TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



February 2, 2024

Drawn by Ms. Shannon Cogswell, 2024

Warriors, Happy Groundhog Day! I have good news to report, the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his burrow in Pennsylvania and did not see his shadow! Thus, according to legend and this particular rodent, we will have an early Springtime! However, on this side of the country, the weather we are about to receive beginning late Sunday night is anything but springtime weather...more on that later. Last night, and pictured below is the crowd for our basketball games vs. SHHS. It has been a great week, and there is a lot to report!





Last night we held Senior Night, and our basketball and cheer teams celebrated their seniors, which is why there are balloons in the panoramic photo on the prior page. Our Girls' Basketball team fought through their game and it was close until the last four minutes when Sunny Hills was able to pull away and win by ten points.

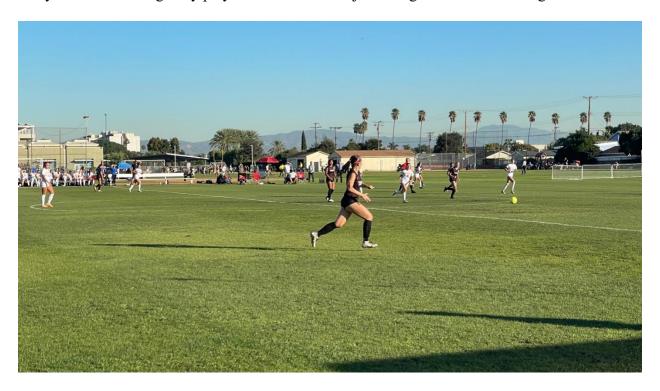
In the Boys' Basketball game both teams started slow with the halftime score being 19-14 with Troy in the lead. In the second half, Troy went up big and by the end of the 3rd quarter the score was 41-23, and we cruised to a 57-42 point win. Finishing in 3rd place in the Freeway League we are in the CIF playoffs and will soon find out who we will be playing next week in Round 1! Great job, Warriors!

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>, <u>by 3:30 PM</u>. 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.



Exciting news for our Boys' Soccer (pictured above) they finished 2nd in the Freeway League and will be in the 1st round of CIF playoffs next week! It has been a great season with many close and strategically played matches. Great job on a great season! Let's go Warriors!



Not be left out of the CIF playoff party, our Girls' Soccer team are Freeway League

Champions and are excited to again be in the Division 1 Playoffs! They are playing well, and I suspect they have another gear they are about to hit for playoffs. Congratulations on another Freeway League Championship to our athletes and their coaches! Great job, Warriors!

I also believe our Girls' Water Polo team has qualified for CIF playoffs, as well as some individual Wrestlers and will have more information on these teams and athletes over the course of next week for updated news next Friday. Congratulations to all our teams and athletes on a fantastic Winter sports season!

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

The Lounge, the Troy Wellness Center will be closed next week due to a renovation construction project that will allow us to increase the number of hours The Lounge will be open. If all goes well, we should be able to reopen on Monday, January 29th!





Niche 2024 Best Schools

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-union-high/troy-high-school-2247.

FJUHSD AVID PRESENTS BITE OF REALITY 2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!







There is more positive press regarding our recent award from the College Board for our AP Computer Science classes at Troy High School! Here is the link to the article in the Orange County Department of Education newsletter.

https://newsroom.ocde.us/college-board-honors-nine-oc-schools-for-expanding-accessin-computer-sciences/

Troy Parents, from our Counselors and Administrative Team, here is some important information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)!

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 is open 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 is open 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

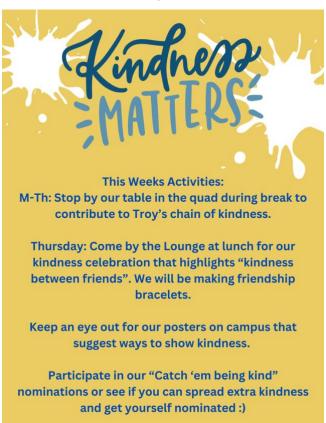
The School Counseling Department will be hosting financial aid workshops to help senior students complete either application. Keep an eye on emails regarding these events. If you wish to opt out of completing either financial aid form, have your student see their school counselor during drop-in times 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 February, 2024 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! https://conta.cc/3Uv7BK1



Ms. Carrie Slick, our Troy Mental Health Specialist, has exciting news regarding our Kindness Campaign activities this week. "Our Student Advocates of Mental Health (SAMH) club devoted a ton of physical and creative energy and made this a great time. The kindness

campaign is about promoting kindness on campus. Each day during break we invited students to add a link to our kindness chain by writing ways others show them kindness or a kind act they are committing to for the week. We also held "Catch 'Em being Kind" nominees, where staff could nominate students or colleagues for showing kindness. We will be sending out acknowledgments to the nominees on Monday thanking them for making our school a kinder place. On Thursday, we held a kindness between friends event in the lounge where students could grab a hot drink, color or make friendship bracelets together. SAMH also made some great posters to hang on campus, as well as promoting kindness on social media. I have attached some pictures. Thank you for all your support as we continue to integrate wellness into our campus culture here at Troy."

