



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Enjoy the weather today, as the rain starts tonight. With the exception of Monday we will not see a day without rain until next Friday. It is still winter in Southern California, however at Troy we do not let a few drops of water stop us. Unless it presents a safety concern—then it totally stops us. ☺ We will be Ok, as our district M & O has been great fixing the few leaks and drainage issues we have experienced. They have also helped us get our fields in playing condition which has been no small task and is very much appreciated!



Last week, our Instrumental Strings performed at Disneyland, yesterday they were at CSUF, and tonight there is an Orchestra Concert in the North Gym at 7:00pm. Our instrumental music students are playing well, and sound fantastic! Pictured at right, they are practicing for tonight, and at CSUF, they opened and closed the event and sounded fantastic. Especially impressive is the music they performed at the end of the event at CSUF, they had only received the prior afternoon. Nobody in that room would have ever known they had not been playing that

piece for weeks. If you would like to hear a wonderful concert tonight, our North Gym will be the place to take a seat for an hour or so.



Last Saturday, our Boys' Soccer team went to the CIF championship game to the first time since 1985. Playing a tough Rialto team, they lost a close match 0-2. The picture above is not from that game. It is the picture of a team that just made it to the California State Championship game last night after winning the game with less than a minute left in overtime against Foothill High School in Bakersfield, CA! Tomorrow, rain or shine the Championship Game will be at Troy High School on our home field against Sierra Vista High School. The game will be played at 3:00pm and despite the rainy forecast, I bet we can line the field with our fans! Tomorrow there are a couple of events happening at Troy, so parking will be at a premium. I spoke with the principal of La Vista / La Sierra, Ms. Sandi Layana and we are able to use their parking lot for overflow parking should our lots be filled. ☺ Thank you, Ms. Layana! Come out and see a great soccer game on Saturday afternoon. Go Warriors!

Last Saturday, Troy hosted the 2019 California Mayor's Cyber Cup-Orange County. I am happy to report that out of the thirty-four middle and high school teams competing in four

hour cyber challenges, Troy High School took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. We have very good teams, and with five teams going to the CyberPatriot National Championship this was not a totally unexpected outcome. Our cyber teams work very hard and have a great coach in Mr. Allen Stubblefield. As I stated last week, Troy is honored to be able to host this event and it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the abilities of the next generation of cyber warriors who will defend our nation's information and computer systems. We need these kids to step up to the plate and defend our nation against cyber threats. It was very encouraging to see all these students working on their cyber skills and competing on Saturday. Pictured below is a middle school team that actually has a 4th grader—9years old competing! He is the one on the far left... I am sure we will be seeing him again. ☺ Go, Cyber Warriors!



On Saturday, Troy will host the 15th Annual Dave Wittry Programming contest for high school students. The contest will be held in the 300, 400, and possibly some rooms in the 500 building. Our students often do well in this event and this contest attracts some very good computer programmers. Thank you to everyone for their support in helping Troy Computer Teacher/Expert, Mr. Don Allen in administering this contest!

Tomorrow, Troy's NJROTC will be hosting the 4th Annual Southern California SeaPerch Challenge. This is a huge event with 75 teams from around the State with students ranging from elementary school through high school competing using tethered underwater ROV's to maneuver

through an obstacle course on a mission to recover items. This is a pure STEM activity, hands on, applying learned knowledge—it is great for kids! Four teams will qualify to attend the International SeaPerch Challenge in Washington DC in June. Go Warriors!



Last week, current NFL football player and Troy graduate, Aaron Brewer visited our football team during weightlifting. While there he also signed a second Super Bowl football we have with his name upon it, representing the two Super Bowls in which he played. He only has a 50% winning percentage in Super Bowls, thus only one championship ring pictured above on Assistant Principal Ms. Renee Gates' finger. ☺ Thank you to Mr. Brewer for taking time to visit his high school and giving his time to our football team! Aaron Brewer is forever a Warrior!



