



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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It has been a wonderful week, and I am speaking for all of us as I am writing this, I am so grateful to be at Troy! There is always so much happening beginning with great instruction, challenging classes, fantastic students, caring and professional teachers and staff members, and very devoted parents. This week has been National School Counselor Week, and as I wrote last week, we have some of the best! There are few educational institutions like this school, mark my words. Forward with this week's news!



At the Board Meeting on Tuesday night, Career and Technical Education Teachers and students were recognized. For Troy High School, International Business Teacher, Ms. Deborah

Henniger and Troy students, Nanette Zhang, Justin Zhao, and Aishwarya Sitaraman.
Congratulations, Warriors!

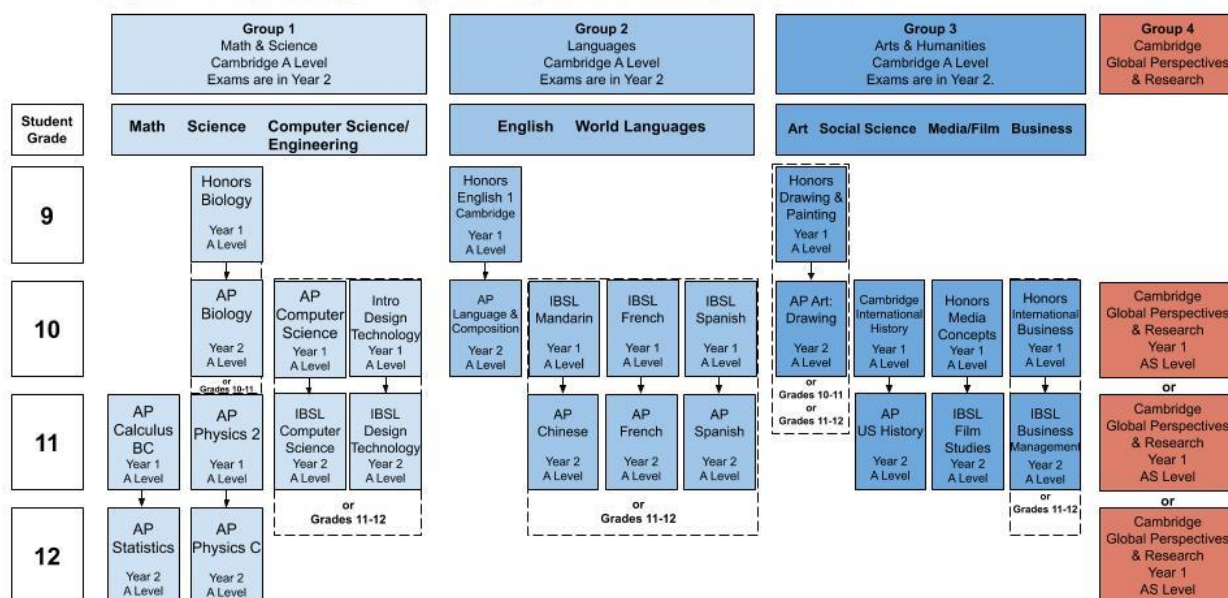


Pictured is our Cyber Boosters at the Cyber Banquet presenting a rather large check for \$15,000 to me, Mr. Allen Stubblefield, and Mr. David Kim. This is a large donation to help fund the new Cyber Network Lab with Cisco gear which will help our Cyber students get some hands on practice with this technology! Also, last week I posted the following news from Cyber Coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield. **“UNOFFICIAL CyberPatriot teams qualifying for Nationals!!!! ‘For public dissemination now: We have 4 teams that currently are in position to advance to Nationals. Team coaches from across the country have until Monday afternoon to verify scores. I am expecting OFFICIAL results next Tuesday.’ Way to go Warriors! I am looking forward to Tuesday!”** Unfortunately, the news was not released on Tuesday. We expect to hear what schools and teams have qualified for Nationals sometime today, and when that information comes through, I will send a message with the good news out to the world! Let’s go CyberPatriot and our Troy Cyber Warriors!

The 3rd Annual Troy Gala put on by our Troy Support Organization Foundation (TSO), is on February 21, 2020. Early bird pricing ends tonight! As promised, I did indeed buy my tickets last weekend. ☺ This year the event is at the Summit House, which promises to be spectacular. Troy students in Mr. Falletta's Film classes put together a video describing how funds raised at the gala support our students and their learning at Troy. This video can be accessed from the TSO's website at www.thetroydifference.org It is going to be a wonderful evening!

