



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



March 14, 2025

St. Patrick's Day, 2025 Art drawn by Troy resident artist, Mrs. Shannon Cogswell.

Dear Troy Family,

Happy Friday, and as of the end of school today, we are on Spring Break! Additionally, we are finishing the 3rd Quarter of the school year today, which means when we return from Spring Break, there will be many events, coming at everyone in rapid succession. Students, over Spring Break in addition to getting in some rest and relaxation, you may also want to take another look and ensure you are familiar with your calendar, know the important dates, and timelines to get things done before the important dates arrive. I know I am likely speaking to the collective choir, but it What are some of the important dates? For 11th graders, CAASPP testing. For AP, IB, Cambridge students, it is testing dates for those classes. For Troy Tech, and IB students, there are program deadlines regarding service hours, internships, etc. For seniors in addition to various exams, there are the end of high school events, such as Reflections, and 2025 Graduation Ceremony. However, as I wrote last week, you still need to keep your eye on the obvious which is for all our students is to stay focused and keep your eyes on the prize; good

grades, attendance, school and family engagement, college admission, summer internships, getting enough sleep and life balance. Stay focused. It is a great day and time to be a Warrior!

CAASPP TESTING SCHEDULE March, April & May 2025				
31 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday
(CAST)	CAST	(0 per only) (PT*)	(0 per only) (CAT*)/(CAST**)	English/Math Day 1 (PT)
		0: 7:28 - 9:28*	0: 7:28 - 9:28*/**	0: 7:28 - 8:25
1: 8:30 - 10:30	2: 8:30 - 10:30	1: 9:33 - 10:20	1: 9:33 - 10:20	1: 8:30 - 10:30
break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45	2: 10:25 - 11:12	2: 10:25 - 11:12	break: 10:30 - 10:45
3: 10:50 - 12:50	4: 10:50 - 12:50	break 11:12-11:27	break 11:12-11:27	3: 10:50 - 12:50
lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	3: 11:32 - 12:19	3: 11:32 - 12:19	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25
5: 1:30 - 3:30	6: 1:30 - 3:30	4: 12:24 - 1:11	4: 12:24 - 1:11	5: 1:30 - 3:30
		lunch 1:11-1:46	lunch 1:11-1:46	
		5: 1:51 - 2:38	5: 1:51 - 2:38	
		6: 2:43 - 3:30	6: 2:43 - 3:30	
7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Friday
English/Math Day 1 (PT)	English/Math Day 2 (CAT)	English/Math Day 2 (CAT)		
0: 7:28 - 8:25	0: 7:28 - 8:25	0: 7:28 - 8:25	LATE START	REGULAR
2: 8:30 - 10:30	1: 8:30 - 10:30	2: 8:30 - 10:30	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45		
4: 10:50 - 12:50	3: 10:50 - 12:50	4: 10:50 - 12:50		
lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25		
6: 1:30 - 3:30	5: 1:30 - 3:30	6: 1:30 - 3:30		
14 Monday	15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 Thursday	18 Friday
21	22	23	24 IB Starts (LATE START)	25 IB Testing
28 IB/CAM Testing	29 IB/CAM Testing	30 IB/CAM Testing	1 IB/CAM Testing	2 AP/IB/CAM Testing
5 AP/IB/CAM Testing	6 AP/IB/CAM Testing	7 AP/IB/CAM Testing	8 Testing (LATE START)	9 AP/IB/CAM Testing
12 AP/IB/CAM Testing	13 AP/IB/CAM Testing	14 AP/IB/CAM Testing	15 Testing (LATE START)	16 AP/IB/CAM Testing
19 AP/CAM Testing	20 AP/CAM Testing	21 AP/CAM Testing	22 AP/CAM Testing	23 AP/CAM Testing
If students are absent and miss any CAASPP test, they will be pulled the following day to make up their test. So students, do your best to attend each day during the testing season because it will impact your other classes if you are absent.				

Here is our overarching Spring testing schedule beginning with the CAASPP, on March 31st for 11th grade students in English, Mathematics, and Science. In late April, our classes, with external competency examinations such as AP, IB, & Cambridge will begin and continue with Cambridge and Advanced Placement into May. Let's go, Warriors!





Troy Family, meet Mr. George Kassar, our new Site Technician! Today is his third day on the job at Troy High School, so he is just beginning to learn names and faces. If you have the opportunity, drop by his office in the Library. Mr. George Kassar is going to be a great addition and compliment to address our computer and network support and needs. Welcome, Mr. Kassar!



Occasionally, I will get some info on an alum on what they are currently doing or have achieved enroute to where they are in their lives. Here is some info recently shared by the mother of one of our graduates, Elizabeth Shum Class of 2023!

