



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



February 9, 2024

Drawn by Ms. Shannon Cogswell, 2024

Warriors, despite the rain it has been a fantastic week at Troy High School with our students performing and having success in numerous categories from academic to athletic! BTW, as we enjoy the reprieve from the rain, we have 8-10ft of new snow in our local mountains for



those of us that enjoy skiing or snowboarding. Pictured on the prior page is a picture of Mt. Baldy taken this morning by Ms. Mynster. I am looking to seeing some blue skies and sunshine as we enjoy a three-day weekend with the observance of Lincoln's Birthday on Monday the 12th.



Speaking of rain, this is what our soccer field looked like on Tuesday morning. The rain



did not completely let up until the early hours of Thursday morning, but there is a huge difference in our field thanks to the efforts of Girls' Soccer Coach, Mike Silzer and his team of assistants including our custodial staff. They were able to mow, pump water off the field, and groom the field. Mother nature helped out with some sunshine and wind to make the surface playable just in time for our Girls' Soccer 1st round CIF playoff game yesterday vs. Huntington Beach. What a game this was! Both teams came out a little tentative as they were literally trying to gauge their footing and assess how much they could push on a soft field. As both teams acclimated to the conditions, the speed of the game picked up. Remarkably, the field held up very well, and while the expectation could have been that the field would be totally mangled by

the end of the game, it remained in fairly good condition, so much so that I'll bet that our Girls' team or Boys' teams would be able to play another game on a pristine field by next week. ☺



After playing two halves of soccer, we went to overtime and a few minutes in, Troy forward, #4 Mia LaRosa scored the “Golden Goal,” breaking the tie and giving Troy the victory in a thrilling conclusion to a very exciting match! Pictured at left is goalie, Ava De Leest celebrating our win and defensively kept Huntington Beach out of the net. Awesome job, Warriors! Our next match



is away tomorrow at noon vs. Palos Verdes High School. Best of luck to our team CIF round 2! Let's go, Warriors!

It is **National School Counselors Week!** On Monday morning the Office Staff held a potluck breakfast for our amazing Counselors. This is the best Counseling team with which I have had the pleasure to work. Thank you for all you do for our students!

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 Friday, March 15th, by 3:30 PM. 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 **in person** before 1st period, at break, lunch, or after 6th period.

Parent/guardian permission is required to make any changes.

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>



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.

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

TROY COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

FAFSA/DREAM ACT WORKSHOP

Presented by:



February 13, 2024
February 22, 2024



Troy High School
Room 507



5:30 PM - 7.00 PM



Who should complete the FAFSA form?

Everyone! There is a new state regulation that requires every high school senior to complete and submit either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

Anyone planning on going to college, whether that be community college, state schools, trade school, or private universities, in the next academic year should fill out the FAFSA/CADAA.

To complete the FAFSA/CADAA you will need:

1. Verified account username and password (FSA ID)
2. Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address
3. Income and asset information (if required)

*Assistance available in English and Spanish



TROY HIGH
SCHOOL



Registration for 2024-25 Classes & 2024 Summer School

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:

11th

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

10th

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

9th

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

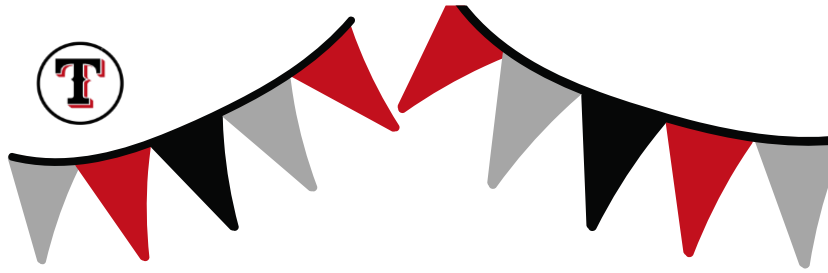
Every department will have a station where students can ask questions about courses, course prerequisites, and to research course options.