This week six of our NJROTC cadets had the opportunity to see how a real U.S. Navy ship operates at sea. Commander Lauper was able to use his connections to get this rare trip for our cadets to experience and tour an active duty ship. It has been an amazing experience and these are just a few of the great pictures I have received from Commander Lauper. I look

forward to hearing more about the trip and I also grateful to our U.S. Navy for extending an invitation to Troy's cadets for this wonderful opportunity! Go Navy!



Last week I sent a message to Troy's Staff regarding one of our teachers, Mr. Steve Grack. Unfortunately, Steve has been diagnosed with a type of cancer known as rhabdomyosarcoma. Steve's wife, Mrs. Sarah Grack gave permission to share information about Steve as she knows his Troy family wants to lend their support. Steve is currently receiving medical treatment and will soon be receiving chemotherapy. At this point in time, Mrs. Grack says Steve has lots of support at home, and she, his sons, his brother and parents are nearby. Right now, they don't need anything from us but our prayers for his strength. Our prayers are with Steve. As the Grack's have three young sons, we are establishing a "Giving Tree" in the Main Office. We would like to load the tree with gift cards for the family, as the sons are heavily involved in sports and running around. Gift cards are always good for people on the go, especially for restaurants or food. To help Steve focus on his cancer battle, and relieve him of the stress of thinking about work, we have moved Mr. Eager and Mrs. Henniger into the AP Computer Science Principles courses he was teaching. Mr. Eager and Mrs. Henniger were happy to help and fortunately, we also were able to bring Mrs. Heather Lambert out of retirement for a little while to help with Mr. Eager and Mrs. Henniger's Business courses, which is what she taught

before she retired from Troy. Thank you Mrs. Lambert! As Mrs. Grack has more information about Steve she would like to share, I will pass that information along to our Troy family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Steve Grack.



Normally, I would save Luna to the end of the newsletter but today this is a good spot for her antics. On the left you see my shoe. She decided to get me off the couch and this was the quickest way to get me to move. She was correct, but in the next picture I was back on the couch with her behind me with her head on my shoulder. She is a good boxer doggie but her motivational strategy needs work. ☺



Yesterday was a monumental event involving the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, Fullerton College, and California State University Fullerton when the Fullerton Education Partnership was announced. The papers were formally signed by our Superintendent, Dr. Scambray, Chancellor, Cheryl Marshall, Fullerton College President, Dr. Schulz, and CSUF President, Mr. Virjee. The details of the partnership benefit all college going students in FJUHS that would like to attend either Fullerton College or CSUF. Both schools desire to have more of our kids attend their fine academic institutions, and reaching out to our students interested in both the two and four year college route is a move that is beneficial to all parties.

Students, if you would like more details on this new partnership, ask your counselors when you have your meeting to discuss your college plans!



On Monday evening, two of Troy's finest athletes, Mr. Tye Hernandez from the Boys' Soccer team and Ms. Kaylee Sakoda from the State Championship Girls' Golf team received an award for Athletes with Character from the Orange County Athletic Directors Association. Both of these athletes are representative of the best and brightest student/athletes in Orange County and are two of the best Troy has to offer! Congratulations on this honor, which is reflective of the type of people they have become. ☺ Great athletes and more importantly, great people!



Last night in Round two of the Girls' Basketball State Championships, our Troy team defeated a San Diego area team, Mount Miguel High School. The first half was low scoring and

very tough with Mount Miguel running a full-court press on our team. We also did a good job on them with tough defense and keeping their 3-point shooters with their hands in their pockets. As the 3rd quarter started, our conditioning began to take its toll on the other team and we were able to keep stopping their offense and pull away to a 49-31 win. Our next opponent is Rosary High School, and the game will be played tomorrow night at 6:00pm at Servite High School.

It is going to be a big sports weekend with two State Playoff competitions, a California STEM NJROTC underwater robotics competition, and a computer programming contest! What other high school can claim a weekend like this one? Nobody. Troy is a very unique and special place. I wish everyone a wonderful weekend. Come out and enjoy some high school sports, and cheer our teams to victory! Also, take some time with family and friends. I plan to hold my family and friends a little closer this weekend.

I will see everyone back here on Monday. Remember, this is a Late-Start Monday, and our only one in March.

W.V. Mynster



Springtime is coming.