"I have great news to share with you. Our oldest daughter, Troy Tech/IB alumni was accepted at Cornell University at the age of 19, for law school starting this fall. She graduated

with top honors from Troy (2023), NHS and CSF member, being the IB student of the year (2023), National merit finalist. She was accepted for undergrad to NYU Stern of business school, USC with a presidential award (50% tuition for 4 years) and decided on UCI because she liked the program and she knew she could graduate sooner. Currently attending UCI, she transferred 111 credits from AP/IB from Troy plus 10 more credits from summer classes at UC Berkeley and John Hopkins while being a high school student. Total of 121 credits, needing 180 to graduate with her BA Business degree, which she completed in 18 months. At this moment she is doing a minor in humanities to stay at UCI for 2 years. Now heading for Grad school!

While at UCI she is still a 4.0 student and this second year, as a Senior, she has been working for UCI as a Student peer counselor helping students to map down their careers. She took her LSAT as a freshman (18 years) and accepted at 19 years of age for law school. It just so impressive as most law students take their LSAT as real seniors (4th year college) and work in a law firm for 1-2 years before being accepted in law school.

Thank you for all of wonderful years at Troy, the Tech, the IB program, all those clubs, activities, and everything Troy's offers, always above and beyond! Our youngest is a 11th grader, following sister's steps. We couldn't be any happier. Go Troy!"

Sincerely,

Miriam Salvador (Mom)

My response to Mom was simply, that as Elizabeth is brilliant and hardworking, I don't know that I am surprised by anything she accomplishes. That being said, it is truly outstanding what she has already achieved in school and that she is rapidly moving forward towards her academic objectives and career goals. I thanked her for the update, and I look forward to hearing about her next steps and experiences along the way. Congratulations to Elizabeth!

There is one more fact regarding our students and Mom pointed it out in her email. Not only do our classes provide excellent opportunities for learning, but our clubs, activities, programs, all of these things engage students and facilitate their learning and development as wonderful humans.



On Tuesday, I received another story of a Troy alum from FJUHSD Trustee, Dr. Chester Jeng who was visiting Kaohsiung City, Taiwan as part of a delegation. Pictured at right, is Troy graduate Joseph Huang, from the class of 1996! Mr. Huang is the official translator for the Kaohsiung City and translated the delegate meeting with the Mayor of Kaohsiung City! Thank you to Dr. Jeng for the information on our alum, as well as the picture!

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>



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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!



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 March, 2025 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! <https://conta.cc/41n546g>

One of the ways FJUHSD and Troy High School have been measuring student engagement in school, rallies, clubs, and school activities has been to use the 5-Star App. Here is a little more information on how it is used in FJUHSD. Hint: We don't use it as a tracking app. 5-Star has an FAQ that specifically relates to location tracking (or lack thereof).

<https://help.5starstudents.com/hc/en-us/articles/24186201832333-Does-the-5-Star-Students-app-track-a-student-s-location>



From our Troy Aquatics Secretary Ms. Janie Yoo, here is some up to date info on our team! *“We are in full swim season, and our swimmers are making Troy proud! The Troy Swim Team dominated at the Villa Park Relays on Saturday, March 8th, with every swimmer earning a medal! Many swimmers went home with multiple medals. A huge congratulations to our swimmers for their stellar performance and for kicking off the season with such success. Before heading into spring break, they'll be swimming at Mount SAC, where they'll have the chance to make CIF cuts and continue to dominate in the water. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to support our swimmers—come cheer for them as they push for greatness on Saturday, March 15th @ 8:30 am (JV team) and 3:00 (Varsity finals) at the Mt SAC pool (W. Temple, Walnut, CA 9189)! When we return from spring break, Troy will swim against Canyon High School. Meet us at the Troy pool on March 26th at 3:15 pm as we go head-to-head against Canyon League! **Go, Warriors!**”* They are having a good season, and I believe we only have three home swim meets this year, so to see our team you may have to go to the away meets to get the full scope of what they are accomplishing this season. Great job, Warriors!





Troy has multiple Speech and Debate groups, several of which are guided by Troy Teacher, Mr. Connor McNamara who is sharing some of their very exciting accomplishments this year! *“Troy's Speech and Debate Team has had a busy month full of exciting achievements! At the OCSL State Qualifiers, our speech competitors had the following results:*

- *Lauren Li competed in OO with 23 entries*
- *Sydney Wang competed in OO with 23 entries*
- *Betty Chen competed in POI with 14 entries and Impromptu with 22 entries*
- *Reva Sobti 5TH PLACE in Impromptu and 4TH PLACE in OO*
- *Anastasia Efremova 4TH PLACE in INFO*
- *Sera Yu and Skylar Zhuo 3RD PLACE in DUO*
- *Helen Fang competed in INFO with 14 entries and 3RD PLACE in HI*
- *Kathleen Hong 5TH PLACE in HI and 2ND PLACE in INFO*

Also, everyone who placed in speech is qualified to attend the CHSSA State Tournament in May!