CAMBRIDGE A.I.C.E. DIPLOMA QUALIFICATION PATHWAY at Troy High School

1. Complete two-year course pathways in Groups 1, 2, and 3 with A Level Exams in each Year 2 A Level course.
2. Complete the Group 4 course (Cambridge Global Perspectives & Research) and the AS Level Exam.



Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnett largely on her own finished the Cambridge AICE Diploma Qualification Pathway chart for Troy's newest academic program beginning in 2020-21. ☺ This is the additional information I previously mentioned we would be rolling out regarding this new international diploma program at Troy. We have also scheduled a Student/Parent Information Night on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm in the Troy Library. Everyone is welcome, and the information is especially for students who will be 9th or 10th graders at Troy in 2020-2021. Here is more information from Cambridge on this program.

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-aice-diploma/>

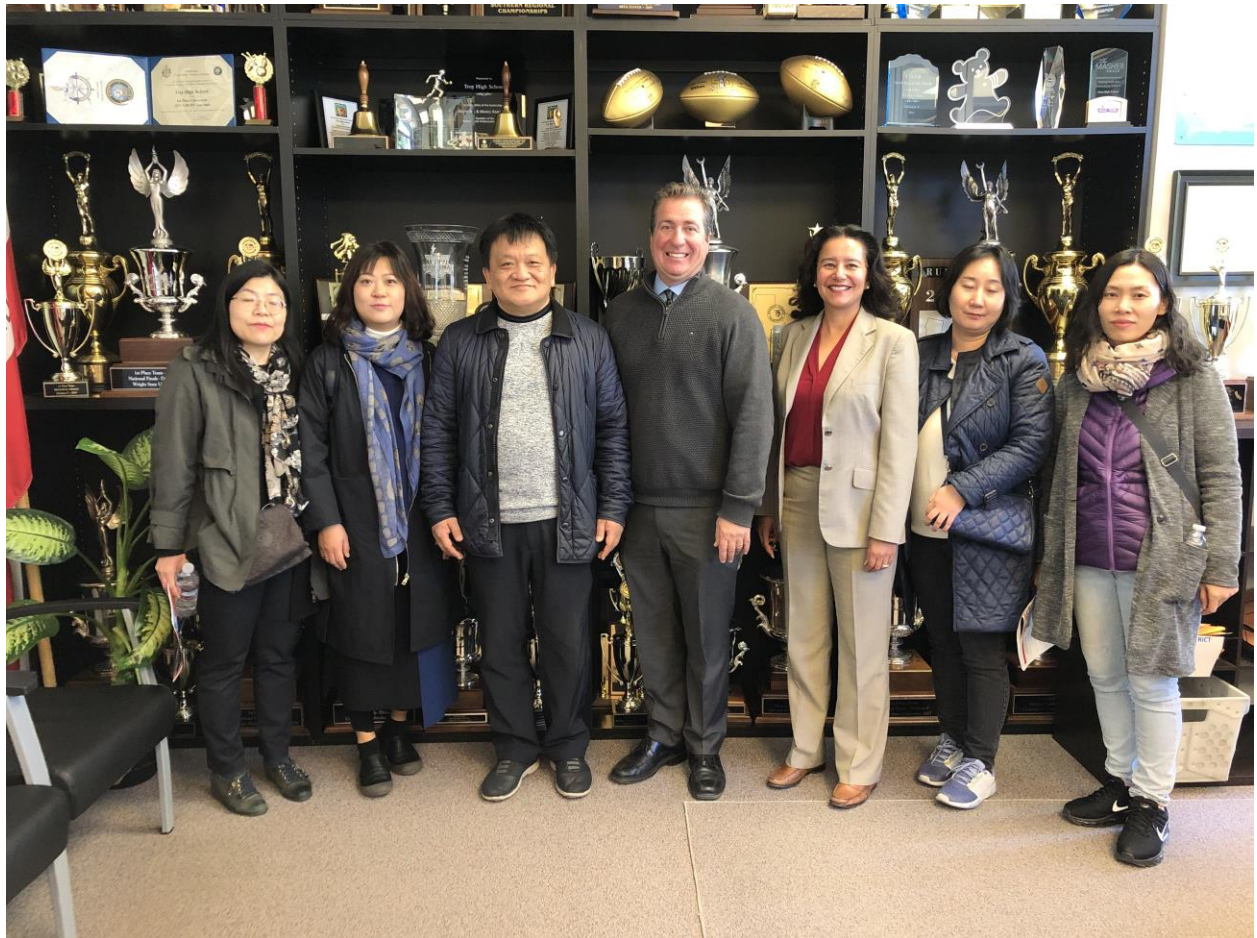


On Wednesday we held another wonderful Signing Day Rally event for Troy athletes who will be playing at the next level in college. These students have represented our school very well in the classroom and also on the athletic fields and courts. Through their efforts both in sports and academics they have very much earned the opportunity to compete in college sports for the next four years! Great job Warriors!

