

TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



December 22, 2023

Warriors, we made it! Congratulations on a well-done Fall Semester! I hope everyone has plans for the rest of the Holiday Season and our Winter Break which will officially begin for Troy Faculty at some point today, and began for students yesterday. Christmas is three days away, Kwanzaa begins on December 26th and New Year's Day is January 1, 2024! I was searching for more festive holidays, and there are many more coming in January across the globe and across faiths, cultures, and national traditions...the Winter Season is busy.

Speaking of busy and the Winter Season, once we return high school sports are a big part of the equation. Already in this new season, last night our Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams both won their home contest vs. Fullerton High School! Our Girls team played like the Troy teams of old, and our Boys' won 68-34. These are early season wins, so there is a lot more basketball to come especially when we return from Winter Break. Congratulations, to both Girls' and Boys' teams and their coaches!





This week we learned that we had another student win in the Congressional App Challenge! Pictured above, with Member of Congress, Ms. Young Kim, is Troy 11th grader, Anya Pramanick winning for Best Individual App named "The Blue SkAI" in Ms. Young Kim's Congressional District 40! Congratulations, and I cannot wait to see what this app does!



Holiday news from Best Buddies Advisor, Mr. Will Fritz, "On December 13, 2023, the Best Buddies Club transformed the 500 building into a hub of holiday cheer and warmth. Members, alongside their Buddies, immersed themselves in the joy of the season, engaging in an activity of coloring and hanging ornaments on a tree posted on the bulletin board, each one a testament to the pairs' creativity and shared experiences. The air was filled with the sweet aroma of hot chocolate, lovingly served with candy canes and marshmallows, adding a cozy touch to the gathering. Laughter and smiles were in abundance, especially during the much-anticipated visit from Santa, who brought an extra layer of excitement and joy. This annual event was not only a celebration of the holiday season but also it was a vivid display of the Best Buddies Club's core values. It showcased the power of friendship, inclusivity, and the sheer joy that comes from heartfelt connections. The positive atmosphere and collective happiness were a reflection of the club's dedication to creating a welcoming and supportive community, making this holiday event a true embodiment of Best Buddies International core values." We love our Best Buddies Club!!! This is one of the greatest clubs on our campus! Way to go, Warriors!

Another great club is our Red Cross Club. Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick wrote that our last Blood Drive had a target to collect 100 units of blood and brought in 107! This has the potential to impact 321 lives! Great job Warriors! Our next Blood Drive is on January 31, 2024 so if you are willing and able, make sure to mark your calendar.



Fullerton Council PTA has announced the Reflections Art winners on their Instagram, and their work has been sent in to be judged further. We do have a couple winners from Troy, in music composition and photography. Once we know the full results of the judging, I will do a story with more details and pictures. ©

Troy Family, it is with appreciation and a good deal of sorrow that we are saying goodbye to longtime Food Services Lead, Ms. Geri Petersen as after 30+ years she is retiring over Winter Break. There is nobody that could have done a better job in Food Services and with our team than with Ms. Geri Petersen in the lead. She was unstoppable in ensuring our students during the depths of the pandemic, and our families were getting food. With 30+ years of dedicated service to our students, school, and FJUHSD, each and every year, great work was performed and as the food needs have only increased, Geri and her team met every challenge. Ms. Petersen and the team were excellent before the pandemic, through the pandemic, afterwards throughout the expansion of the school meals program to include all students, and serving breakfast, break, lunch, and supper. Ms. Geri Petersen, thank you for all you have done, enjoy many happy years in retirement, stay in touch, and come back to visit often!



This is a fun event for our Troy Foundation! I bought my tickets this morning and they will be written off on my 2023 taxes! Parents, come join us at the gala at Alta Vista Country Club!





Troy has a Troy Preparedness Club and their advisor is our NJROTC Instructor, Commander Lauper. Member of the club, Troy 10th grader and NJROTC cadet, Mr. Allen Hsieh wrote up this explanation of what this club is doing and why it is important. *"The Troy Preparedness Club is gearing up for its first community disaster preparedness training, a cornerstone and an important milestone of its commitment to empowering students to take steps to prepare for and recover from emergencies effectively. With the support of the Fullerton Fire* and Emergency Department, Troy Preparedness Club is pleased to announce that sign-ups for their first CERT training are open and available to everyone.

The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program, the foundation of the training, is a nationally recognized initiative that equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The training encompasses a wide range of crucial topics, including disaster awareness, fire/hazardous material safety, emergency medical operations, search and rescue, disaster psychology, and much more!" I can appreciate a club that seeks to ensure more people are prepared for events that happen in earthquake country.

The following information is from our Guidance Department and is important information for all our students!

2024 Spring Semester Schedule Change Policy The spring semester district deadline to drop an additional class and/or drop course levels (i.e., H/C/IB/AP to the lower level), provided there is space, is <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 15th</u>, by 3:30 PM. Per district policy, students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a minimum of (6) classes and 12th graders must be enrolled in a minimum of (5) classes. For either change, students must see their school counselor <u>in person</u> before 1st period, at break, lunch, or after 6th period. Parent/guardian permission is required to make any changes.

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-unionhigh/troy-high-school-2247.

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See <u>applicants.troyhigh.com</u> for more information. The detailed updated flyer can be found here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/10ysgwgU-1HW6bcQJW5QOyHTNJCWJLs-y/view?usp=drive_link</u>

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! <u>https://conta.cc/3uJITLU</u>

TROY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Jan. 11, 2024 6:00pm N. Gym
Welcoming current & future Warrior families
 Featuring: Troy Tech Cambridge & IB Performances All Academic Departments
 5:00 PM INFO SESSIONS FOR: TROY TECH, 9TH & 10TH GRADE PARENTS Follow Us www.troyhigh.com @troywarriors @troywarriorsathletics
#2 Ranked Public High School in California #32 Ranked Public High School in the US *by niche.com
Pre-Open House Freshman Parent/Guardian Presentation by Troy School Counselors
Thursday, January 11th (Open House Night)

Thursday, January 11th (Open House Night) 5:00-5:50 PM Troy Theatre Presentation includes graduation requirements, UC/CSU a-g requirements, and high school course planning information.

Sophomore Parent/Guardian Presentation by Troy School Counselors Thursday, January 11th (Open House Night) 5:00-5:50 PM Troy Library Presentation will provide information to keep your sophomore on track for graduation as well as post high school education and career planning.



Last week our Troy Vocal Ensemble performed at John Wayne Airport for the annual holiday music event! With the travel season getting longer each year, they added to the holiday spirit!





So, the gift unwrapping begins...Luna made short work of this package. If you still have some shopping scheduled that is unfinished, like I do...I am sorry as the malls and stores are going to be crazy and these three days before Christmas are going to be a challenge.

After Christmas, no matter what, we have earned our time off for some rest, relaxation, possibly sleeping in a little bit, and doing as much or as little as we feel like doing. I hope everyone has a fun, eventful, safe, and very happy Holiday Season! Enjoy the Winter Break, and have a Happy New Year. It is hard to imagine that we are about to begin 2024!

I will see everyone back here again when school begins again for our Spring Semester on Monday, January 8, 2024!

Have a wonderful Holidays! W.V. Mynster