It is amazing and wonderful to see our students and staff members reaching out and making such a positive difference for each other and our school! Thank you!





Below is the link for the 2024 FJUHSD Art Show winners, but here is a preview!

https://www.fjuhsdvapa.com/visual-arts



On Wednesday night, I had the pleasure to tour the Muckenthaler and view in person the truly wonderful art created by our FJUHSD students on display. The art is amazing!



REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES AND 2024 SUMMER SCHOOL IS COMING SOON! SCHOOL COUNSELORS CONDUCT REGISTRATION BY GRADE LEVEL. SEE BELOW FOR THE SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION EVENTS:



Friday, February 9: In-Class Presentation

February 9-19: Window for juniors to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal Wednesday, February 21: Juniors meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests



Tuesday, February 13: In-Class Presentation

February 13-21: Window for sophomores to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal Friday, February 23: Sophomores meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests



Wednesday, February 14: In-Class Presentation

February 14-25: Window for freshmen to enter course requests in their Aeries student portal Tuesday, February 27: Freshmen meet with a school counselor to confirm course requests

REGISTRATION FAIR

Friday, February 16 @ Lunch in the Quad Every department will have a station where students can ask questions about courses, course prerequisites, and to research course options. Visit the registration section of our counseling website for course profiles as well as all registration details:

https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/600

*Special education students in our mild/moderate special education program (those with a Case Carrier) will enter their course requests followed by a review and modifications by their Case Carrier. For special education students in the FACE East and West programs, course registration will be handled by their special education counselor.

**If a student is absent on the day of their in-class registration presentation, they will be able to view the presentation slides within their school counselor's Google Classroom.

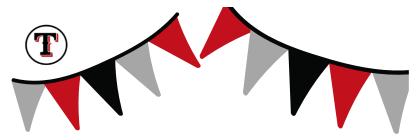
Troy High School Family! Thank you for the amazing turnout for the Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday. Not only did we meet our target of 100 units of blood collected, we actually donated 123 units of blood! This means up to 369 lives saved as a result of the donations from Troy students and staff. Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is on March 28th, so mark your calendar. Thank you to Ms. Kirkpatrick for the coordination of Red Cross events!



Troy High School has some amazing students on our Speech and Debate Team. Here is some good news on what the team recently accomplished from their Advisor, Ms. Caroline Fung. This past weekend, Troy's Speech and Debate Team competed in the Orange County Speech League Spring Tournament for the opportunity to qualify for the State Tournament. Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:

- Congress: 4th place Brian Yuan
- Parli: 3rd place team Avni Patil & Celina Zhuo, 1st place team - Meghana Gunturi & Se Min Kim
- Declamation: 3rd place Sydney Wang

- Impromptu: 4th place Samantha Luo
- Original Oratory: 10th Noemi Maciel, 8th Iman Babiker, 3rd Helen Fang
- Speaker rankings Parli: 1st place speaker Meghana Gunturi, 2nd place Se Min Kim In speaking with Ms. Fung, these events are qualifiers for the larger CA State Tournament, so it is looking like our team may be taking a trip up to Fresno in the future! Great job Warriors!



2024-2025 Regist ration Fair

Friday, February 16th

Student Lunch in the Quad

Registration for next year's classes is starting soon! In order for you to make informed decisions about your 24-25 classes, attend the registration fair. This is your time to ask teachers about course workload, assignments, taking H/AP/IB/C level classes, and to learn about existing and new classes. When next school year begins, you won't be able to change classes. Use this time to research the right courses.



Students, this event is coming very soon and you need to take advantage of this opportunity as you start planning on your course options for 2024-25! All Instructional Departments are represented and students have the opportunity to ask teachers questions about classes, course pre-requisites, and anything else course related. Don't miss this event!



Luna would like to go for a walk. This is the look I get when I am not moving fast enough for her. She knows the clock and when she is supposed to be eating, walking, playing, and sleeping. She is also very impatient... Enjoy the sun and dry conditions, as they are not going to last. Based upon the weather reports, we are likely going to take a direct hit by an atmospheric river. One forecast suggested we could see 5 to 15 inches of rain between Sunday night and Tuesday night depending upon location. This amount of rainfall could easily cause flooding, especially in those areas that are flood prone. Be careful this weekend once the rain begins to fall. On Monday as you prepare for school, make sure you take a look at the weather and know your route to school to ensure you choose the best and safest route to Troy. First and foremost, remember to be safe during this weather event. Do not walk, bike, or drive through any torrents of water on the roadway. It is surprising how little moving water it takes to wash away a human, bike, or car/truck/SUV. We want everyone to make it to school safe and sound.

Before the rain starts, do something fun! Many of you are going to the Winter Formal Dance at Troy on Saturday night from 7—10pm! It is going to be a great event and is indoors. The rest of the time this weekend, enjoy the sunshine even if it is a little cool. Time to go out for a hike, bike, run, walk, have a BBQ, shop, or whatever you feel like doing! Spend time with friends and family, have a wonderful weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

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