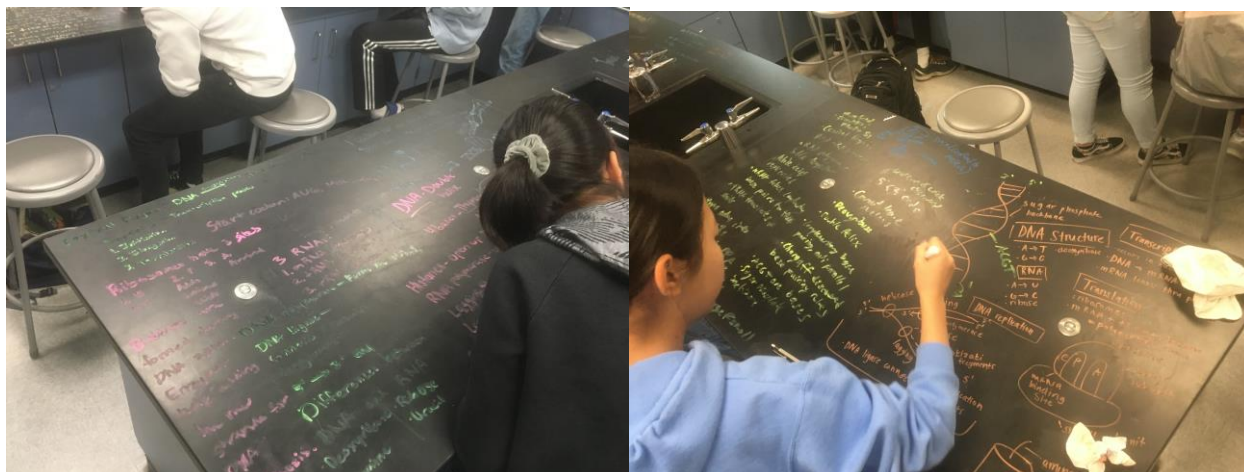


This week we announced our Classified and Teacher Employees of the Year! Congratulations to Ms. Shannon Cogswell being named for this honor! Ms. Cogswell was recognized by our staff for being one of the key people that keeps this school running. Trust me,

without Shannon, everything goes downhill rather quickly. ☺ For our Teacher of the Year, it came as no surprise when Ms. Ana Link was named as the recipient of this award. Every year Ms. Link has demonstrated her ability as one of Troy's most outstanding teachers. For Troy, Ana is an AP English Language, AVID 2, Yearbook teacher, and also our WASC Coordinator...I can understand why she was selected. ☺ Thank you to both Ms. Cogswell and Ms. Link for being the best, always doing what is best for kids, and going way above and beyond for the community of Troy High School!



On Tuesday, we hosted five visiting teachers from South Korea when they paid us a visit. Escorted by Superintendent, Dr. Scott Scambray and Dr. Sylvia Kaufman they almost received the full STEM tour of Troy, walking through many of our Science, Technology, Engineering, but not Mathematics classes. They were very impressed with our students and teachers, and were grateful that so many of our students and a couple teachers (Ms. Nga Ngo & Mr. Justin Kim) were able to converse in Korean to describe their work and what it is like being at Troy.