For debate:

- Avni Patil & Drishya Malik in Parli*
- Anthony Nguyen & Cheryll Prabakaran in Parli*
- Kamila Rivera & Ellen Tan in Parli*
- Swasthi Dhagat & Lucas Yun*

For debate, everyone qualified to States!



Last night there was a total lunar eclipse which is sometimes referred to as a Blood Moon due to the reddish hue that can be seen from earth while in the moon is in earth's shadow. This photograph was taken last night by APIO, Mr. Lance Bletscher and his daughter through their telescope. It is a great photo!



On Tuesday night at the FJUHS Board of Trustee meeting for March, all of the Special Education Department Chairs and co-Chairs were recognized for their work with our students. Pictured at right in the picture with all of the FJUSHD Special Education Chairs, our Board President, Dr. Vicki Calhoun and Superintendent Dr. Steve McLaughlin, are Troy co-Chairs, Ms. Jordan Echaves, and Mr. Justin Link. Thank you to all of our Special Education Chairs and teachers for all their work with our students! At this same Board Meeting we also recognized



12th graders from all of our schools with the Rising Stars Award. These are students who have overcome significant obstacles and have persevered and thrived enroute to college next year. Troy seniors, Ms. Coco Standley(far right) and Mr. Walter Barsamian(tallest person in the

photo) were Troy's deserving standouts! Thank you to all of these students for not letting obstacles stop them from their dreams and continuing to persevere and move forward! All of you are an inspiration for me and many others!



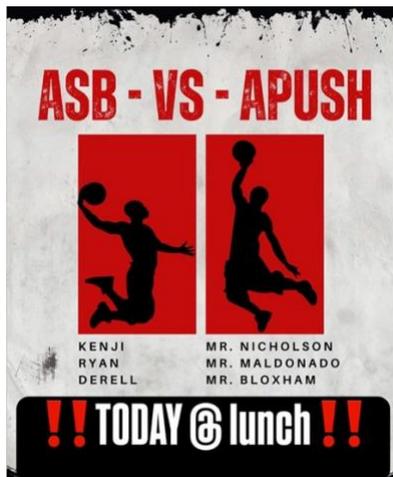
On Monday our CIF Championship Girls' Flag Football Team received their CIF championship rings in a ceremony presided over by their coach, Troy Teacher, Mr. David Shirota. I think this photo taken by APSA, Mr. Jeff Padgett says it all! Congratulations to our champions!

TROY HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY 03/17/25	TUESDAY 03/18/25	WEDNESDAY 03/19/25	THURSDAY 03/20/25	FRIDAY 03/21/25	SATURDAY 03/22/25
• Baseball V at Monroe (3:15PM)	• Softball at Brea Olinda (3:15PM)	• Baseball JV at Brentwood (3:15PM)	• No Events	• Baseball V vs Brentwood (3:15PM)	• Baseball FS at TBD (10:00AM)

NJROTC EVENTS:
 East Coast Educational Tour (3/15 - 3/22)
 Cyber Patriot Nationals (3/13 - 3/18)
 Orienteering Nationals (3/13 - 3/18)
 OUSA Junior Nationals (3/20 - 3/24)



This event was held yesterday at lunch in the North Gym, and it was a half-court basketball match-up between three amazing teacher athletes in our Social Science Department vs. three ASB students. The game was played in two four-minute halves with the lead going immediately to the teachers. Every teacher scored during the game, with Mr. Bloxham also

getting some of the key rebounds and the final outlet pass to Mr. Nicholson who drained a 3-pointer right as the final buzzer sounded. This was a very fun game to watch and the crowd



was super engaged. This was also a great ASB student spirit event and just another reason it is so very fun to be a student or staff member here at Troy High School! Great job, Warriors!



This is a photo of Luna from last weekend, that will be representative of the sunshine we will see this weekend when the rain ends tonight. I wish that everyone will have the best Spring Break they can imagine. Spending time on activities you are unable to do on a regular school day are always good choices. If you enjoy the sun or snow, there are many options both locally and a little farther out, like Mammoth Lakes that are going to be outstanding! Have a wonderful Spring Break and I will see everyone back here bright and early on Monday, March 24th!

W.V. Mynster