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.**



2024-2025
Registration Fair
Friday, February 16th
Student Lunch in the Quad

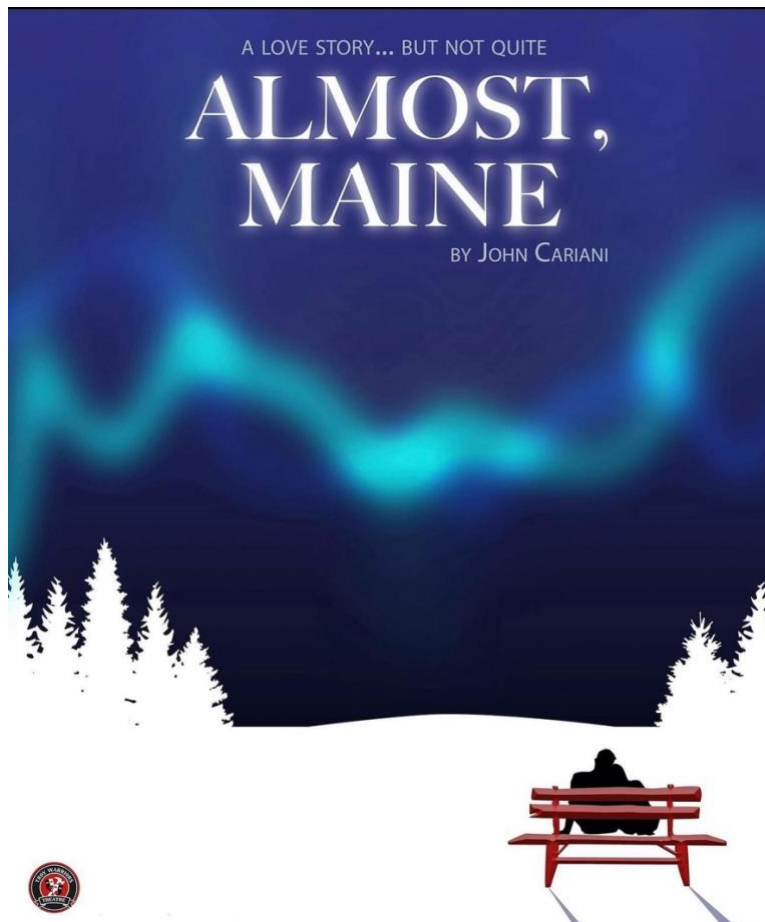
Registration for next year's classes is starting soon! In order for you to make informed decisions about your 24-25 classes, attend the registration fair. This is your time to ask teachers about course workload, assignments, taking H/AP/IB/C level classes, and to learn about existing and new classes. 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!



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>



Troy's Spring play Opening Night was Thursday night, and has garnered positive reviews! This is a four-act play, really more like four short stories with an Intermission evenly dividing the acts. This play runs three more nights, at 7PM on the 9th, 15th, and 16th! Don't miss it!



OPEN DIVISION QUALIFIERS

Canyon Crest Academy <i>CCA Team 1</i> San Diego, CA	Carmel High School <i>cyb3rh0u#d5</i> Carmel, IN	Del Norte High School <i>CyberAegis Aegir</i> Escondido, CA	Del Norte High School <i>CyberAegis Triton</i> Escondido, CA
Franklin High School <i>Half Dome</i> Elk Grove, CA	Highlands Ranch High School <i>Falcon Transfer Protocol</i> Highlands Ranch, CO	Liberal Arts and Science Academy Austin, TX	Loyola Blakefield <i>Charlie's Angels</i> Towson, MD
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools <i>View Source</i> Canton, MI	Rock Canyon High School <i>Killer Queen</i> Littleton, CO	Troy High School <i>Runtime Terror</i> Fullerton, CA	Westview High School <i>Titan Turtles</i> Portland, OR

This week we learned Troy has two teams that have qualified for the CyberPatriot Nationals in mid-March. We have teams in the Open Division and the All Services Division. This year two-time national champions, with some different members, Runtime Terror (Anna Wu, Aaron Shan, Yuqi (Victoria) Yang, Nathan Chen, Joshua Kim, Liam Stoker) have made the switch from the All Services Division to the Open. There is also a new team called (W.A.T.T.) We Are Troy Tech comprised of students: TianLang (Michael) Xiong, Craig Gu, Alex Wang, Liwei Xia, Jacob Yu, Chenghao (Jacky) Feng, making it to Nationals in the All Services Division. Both teams have qualified throughout the course of the school year to earn their way to the National Championship! Congratulations to these teams and their coaches!

Congratulations to the Troy mathematics students who qualified for the AIME (American Invitational Mathematics Exam)! On Wednesday twenty-one students took this competitive exam over their 3rd through 5th periods. I look forward to seeing how they score this year, as our students that make it this far tend to do very well. Thank you to our Mathematics teachers for setting our students up for success and thank you to our students for going above and beyond and entering and qualifying for the AIME! Great job, Warriors!



