

December 8, 2023

Warriors, we are racing to Final Exams and the Fall Semester finish line! There is one more week of regular class instruction, then the next week, Final Exams. Winter Break will be here before you know it, so make sure you finish the semester strong. Let' go Warriors!



Ladera Vista's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class visited Troy today! The 8<sup>th</sup> graders went through a circuit of three locations. Here are a couple pictures from their Theatre visit where they heard from our Choir, ASB, Link Crew, and Theater group. In the North Gym they heard from NJROTC,

Cheer, Orchestra, Athletics, and the Red Hots (Dance). In the Library, the heard AVID, Counseling, Troy Tech, IB, and Cambridge. It was great to see all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and we are excited to welcome many of them to Troy High School next year! Thank you to all our Troy student and staff presenters and to Choir Director Mr. Mark Henson for the idea of the circuit and Assistant Principal, Alison Wills for the schedule and implementation. It was a good day to be a Ladera Vista 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and a great day to be a Warrior!



It's that time of the year for LEO Club's Annual Warm Coats/Winter Wear Drive (beanies, gloves, scarves, etc & blankets).

Please check your closets this weekend and/or over the Thanksgiving Break for *gently worn* coats/jackets (Winter wear) you no longer wear and please consider donating them. Your gently worn coats/jackets, etc. will be given to a local church, who will distribute them to those individuals in the community who cannot afford to purchase warm winter wear to keep warm during the winter season.

Leo Club will be collecting daily from Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 8th, 2023. There will be two decorated collection boxes on school campus to drop off your donations: outside the front Main Office and in Mrs. Morales' classroom (#334).

## **Mental Health Resources:**

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

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!

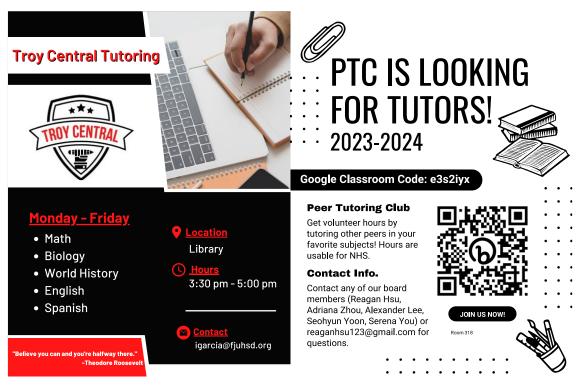


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## Niche 2024 Best Schools



All Niche Troy High School Rankings



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



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>



On Wednesday afternoon our Troy Tech Magnet Program and Specialized Programs held this after school event. From 4-5:00 pm a few hundred prospective enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Troy Teachers, Specialized Program Coordinators, Parents, and Administration on all the aspects of Troy that meet the needs of our students and families. It was a great opportunity for parents and students to go into the actual classrooms and speak with the teachers that will be teaching their kids should they choose to attend Troy High School. It was a great afternoon.



Thank you to all our Staff and Students who participated in showing the community who we are at Troy High School. This is a great place and a great family. Nice job, Warriors!

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 twoyear 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>



Late last night or early this morning someone redecorated Troy Science Teacher, Mr. Steve Gower's classroom. Due to Mr. Gower's daughter having graduated from West Point, it is correctly assumed that Mr. Gower is an ardent Army Football supporter in this annual matchup. While we are still investigating the potential culprit in the redecorating job, it seems likely our NJROTC were behind the shenanigans with a little help. <sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Gower thought it was hilarious and it was all in good fun. I do hope it will be a good Army-Navy football game tomorrow, but I am still partial to hoping the Navy will win. Go, Navy!

