texas, from June 15-17th. I am sure she will be more than ready for the competition. Great job, Courtney!

Last week, Band Director, Mr. Joseph Castillo spoke of watching the Rose Parade as a kid growing up in Pasadena and the memories it made for him. I grew up in Arcadia, and also

have similar memories of the Rose Parade, and watching the parade became an annual event. All of us are aware we have students with great instrumental ability and skill at Troy, and sometimes they also perform in other venues. This year we have some students marching in the Rose Parade on January 1st so if you tune in, you may spot Karina Oen, Samuel Lee, and Benjamin Liu marching as part of the Tournament of Roses Honor Band! Awesome job, Warriors!



I have to be honest, our NJROTC cadets win some fantastic trophies for the effort they put into on their various competition teams. Last weekend, at Patrick Henry High School in San Diego our Team Red won 3rd place overall for PT, 1st place overall for drill, and the Trident is for 2nd place overall in the meet. Team Black also has a similar cache of awards, but I don't have a photo of them...As 1st Sgt. Barnes said, "It was a good day to be from Troy." To be honest, every day is a good day to be from Troy. ☺

It is likely that most of us receive Holiday cards at home in the mail. Troy High School is no different, and we receive many Holiday cards and we send school Holiday cards. This

year, the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares sent out a Holiday card with a message that really seems to resonate. In the true spirit of the Holidays, this message is also one that we should keep close all year long. Thank you to OCDE and Dr. Mijares. ☺



Last Thursday after the Boys' Basketball game ended, I was walking out to get into my car when I came upon a scene, not quite a midnight clear. Here, let me show you... In case you



are wondering, this is a local Jeep club on their annual Toy Drive, followed by checking out the holiday lights in the area. They were lining up at Troy and then headed over to Raymond

Avenue to check out the wonderful holiday lights in the community. If you have not seen them, this is where the community has banded together to hang lights from the trees in addition to having many, many lights on the houses. It is a real community effort!



Thank you to the students from Endeavor on another wonderful annual holiday performance in our Main Office! We had the opportunity to hear three or four songs and these students really had a great time sharing their holiday spirit! In the end they left us with great music and candy canes!



You may be wondering why I am holding a giant yellow and black candy cane, and no the Endeavor singers did not give it to me. Sometimes people that use our parking lots have difficulty with their driving. This is one of our parking posts that were knocked out by a small

white car a couple of weeks ago. Yes, it does weigh about 50 pounds, so my guess is the car that knocked it out of the ground was also damaged... If you have any information on the car, please let the school or Fullerton Police Department know.



It has been a busy semester for all of us! Have a wonderful Holiday Season and I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time with family, and friends! If you are travelling or staying close to home over the Winter Break, have fun and be safe! I plan on seeing the newest Star Wars film, finishing my shopping, cooking Christmas dinner for the family, and trying to keep up with my doggie, Luna. As can be observed, she keeps going like the Energizer bunny until she runs out of power...see picture at right. We get to the no power level about 10:00pm. ☺ Have a wonderful Winter Break and I will see everyone back here on January 6, 2020!

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Troy High School Holiday Rally—Elf Dance, 2019