



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Happy rainy Friday! Winter was slightly delayed in Southern California, but it looks like it is here for sure. We certainly need the rain and snow, so I don't think any of us can be too unhappy about the weather, especially if we have any thought at all of hitting the slopes!



On Wednesday we held International Day in the Quad! Sponsored by the 100+ clubs at Troy, students and staff had many different types of food choices from which they could select their favorites! Our students always look forward to this day, and our clubs had a very successful day of fundraising!

Last week when I reported on students from the *Oracle* and *Illium* competing in the Orange County Journalism Education Association (OCJEA) competition, I provided a lot of

specific detail on students being recognized for specific awards. One award that I accidentally omitted was the one represented by this rather large trophy pictured below. Together our *Oracle and Ilium* won 1<sup>st</sup> place, the OCJEA Write-off Newspaper and Yearbook Super Sweepstakes Prize! Congratulations to some of the very best writers in Orange County!



Today our symphony orchestra will be performing at Cal State Fullerton. Each year we participate in this festival at Meng Hall and for the record, we were the first high school to perform on their premier stage over ten years ago! Later on tonight there is an opportunity for all of us to hear our symphony orchestra perform in the North Gym! The performance will begin at 7:00pm and the doors open at 6:30pm!

Troy Staff Members, please refer to the email from Assistant Principal, Mr. Lance Bletscher regarding the Sunday power outage at Troy. With the huge power grid upgrades at Troy due to our gym modernization, the power needs to be shut down. Please make sure to turn off your computers when you go home for the weekend. Thank you!

Warriors, it is already the spring athletic season! Most of our teams have already completed at least one preseason contest and next week there is a lot of activity. Baseball, Softball, Boys' Golf, Boys' Tennis, Track & Field are all in season, so come on out to the courts and fields and support our teams!



Last week was huge in the world of Cyber Security competition teams. Cyber guru/coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield happily reported the following:

### **Cyber Nationals Announcement!**

*We had several Troy cyber eagerly waiting to hear if they are traveling to Baltimore for Nationals. Troy is honored to have the MOST teams qualify from any school in the nation with four teams.*

*In the OPEN division, we had two teams qualify. Team members include:*

- Seniors Khoa Nguyen, Jared Flores, Jay Kang, Ahmed Abdalla, Jarred Allen, Jonathan Chen, Steven Fosmark, Brandon Tetley,
- Juniors Christo Bakis and Jino Sirivatanant, and
- Sophomores Jennifer Ho and Kanin Liang
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*In the JROTC division, we had two teams qualify. These two teams are ranked #1 and 2 nationally and include:*

- Seniors Brandon Shin, Ha Young Kim, Silas Shen,
- Juniors Johanna Liang, Alicia Wang and David Lee, and
- Sophomores Clement Chan, Livanya Garg, Jimmy Li, Joseph Xu, Charissa Kim and Nicole Wong

*In the Middle School division, Ladera Vista will also be joining us at Nationals with their middle school team. Way to go Troy Cyber!*

What Mr. Stubblefield did not report is that Troy has also been heavily invested in bringing along the next generation of cyber security defenders from our middle schools. Ladera Vista has made it to the nationals in their third year of competition and Beechwood is in their



first year of competition and had four teams make it to the semi-finals! To thank Mr. Stubblefield, the Beechwood students honored him at their flag ceremony this week.



Our Head Counselor, Ms. Sarah Saleen wants to pass along the information that our Counseling Department has completed 2018-19 course registration as well as summer school enrollment for all of our current 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is no easy task for our counselors to ensure students sign-up for classes appropriate to their interests, skill, and college aspirations. The level of expertise, dedication, and care taken by counselors, office staff, and teachers is greatly appreciated and is the key to making the registration process run efficiently and smoothly. However, if parents or students need to revisit the registration presentations as well as read Troy's course profiles, this information can be found in the 2018-19 Registration Section of the Troy Counseling web page.

This weekend Troy will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dave Wittry Memorial Programming contest. Dave Wittry was a very popular teacher at Troy High School for many years and his untimely passing still resonates throughout our school. To honor his memory and also fulfill his desire to host a programming contest for high school students, a number of Troy alumni have donated generous amounts of money to ensure this contest happens and is free to high school students. Thank you to Mr. Don Allen and all the teachers and staff members that participate in this contest either directly or through the use of their classrooms! Go Warriors!



Last weekend, some of the same students that will be participating in the Wittry Programming contest, participated in an annual programming contest called Progfest. This contest is held at Cal State LA and is for high school and community college students. In this competition, students are challenged to solve college level real world problems by applying the principles of computer science. This year our students did very well and for the fifth consecutive year beat the other schools and college students and took home the title by winning this contest! Great job, Warriors!

