

February 2, 2018

It is Groundhog Day, and I have news. Apparently the rodent—I mean groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow today. According to folklore this means six more weeks of winter. Since Punxsutawney Phil lives in Pennsylvania six more weeks of winter vs. an early spring does not sound like that much fun. For us in California, it probably means six more weeks of spring followed by an early summer. For some of us, this may or may not be good news, especially if we like to snow ski.

http://abcnews.go.com/US/groundhog-day-2018-punxsutawney-phil-sees-shadowweeks/story?id=52790141



Last night I had the good fortune to be able to enjoy Opening Night of our Troy Theatre Ensemble's performance of the Neil Simon play, *Rumors*. The play has a run of two weeks, and the first night was fantastic! It is a very funny play, the acting was very well done and very entertaining! There are three more performances, don't miss this show!

On Monday, we held our last Red Cross blood drive until April 5th. Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick reported that we met our goal of 92 pints of blood and actually collected 98 pints!

This is actually amazing considering that if a potential donor has been out of the country, is sick or has recently been ill, they cannot donate. With the rate of colds and flu currently being quite high, I think we should be pretty happy with this result! In the spring we should all be feeling much better and perhaps we will be able to exceed our new goal of 110 pints! Go Warriors!

AP students! It is time to sign up for your AP Exams! The only way to sign up for your tests is through the Total Registration website. I would not wait, get it done early. https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/051009



Troy's Science Olympiad team continues to roll! Last weekend they took 1st place at the Golden Gate Invitational held at UC Berkeley. Here is our proud team along with some of their coaches, Mr. Mosig, Mr. Wahl, and Mr. Jundanian. Their next competition is the Orange County Regionals held at UC Irvine on February 10th. Great job team!

As we are all aware, students were on one of the social media platforms and someone made some threats against Troy High School late Wednesday evening. Thankfully, a student reported the threat to the police and working with school and district administration, police officers were able to take action on Thursday. The following statement from the Fullerton Police Department is on their website and social media. "School Resource Officers have arrested a 15year-old female in connection with the threats at Troy High School. She is in custody for criminal threats and obstructing, delaying an investigation. State law prevents law enforcement from releasing any further information regarding juveniles. The investigation is still on-going." (Sgt. Jon Radus, Fullerton Police Department).

I would like to further thank our students that came forward and indeed took to heart the understanding, "If you see something, say something." Also, thank you to our outstanding Fullerton Police Department and all the men and women that worked and continue to work protecting our school and community. We do not take them for granted and they remain the finest police department with which I have worked.



Last Saturday, our Science Bowl team competed to defend their championship of the past two years. Patrick Cai, Alexander Tsao, Tim Li, Jarrod Allen, and Ahmed Abdalla, under the watchful eye of coaches, Ms. Nga Ngo and Mr. Don Allen had a great match and beat some good teams. This year we did not bring the championship home, but we did take 4th place. Not a bad showing at all. Ms. Ngo was very proud of our team and stated, "They carried themselves with dignity and represented Troy with pride and class." Congratulations on a job well done and being our ambassadors demonstrating the Troy character, and our Troy community!

Troy Counselor Ms. Sarah Saleen asked that I remind everyone that on Monday, February 5th our PTSA meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Building. It will be followed by a special presentation at 7:00pm by the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) on teenage anxiety and depression. We also brought this group to Troy for a staff professional development day and this is a very informative and excellent presentation. Also, our counselors are finishing up 9th grade appointments and are beginning 11th grade appoints through April. Parents have been mailed appointment dates and times. These are very key meetings as they will cover graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and planning with senior year and post-secondary plans. Go Warriors!



This is what last weekend looked like for our NJROTC teams. The trophies represent results in Murrieta by numerous NJROTC teams in academics, armed & unarmed exhibition, various other physical competitions. The team on the right was our Orienteering team running at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. They also had another great performance and all of our teams together make for a very strong NJROTC unit as a whole. This resulted in another Area 11, Most Outstanding Unit award for 2017! Area 11 covers multiple states and much of California, so this is a big deal! Congratulations, to our cadets, their leadership, and NJROTC instructors! More fantastic CyberPatriot news from Coach Allen Stubblefield! It is hard to describe the volume of information reporting the successes of our numerous cyber defense teams. Compound the information by throwing in the middle school teams from Ladera Vista and Beechwood and it could be pretty much described as a deluge of information. It basically comes down to this. We have some amazing students and teams!

Troy has 22 teams (out of 33 who started) plus 5 Ladera Vista and 4 Beechwood teams advancing to the semi-finals. We have the #1 middle school, #1/2/4/5/6 all-service, and #6/7 open teams nationally

Troy Open

- Team 1117 is 2nd nationally in the Gold division
 - They are the California State champions in the Gold division!
 - They will compete next weekend for the opportunity to be the national champions in Gold
- 8 of the 19 teams that Troy has in the Open Platinum division (top 30% nationally) are advancing to the semi-finals next weekend:
 - California has the top Open 7 teams.
 - Troy dominated the All-Service division with 5 of the top 10 teams, and 3 other CA teams were also in the top 10.
 - California has the top 10 of the top 12 middle school teams, with Ladera Vista ranked #1.
 - From the semi-finals, only the top 12 will advance to nationals.

Troy NJROTC

- Troy swept the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place State awards (teams 1123, 1124, 1131).
- 12 of the 13 teams that Troy has in the All-Service Platinum division (top 30% nationally) are advancing to the semi-finals next weekend

• Only the top 2 NJROTC teams will advance from the semi-finals plus one wild card Congratulations to all of the students on all of these teams! These students really love what they are doing, they are fantastic learners and they love to compete! They are all exactly what our country needs in order to be able to be competitive in the 21st century world. The need is here, the jobs are here, and the money is here! These are 21st century careers and I

am happy to see Troy High School and students at Ladera Vista and Beechwood are leading the way! Thank you students, and thank you Commander/Mr. Allen Stubblefield!



Girls' Soccer had a great day yesterday with a win over Fullerton Union High School. This win on Senior Day ended up being the win that locked up our 4th straight Freeway League Championship! We have one more regular season game left against Sonora High School and then off to the playoffs! Great job Warriors!

Additionally, our Boys' Soccer is playing today against Sunny Hills. It will be a great matchup and this is an exciting team to watch, as they have the players to win each and every game. Later tonight, our Girls' and Boys' basketball teams are also competing against Sunny Hills. These games will be competitive, and both have Freeway League Championship implications! It will be a great night to take in some Freeway League competition!

It feels like spring! I look forward to another weekend being able to be outdoors and take in this wonderful weather. We are not back to drought conditions yet, and if we get a wet March we should be Ok. Of course most of us are aware that on Sunday, Super Bowl #52 will be played! Patriots vs. Eagles, who will win? I am going with the Patriots again this year. Of course the Eagles could win...it could also snow in Fullerton this winter. Have a wonderful Super Bowl weekend, and I will see everyone back here bright and early on Monday morning!

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