



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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These four day weeks are great, but this week with all the school events and CIF playoffs I think we could have used the full five days. Of course, I am not advocating for giving up our President's holidays...☺

Yesterday, I addressed the tragedy in Florida to our staff and students over our morning announcements. These were my comments, *"Good Morning staff and students. Today our flag is at half-mast because another school community is reeling from the horror of gun violence. Our hearts ache for the people of Parkland, Florida and the entire Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School community. I want to take this moment to remind everyone in our community that it is important to report any suspicious activity. We must work together to keep our school safe. If you see something, say something. If there are any questions or concerns the counselors and administration are available to provide assistance. Thank you."*

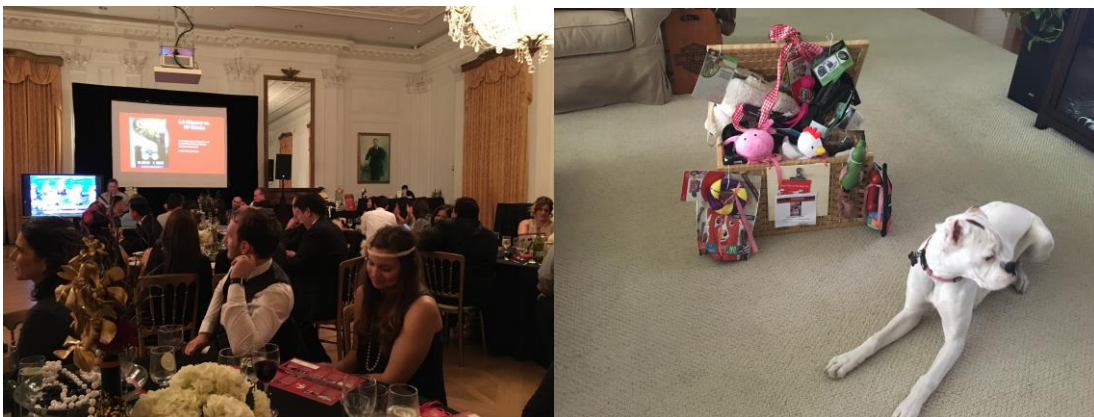
As a community we must remain vigilant to protect all of us from those that would do us harm, from wherever they may come. But we cannot live in fear and we cannot allow those who would sow discord and destruction to reduce our existence to that of a prison. At Troy and throughout the FJUHSD, we train for emergency situations and we have emergency procedures that we regularly revisit and reexamine so we may serve and protect our students and staff.

Last weekend the Troy Support Organization held their first ever Troy Gala with the *Great Gatsby* theme at the Richard Nixon Library. The event was amazing and well attended by Troy parents, community members, and staff. Thank you to everyone in our TSO, PTSA, Troy

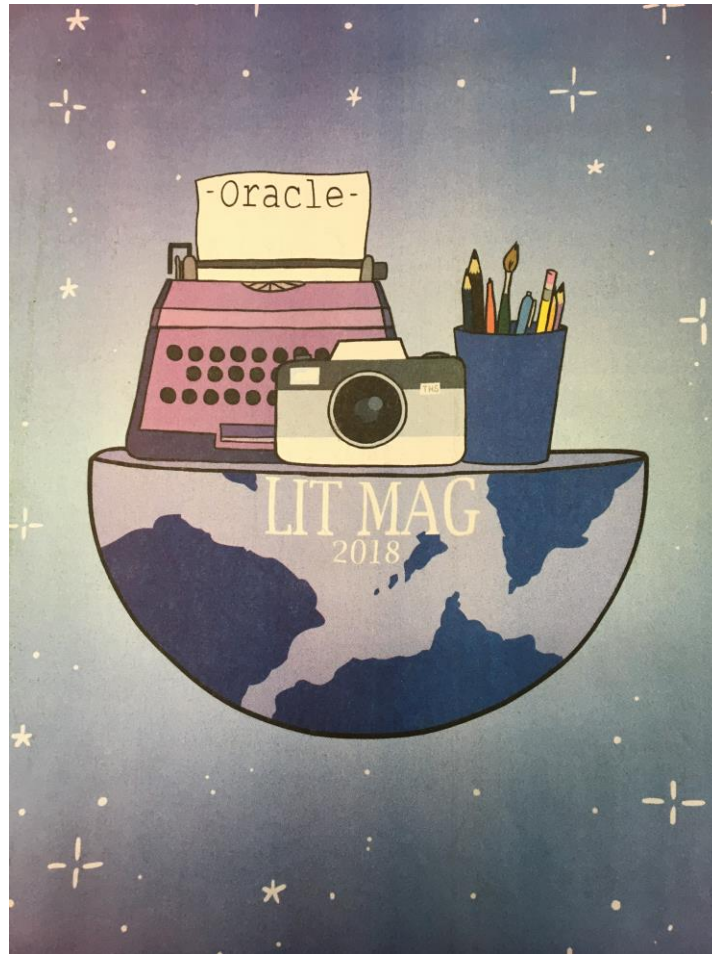
staff, and to Mr. Castillo and our Orchestra. A special thank you to Troy parent, Dr. Amy Choi Won for pulling this event together! Her vast experience and expertise made the vision of this