There are various professional organizations that exist for people in education. For education administrators, the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) is the largest and most well-known. Each year ACSA selects their administrators of the year in various categories ranging from superintendent through the administrative ranks. This year, from Fullerton Joint Union High School District, our own Dr. Jennifer Williams was awarded Administrator of the Year for 2018 in the Central Office Administrator Category! Dr. Williams has served in education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Executive Director. She has earned this honor and it is well deserved! Congratulations, Dr. Williams!



On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Troy Robotics Team was awarded the "Outstanding Student Project Award" by the Orange County Engineering Council (OCEC) at their Annual Awards Banquet. We are the first high school level recipient of the student project award from OCEC. Our team was selected for this award because of their tireless commitment to advancing robotics and STEM education at Troy and throughout the community. Our team provides hands-on workshops at various elementary schools and museums throughout the year and have had a tremendous influence on young students. Currently, our team is preparing for the FIRST Robotics Los Angeles Regional Competition in Pomona on March 15-17. The team "bagged and tagged" their robot at the 8:59pm deadline on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. They had approximately six weeks to get a competition-ready robot. The attached picture shows the team members who stayed until the bag/tag deadline to put the finishing touches on the robot. The bag gets removed



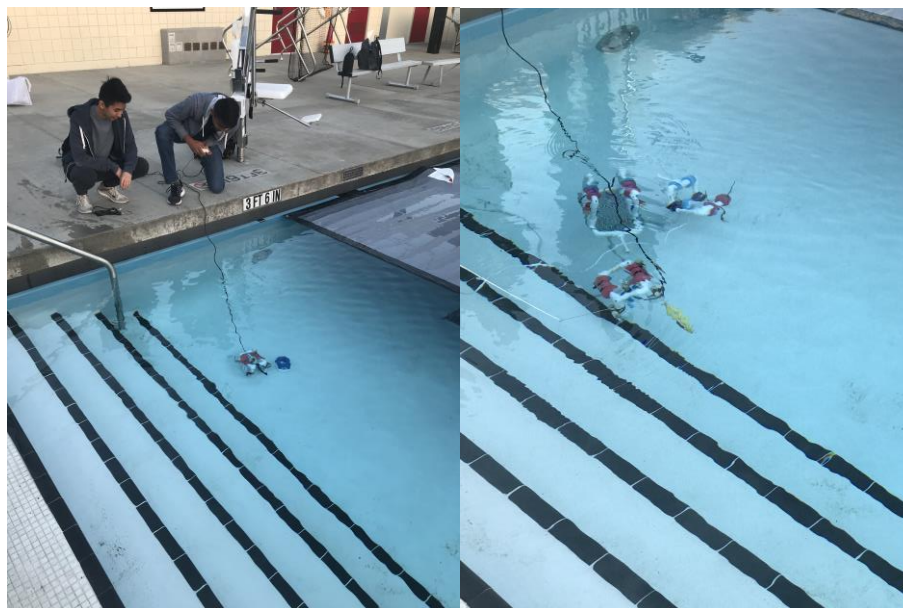
when the team gets to the competition, as they are not allowed to work on it after the deadline. I am really looking forward to the competition at Fairplex this year and I think our team will have a great shot at getting the win. Go Warriors!



Last weekend our NJROTC was busy competing, which is not an unusual occurrence. However this time at the Area 11 State Championships held at Santa Ana High School, Team Red and Team Black both qualified for Nationals in Pensacola, Florida! Our Orienteering team



also had a good day at the LAOC Championship at Schabarum Regional Park! Not to let a weekend pass by without a major event, tomorrow our NJROTC is hosting the third annual Southern California SeaPerch Challenge in our swimming pool. This is an underwater robotics competition sponsored by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International through a grant from the Office of Naval Research. Over 60 teams of elementary through high school students will compete for an opportunity to attend the International SeaPerch Challenge being held at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth in June. The event starts at 8:30am and it is free and open to the public. Last year, one of our Troy NJROTC teams placed third in the nation in the Sea Perch Open Division! This will be the first time we are able to have this event in our home pool, so it is going to be a great day for Troy!



*Sea Perch practice.*

I wish everyone a nice relaxing weekend! If you are a student or volunteer either attending or working our Sadie's Dance on Saturday night, I look forward to seeing you there! Keep in mind that it is going to be cold so even though the dance is in the gym, dress accordingly! Have a great weekend, and don't forget we have a Late-Start on Monday! I will see everyone Monday morning!



*A view of snow in the foothills below Mt. Baldy from earlier this week.*

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