There is more outstanding academic competition news from our Troy students! Last Saturday our Troy Team competed in the Science Bowl held at JPL and we did quite well. From Troy Science Teacher, Ms. Nga Ngo here is the play by play! *“Saturday proved to be an exhilarating day for Troy's science bowl team as they clinched second place in the regional competition hosted at JPL. The team started strong by overpowering Uni in the initial round robin. As the Round Robin concluded, Troy, University, and Walnut found themselves locked in a three-way tie. In the tiebreaker round, Troy and Uni emerged victorious, advancing to the second-round robin. In the winners' bracket, both teams outperformed Arcadia and Santa Monica, setting the stage for a nail-biting final match between the top two contenders. Despite a valiant effort, Uni narrowly edged past Troy to secure the win. Congratulations are in order for our Troy Team members: Aditya Peddi, Melinda Ji, Chris John, Andy Chen, and Daniel Jiang.”*

Ms. Nga Ngo also has more great news from the most recent Cheer Competition! Troy has a fantastic Cheer Squad so this following information should not be a surprise.



“The cheerleading squad made their debut at the season's first competition in Monrovia, where Troy claimed the Championship title by securing 1st place overall with the highest score among all competing teams in all divisions. Additionally, the team earned the prestigious 1st place award in the varsity advanced non-tumbling group category. Our cheerleaders displayed exceptional teamwork and individual athleticism. Bri Padilla clinched 1st place, while Madison Bedward secured 2nd in the tumbling competition. In the stunt group category, Kloie Beck, Raquel Gorom, Adriana Dilluvio, and Livy Ochoa collectively achieved 3rd place.” Thank you to our Head Cheer Coach Ms. Jordan Echaves and her Assistant Coach Meighan Jones for leading our Cheer team to this victory! This team is amazing! Great job, Warriors!

On Monday, I received notification from Cambridge that six of our students have received Outstanding Learner Awards from the June, 2023 AS and A level examinations. Mr. Jeremy Ridgeo, the Senior School Implementation Manager, North America Region from Cambridge University Press & Assessment wrote, *“I attached a description of the Cambridge Awards to this email, but will share here as well – Eric Hong, Amanda Lim and Dina Naziri earned the Cambridge Scholar Award for having three “C” grades or higher on Cambridge International AS & A Level examinations. Jacqueline Zhou earned the Cambridge Scholar Award with Merit for having three “B” or higher results on Cambridge International AS & A Level examinations. Wilson Peng earned the Highest Mark in the USA on Biology – WOW! And,*

*Joanna Magbitang earned the Highest Mark in the **World** for English Language, which is awarded to learners who achieved the highest standard mark in the world for an individual subject. These students, their teachers, and the entire Troy High School community should be proud of these achievements.”* Indeed, we are very proud of these students and the work and effort they have put into their studies to achieve this result. Fantastic job, Warriors!



Yesterday, some of our Troy cadets attended the Medal of Honor forum at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Our cadets and NJROTC Instructors had the opportunity to meet and hear from Congressional Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Army Staff Sgt. David G. Bellavia, who is pictured above with our Instructors and Cadets. It is always an honor to speak with recipients of our nation's highest military award for valor and it drives home the point that freedom is not free. I am grateful for our students having had this opportunity and I thank our NJROTC Instructors for creating this chance for our cadets to meet a Medal of Honor recipient. We cannot ever repay the service and sacrifice given to our country from our servicemen and women in defense of our country and freedoms. We are the land of the free, because of the brave.



Our Girls' Water Polo team is having a wonderful CIF playoffs! On Monday away at Segerstrom High School they got the job done and came away with the win! Yesterday facing Don Lugo High School in the 2nd round of CIF playoffs Troy dominated and went on to win 13-1. The 3rd round of CIF is tomorrow vs. Malibu in Malibu. Our team is getting the job done, and I would not bet against the Warriors! Let's go Warriors!



On Wednesday our Boys' Soccer team won a thriller vs. Elsinore High School the first round of CIF playoffs at home in Fullerton Stadium. Today, at 5PM we have a 2nd Round CIF playoff home match at Fullerton Stadium vs. Etiwanda High School! We have a great team, and if you are into CIF playoffs, you can go see this 5PM game then turn around and come back to Troy for the 2nd round CIF Boys' Basketball game vs. Arcadia High School!



