



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Yesterday, students finished their Final Exams! For students, at 12:22pm the 1st Semester ended! For teachers, and the rest of the Troy staff, the 1st Semester officially ends today as grades are completed and end of semester tasks are fulfilled. There is still much to do this last day of the semester, which is why we have a pupil free day to handle the workload before we head off for Winter Break! Congratulations, to the entire Troy community!



Last Friday, Troy held their annual Elf Rally and Dance. I have included a few photos from the event. There were performances from our Band, Colorguard, Cheer, ASB, NJROTC, and Choir. The students and staff were all dressed in very festive holiday attire and of course no Elf Rally would be complete without class competitions and lastly the very famous Elf Dance by our senior class! It was another great rally and the students really were ready to hear the various holiday songs and sing along as the classes competed against each other to see which class had

the most holiday spirit in terms of music quality and decibels. Congratulations to the sophomore class on their Elf Rally win!



In the end, the audience got what they had waited to see when the Class of 2019 performed the Elf Dance in full holiday costumes! A good time was had by all in attendance, and it was impossible to leave without a smile. 😊



Last Saturday at the *Overwatch* High School Scholastic Tournament Top 4 Live Finals, Troy defeated Fountain Valley High School taking the inaugural *Overwatch* High School Scholastic Tournament championship! Ultimately, our team (Daniel Li, Even Deters, Jimmy Li, Paul Im, Kameron Russell, Terry Zhang, and Joshua Yoo) went undefeated in the tournament and also took home the \$2,500 Esports grant for Troy High School. I had the pleasure to watch the match as it was streamed live on the official NASEF Twitch channel. While I could not easily follow what exactly our team was doing, it was very clear from the two color commentators during the broadcast, that our team was in control of the match and was using superior tactics. Now that Troy has a championship Esports team, we are already carving out a space for their Esports lair. Great job Warriors!



Last weekend one of our NJROTC teams hosted but did not compete in a qualifying Brain Brawl competition at Troy. Additionally, our Orienteering team competed in Red Rock Canyon and did well. Lastly, on Friday a group of cadets, Commander Lauper, and Teacher, Dr. Jesse Knowles were able to take a tour of the submarine, USS Annapolis and are pictured below.



Early Action college admissions are starting to come in for those students that opted to take that route. Troy Counselor, Ms. Sonia Diaz was very excited to inform me that we have two recent Early Action college acceptances! What this means for senior, Judy Lee is in the fall she will be attending Duke University on a full ride! Also in the fall Troy senior Anthony Bui will be attending Princeton University, also on a full ride! Congratulations, to both of these outstanding Troy seniors!



There has been a steady stream of treats through the Main Office since Thanksgiving. This week, this rather nice cake from Portos Bakery made an appearance. On Thursday, numerous baskets of cookies both baked and bought by numerous Troy Staff Members were assembled in my office by Ms. Maria Williams and Ms. Stephanie Rosner. These baskets were gifts to our wonderful custodial staff, as well as some transportation employees and our school crossing guard. Thank you to everyone that helped out and especially to the person that baked the last batch of cookies on the right. Thankfully, she bought some cookies to contribute to the baskets as apparently there was a problem with her oven—which has never happened before...

On Monday night after an eventful day, I was tired and it showed. By the light of my Christmas tree at 9:00pm, I was asleep on the sofa with my wife's boxer doggie, Luna. At 9:44pm my wife snapped this picture. I guess Luna was tired too. ☺



It is Winter Vacation and we have definitely earned it! Sometimes the semester seems to go quickly, and sometimes it crawls. Regardless, we have made it and the first half of the school year is in the books! That being said, like everyone else I am ready for some much needed rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to some holiday parties and time with friends and family. I still have Christmas shopping to complete and that will keep me busy through the weekend, but I don't really mind. I am grateful for all the good in my life, and I truly hope everyone will have the opportunity to spend the holidays with loved ones. May all of us have a wonderful holiday season, and I will see everyone back here on January 7, 2019!

Happy Holidays!

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Mammoth Lakes, Winter 2017



& Mammoth Lakes, Winter—much longer ago...