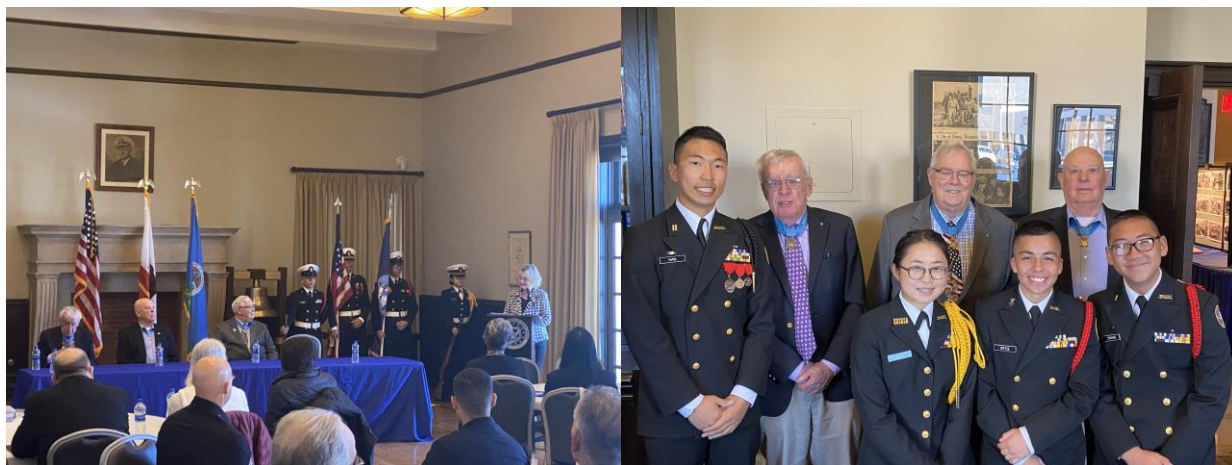


While walking classrooms with our South Korean visitors, we walked into Ms. Nga Ngo's Honors Biology class as they were conducting a unique review. The students were allowed to draw on their lab desks their review. As they did so, Ms. Ngo walked the room and spoke with them about what they obviously knew, and also what they needed to work upon. The review was very interactive and impressive. Awesome!

On another note regarding Science instruction at Troy, the California Department of Education finally released the State Science Exam (CAASPP) test results from 2018-19. The California State average score for meeting or exceeding the Science Standards is 29.36%. Troy's students scored 73.36% vastly surpassing the state average. I have included the link to the California Department of education where you are able to see the data on Troy or any school by typing in the school's name. Great job students and Science teachers! Go Warriors!

<https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/caaspp/DashViewReportCAST?ps=true&lstTestYear=2019&lstTestType=X&lstGroup=1&lstSubGroup=1&lstSchoolType=A&lstGrade=13&lstCounty=00&lstDistrict=00000&lstSchool=0000000>

By the way, the students that took the CAASPP State Exams last year in Mathematics, English, and Science were in the 11th grade and of course are our current 12th grade seniors. In all three California State tested subject areas they posted gains for our school over the previous year, and in the case of Science, this was the first official State score in this subject. Way to go Warriors, and way to represent Troy High School!



On Tuesday some cadets from our NJROTC provided the Color Guard for an event at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. In attendance were Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Tom Kelly, Chuck Hagemeister, and Gary Littrell. On Thursday cadets attended another event at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and met almost a dozen more Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. It is always a tremendous honor to have the opportunity for our students to have the opportunity to listen and speak with these great Americans. Service above self is the heart these servicemen. It is what drove their actions when they were active duty and continues to motivate them today. It is something to which all of us should aspire.



Last night at the Home basketball we took on Sunny Hills. I am happy to report our Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams both won their games. Also in view was the enthusiastic

support of our students as they created their own ESPN news booth providing commentary during the game and interviewing students afterwards. Apparently, the game officials could not stop laughing... only at Troy. ☺ Nice job to our student cheering section!



You may recall that I predicted the Chiefs would likely win the Super Bowl despite my cheering for the 49ers. Well I was right. Unfortunately, Luna did not share my interest in the game and decided she was going to block my view until she received a belly rub. She was very insistent...

Have a wonderful three-day Lincoln's Birthday Holiday weekend! I am looking forward to the extra day off, and I hope everyone will take some time to do something fun with the extra 24hours. There are movies to be seen prior to the Academy Awards on Sunday night, family and friends with which to hang out, and New Year's resolutions to keep! Rest and relax and I will see everyone back here on Tuesday!

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