Wednesday night our Troy Boys' Basketball team was tested in Round 1 of the CIF playoffs in Menifee when they travelled to play Liberty High School. I don't know if I have ever seen a game this close throughout the entire duration of the game. The end of the 1st quarter we were losing 24-23. Our defense needed to step up and at halftime the game was 38-38. Our team was doing the things they needed to do to score, and both teams were having foul issues, and our defense was adjusting. At the end of the 3rd quarter the score was 53-53. Going into the 4th quarter the game was seemingly tied up most of the time or close to it. 62-58 Troy with 5:36 left, next thing we knew it was 64-64, then 66-66, then 68-66 our favor with 1:07 left. Then we created a few opportunities and we went ahead 71-67 with 44 seconds left. The last part of the game was crazy with us up 73-67 with 19 seconds left and became a possession, 3-point, and finally with time expiring we won 75-73! Whewww! What a game! The CIF 2nd Round game is tonight at Troy vs. Arcadia High School at 7PM. The Arcadia Apaches are a good team, or they too would not be in the 2nd round of CIF. Come on out and support your Troy Warriors tonight! Our team is playing well and it is going to be a great game! Let's go, Warriors!

Next week ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessment for California) Testing begins. What is this? Students, if you have to ask you are probably not being tested. Here is

more information on the ELPAC from our own Ms. Alma Pulgarin our English Learner Family Liaison for Troy High School.

Hello Troy students,

*ELPAC season is upon us! The ELPAC is the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California. This is the language test you take every spring. It consists of 4 domains (speaking, writing, listening, and reading). We will begin pulling students out for the speaking component **next Tuesday, February 6th**. Please take your time and do your best! You each have the ability to improve on your score from last year!*

*9th-10th grade testing: **Tuesday, February 13th, during periods 1-4.***

*11th-12th grade testing: **Wednesday, February 14th, during periods 1-4.***

The following are the criteria for reclassification. When you reclassify, you will no longer need to take this test and will be considered as English Proficient:

- 1. Obtain a Level **4 Overall** on the ELPAC*
 - a. You can receive a 3 on the Written or Oral portions and still get a 4 Overall score.*
- 2. **C- or above in your English class for a SEMESTER***
 - a. I look at your most recent English grade.*
- 3. Meets or exceeds **ONE** of the following assessments/benchmarks:*
 - a. CAASPP/SBAC ELA score of 3+ (CAASPP 2 AND a GPA 3.0+) From 8th or 11th grade*
 - b. ELA Benchmark Score of 2+ (Common Lit assessment): taken 3 times a year*
 - c. SAT/PSAT (Score 25th Percentile or Higher)*
 - d. Reading Assessment: Nelson-Denny - score of 30 points or higher (M50 or T25).*
- 4. Parent/Guardian Consent*
 - a. Phone call and letter home as evidence of parent/guardian consultation in the RFEP process and District determination of the student's RFEP status.*

*Please remember to **charge your Chromebooks** before your testing date. Also, if you have **headphones**, please bring them.*

Please take a look at this PowerPoint for more details about ELPAC and reclassification. It will also provide some resources to improve your English and practice tests. [LINK](#)

You may also add yourself to this Google Classroom for more test practices. <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjQ5OTI0MTI1MDg2?cjc=xkaz2lt>



ELPAC TESTING

BEGINS ON:

- 9TH-10TH GRADES FEB 13
- 11TH-12TH GRADES FEB 14

RECLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

- Overall ELPAC Score 4
- English grade C- or above
- 2 or above on SBAC (with 3.0 GPA or above) -OR-
- 3 or above on SBAC -OR -
- 2 or above on Common Lit

Please encourage your student to do their best. Ensure they are present during the testing dates.



Thank you,
Ms. Pulgarin
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With the torrential rains this past week, Luna has been going a bit stir crazy...I do think this weekend will be different except for a few hours watching the Super Bowl on Sunday. ☺ One thing about the Super Bowl, it is a great opportunity to have a get together with friends and family! I have my favorite team picked to win, but in the end being with friends and family is more fun than the Superbowl, or the commercials. Don't pretend you don't know what I mean about the commercials! Have a wonderful weekend, and don't forget that we have Monday off for Lincoln's Birthday! I will see everyone back here on Tuesday, February 13th! W.V. Mynster