event come to life, and I don't think it would have been possible without her expertise. There were some fantastic live and silent auction items that were donated by local individuals and businesses. Pictured below is the silent auction dog basket I was able to win in the silent auction. As you can tell my dog is thrilled from the moment she received it. As a result of having a top notch event in a beautiful facility and for a good cause, our community raised significant amounts money for our students! Once again, thank you everyone, and plan on another fantastic event next year!



If you have not yet taken a look at the *Oracle Lit Mag 2018*, you are missing some tremendous student work! The publishing date is January 31, 2018 and the hardcopies have been around since the beginning of February. Additionally, there is a link to this work on our school website. The quality of art, photographs, drawings, links to student made films, as well as poetry are simply stunning. Thank you to the Lit Mag Team, and their adviser, Ms. Priscilla Cheney!



This weekend the group of students that create both our *Oracle* newspaper and *Ilium* yearbook will be competing in the OCJEA Competition on Saturday at Fullerton College. Oracle adviser, Ms. Priscilla Cheney described the event, “*Oracle staff members will compete in journalistic writing events including news, opinion, feature, sports, and entertainment. Both Oracle and Ilium staff members will compete in the layout and photography events. Winners will be eligible for the southern state event, SCJEA, in a few weeks.*” Good luck Warriors!

At the beginning of this newsletter I referred to our busy schedule in four days. For some students and staff, they actually worked five days this week. Any athletes in CIF competition

had practices this past Monday, and there were also another group of students hard at work on classroom construction—outside classroom construction with Science teacher, Mr. James Kirkpatrick! Building this classroom has been a longtime dream of Mr. Kirkpatrick,



and it is something that will benefit not only the Science Department, but any other classes that may wish to enjoy an outdoor location that will include native plants as well as student work areas. Our FJUHSD M & O has been very supportive of the project, taking down a couple trees and installing the new classroom wall (fence). In order to have students feel the classroom is theirs and to have student involvement in the project, Mr. Kirkpatrick felt it was important they be invested in the project, thus their participation in this construction project. Thank you to our students and to Mr. Kirkpatrick! I cannot wait to see the finished product!



Back to our athletes...Girls' Water Polo, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, and Girls' Soccer all qualified for CIF playoffs. As of today, our Girls' Soccer and Wrestling are still in competition. All of our teams had memorable seasons and earned their playoff berths. Congratulations to all the teams on a great year and for the underclassmen, take some time, reflect on the season and then begin to prepare for next year! For Wrestling, they are in Hesperia

today and depending upon results could also be competing again next weekend! Girls Soccer won their first round game yesterday against Foothill High School 2-0 and advance to the second round against Harvard Westlake next Tuesday. Go Warriors!



Last weekend the Troy Speech and Debate Team attended the Stanford Invitational. I am happy to report our students did very well! Adviser, Mr. Roger Anderson forwarded some of their results from the event. Sophomore, Amy Weng was a quarterfinalist in Impromptu

Speaking. 9th graders, Dale Tran and Aaron Bai and 10th graders, Chirag Singh and Rahul Patel both made it to the final in Parliamentary Debate. In the end, Mr. Tran and Mr. Bai placed 32nd teams out of 150 teams and Mr. Singh and Mr. Patel finished 8th out of 150 teams.

Congratulations Warriors!



Last evening our NJROTC Orienteering team left for the National Championship competition near Orlando, Florida. This team has worked very hard the last few years and they have made it to the big show! Wish them luck and we will soon know if we have another National Championship for our school!



Thank you to all the members of Troy's Choir and to their Director, Mr. Mark Henson! This week to mark Valentine's Day two Show Choirs toured the campus and sang Valentine Grams to students and staff members! I believe they performed over 200 requests between the two choirs and sang between eight and ten different selections! I followed them around to several classrooms and the performances were very well received. I did not know they were on their way to the Main Office later, which was a very pleasant surprise! Thank you Choir!



This week our E-Sports team improved their record to 2-0 vs. Woodbridge High School. Our team was dominant, easily defeating Woodbridge and winning the best of the three game competition in less than an hour. They will play a different school next week!



That is it! Enjoy our second long President's Weekend! Get some very well deserved rest and relaxation and I will see everyone back here on Tuesday morning!

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