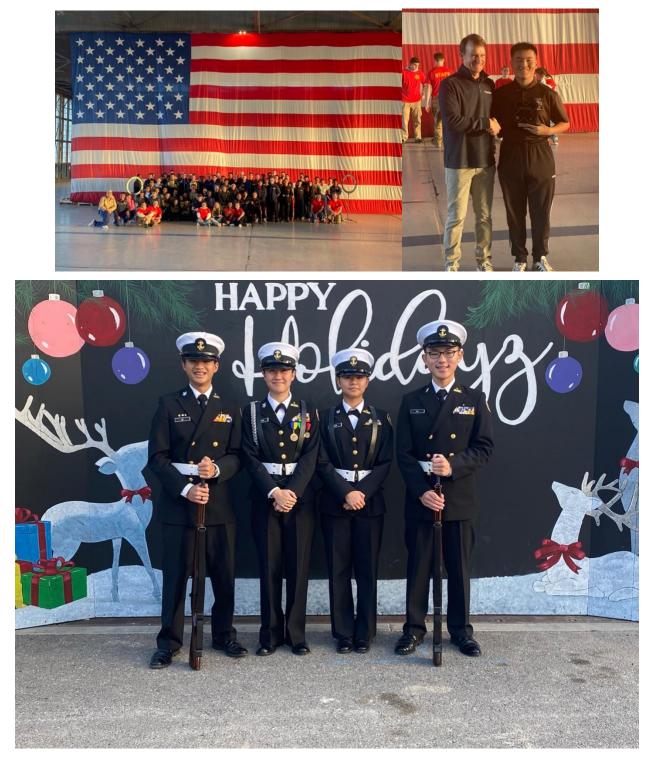


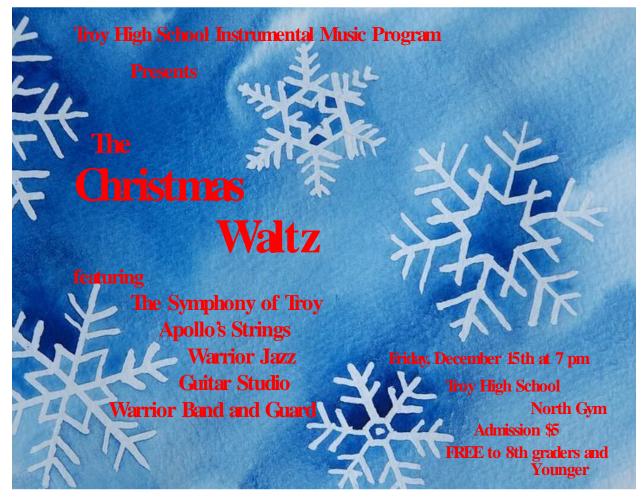
Other than redecorating classrooms, our NJROTC is a busy group, seemingly impossibly so. It has been a tremendous week for our cadets with our cadets being part of numerous Navy events from the US Naval Services Officers Association Symposium to our cadets competing in the Stellar Xplorers competition Round 2 or getting ready to compete in the VEX Robotics competition tomorrow in Long Beach. NJROTC has a lot going on!



To be fair our students would not have all these opportunities to compete, tour U.S. Navy ships

and facilities without the support and knowledge of their instructors, led by Commander Lauper, LT. Roger Fronek, Master Chief Eduardo David, and 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Barnes. We have the best NJROTC program in the country and our instructors are continuously seeking ways to improve with more of a STEM focus. Here are some more pictures from their week! Great job, Warriors!





Next Friday night on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the North Gym, our Instrumental Music Program will have their annual Holiday Concert! They are not a group to miss and if you need more motivation for holiday cheer this is going to be the place to be!

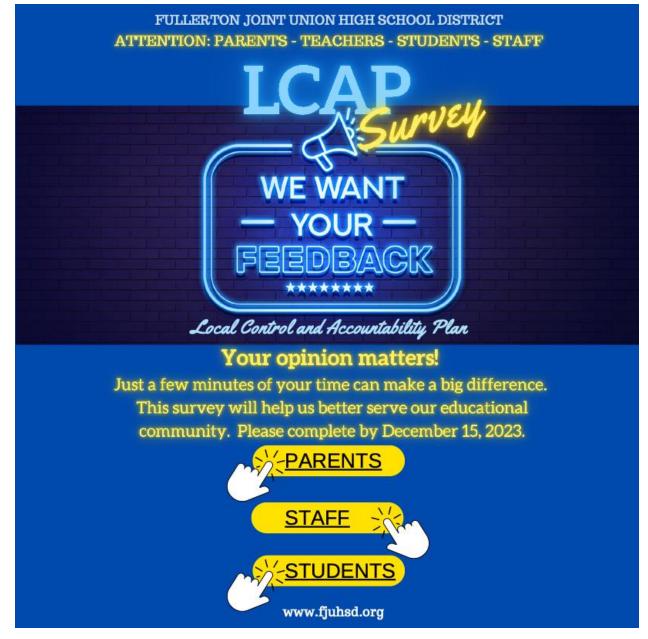


Here is a great story from Eric Rodarte, the Publicity Officer for the Troy Chess Club. "Over the Thanksgiving Break, on November 18, the Troy Chess Club hosted a tournament with the Sunny Hills Chess Club. After a lot of planning and preparation, we were able to make it a successful and enjoyable event for the roughly twenty competitors. I want to say thank you to our club treasurer Vedanth Narsina and Lancer Derrick Sun for making this possible. This was the first time that the rival clubs got to compete and show their abilities. For three hours, Warriors and Lancers battled fiercely over the chessboard, trying to out-strategize each other. Seven rounds of action resulted in the Warriors achieving a victory over the Lancers. Congrats to Junior Jacob Lee for winning the tournament! A special thank you to our club advisors Mr. Sutton (Troy) and Mrs. Kwon (Sunny Hills) for their time and support! Both clubs hope that this will be the start of many tournaments to come. " Thank you to Eric, for sharing this story of a truly wonderful and complex game. I am glad it was a lot of fun, and I also hope this is the start of many chess to come! Great job, Warriors!



Each year Troy High School's Foundation, the Troy Support Organization holds a gala to raise additional monies for programs and equipment that go above needs funded by the State of California at Troy High School. For more information on the way the funds have been used, here is a link to a page on our school website describing the activities of our Troy Support Organization. <u>https://www.thetroydifference.org/foundation/</u> The gala is always a great party, and not one that you will want to miss, with fantastic food, environment, and people! The event is on January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30—10:30PM at the Alta Vista Country Club.





Parents, Students, and Staff! The LCAP Survey is one key measure by which we obtain your feedback on what we need for our school and district! Please take a few moments to fill out this survey by following the link that applies to your role in our district and school!



Have you ever wondered what dogs are doing when they stick their head under the sofa? Now you know. Actually, Luna was looking for a ball and it was actually where she couldn't get it from any side of the sofa, so she went for the "I'm going to stay here until you get it for me strategy"...which did work. We are in the holiday season! Hanukkah began yesterday, and Christmas is a little more than two weeks away. I hope everyone is able to enjoy this festive time of year with family and friends.

Happy Holidays, and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

W.V. Mynster