



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Good afternoon/evening, depending upon when you read this exceptionally rare, actually the first ever school vacation and weekend edition of the *Warrior Weekly*! That being said, we still have a day and half of Spring Break left, until COVID-19 necessitated Online Troy High School resumes Monday morning, March 30th!

I want to take a moment to write a little bit about the Online Distance Learning Program all of FJUHSD's schools have been able put together in a relatively short amount of time. This did not happen by accident and has been a collaborative effort with everyone in our school and district community. Teachers, students, classified employees, counselors, district / site administration, and parents have all been key in helping our district make this huge shift in our instruction in a matter of just a few days. We announced that school was closing due to the coronavirus pandemic on Friday the 13th, March 2020. The following Wednesday, March 18, 2020 after two days of Professional Development for our teachers on Monday and Tuesday to close some of the loops on some of the online technology and procedures, for example keeping track of Attendance, and our teachers were ready to go!

I am so proud of our Troy Staff and students in being able to move Troy's classes online, following their regular school schedule, and for our students are attending classes and able to

access their learning! Like all school districts throughout the country we were faced with a terrible situation and due to this pandemic we had no other option but to close our physical school site to keep students and employees safe. But unlike so many other districts throughout the country, state of California, Southern California, and Orange County, we had an option all these other districts simply did not have, we could go online. First and foremost, the best curriculum and tools in the world can exist but if the school staff are not in place or lack the ability to implement that curriculum there is little to no chance of success. FJUHSD and Troy High School are blessed to have some of the very best teachers, counselors, classified, certificated, and administrators with which I have ever had the pleasure to work, and together we were able to communicate, convert, develop, and implement our online curriculum. On the receiving end of the lessons, we have amazing students with tremendous parental support for both their children and our schools. Troy High School is an amazing place and our community is unsurpassed. I have said it over and over again, there is no place like Troy, and that is the truth.

The next part of our formula for success is this—FJUSHD is in year five of having Chromebooks, 1:1 devices in the hands of all our students. Our teachers have worked with technology and have been incorporating these 1:1 devices into their lessons. Looking to the future, numerous applications and electronic databases such as EBSCO and Albert IO have been used by teaches and made available to students, not to mention all the Google apps such as Google Classroom, Forms, and Meet! Then there are all the other tools our teachers are using such as Screencastify, Edpuzzle, Flipgrid, Pear Deck, Zoom, Socrative, and many more! The deeper one looks the more apparent it becomes that while we did not intend to become an Online School or District, when we were given no other options, we were able to do what was “best for kids” and were able to continue quality instruction while many other districts could not. We were able to quickly respond, and other districts unfortunately remain unable to do so. Further making my point is this link to an article published yesterday in the Orange County Register. As you read the article it is possible you may recognize a couple of the educators from both Troy and the FJUHSD central office.

<https://www.ocregister.com/heres-how-orange-county-school-districts-are-adapting-to-teaching-online-in-the-time-of-coronavirus>

I am very proud of our Troy Family and our Fullerton Joint Union High School District!

At the end of my last *Warrior Weekly* on March 20th I wrote this request of our entire Troy Family. *Please adhere to Governor Newsom's Stay at Home Order. Remember, this is an order and not a request. If we all do our part, we can end this pandemic sooner, save lives, and get back to the lives we used to have, and will never take for granted again. Stay at home, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!* Now we are finishing Spring Break, and while I am certain none of us are doing what we thought even a couple months ago, I hope everyone has heeded Governor Newsom's Stay at Home Order. This pandemic is real, COVID-19 is making people of all ages sick, not just the elderly, and people are dying. While most people who get the virus and have symptoms do recover without hospitalization that number right now is about 80%. Who wants to take that chance if it can be avoided? There is a wave COVID-19 cases about to hit Los Angeles in the next seven to fourteen days. It is no accident that the USNS Mercy, the U.S. Navy's largest floating hospital is now moored in Los Angeles Harbor with a 1000 bed capacity to handle the non-COVID-19 cases from throughout the Southern California region, and especially L.A. County. This allows the existing hospitals' capacity to prepare for the wave of COVID-19 cases everyone is hoping does not happen but for which these preparations are necessary. Troy Family, please stay at home, take care, and stay safe! For all our Troy students, zero period starts at 7:00am and 1st period begins at 8:00am! Do your best to be in class during your regular class time, as it gives you back some of the structure in your day that I know both you and I have been missing! Go Warriors!

International Baccalaureate students, there have been some major changes this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have not been looking for emails regarding IB, please check and look for at least one important email sent by IB Coordinator Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick! Don't panic, you have time to do what you need to get done, just make sure you follow instructions from your IB teachers and the adjusted dates.

Advanced Placement! It is going to be radically different this year, but AP exams will still happen. If you have not seen details on the changes, it is partially because some of the details are still being worked out. Here is what we know so far along with some support for students in preparation for the significantly different AP Exams this spring! There are a few links that are very useful on the following College Board page, *[AP Updates for Schools Impacted by Coronavirus](#)*. The **Get AP Updates** button is very helpful.



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Also, here is some information about FREE AP REVIEW CLASSES:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates#free-ap-classes>



With the slowdown and Staying at Home per Governor Newsom's order, there has been a lot of watching the T.V. and other various shows, such as Season 3 of *Stranger Things*. At various points, Luna tires of sitting around and wants to go outside and play. She can be very insistent and does not care what is on the television. This is how my day goes, unless I don't feel

like moving at that moment. Then this happens...don't worry, for some reason she enjoys this. It usually buys me about ten minutes. 😊



The following information has been made available to students and parents through College Board, and features additional resources through the Khan Academy.

Hello Valued Partners,

Please share this information with your school personnel and families throughout your district to help continue instruction throughout your district.

To support districts, schools, and parents during school closures related to COVID-19, here's some resources we've put together on how Khan Academy can be used for remote learning:

- [Detailed daily schedules for students ages 4 to 18](http://khan.co/KA-school-closure-schedule) that parents, teachers and district administrators can use to keep students learning at home. (<http://khan.co/KA-school-closure-schedule>)
- Sal Khan is personally hosting livestreams and answering questions weekdays at noon EST/9am PST on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) for students, parents and teachers navigating school closures.
- [Parent and teacher resources for getting started with Khan Academy](#).
- Khan Academy is exploring ways to further support students, parents and teachers with live "office hours" and mechanisms to answer academic and logistical questions. Stay-tuned on the daily livestreams for more info.

Troy students, this message is especially to you but also to our entire community. We want nothing more than to be able to return to school again on our physical site on Dorothy Lane. But we cannot do that until the danger of the coronavirus is passed and it is safe for all of us to be together again. All of us are adjusting to this temporary new normal and all of us are making sacrifices. Know that schools have been closed due to pandemics in the past, in 1920 to be exact, and then because of the Spanish Flu. Here we are again, now in our time a century later, and our

school is closed, but no school group is sacrificing more than our seniors, the Class of 2020. This is their last year of high school, and next year they will be in college, or career and moving on to the next challenge in their lives. But today, they are still in high school and working towards their diploma being legitimately earned as we are all still learning in our classes. I sincerely hope we are again able to be on our school on May 4, 2020 and Online Troy High School will be over. But in case we are still in the grips of this pandemic and it is not safe for us to return before the end of the semester, then the 2019-20 school year will end with the work all of our students are currently working upon, including our seniors. But know this, and confirmed by our superintendent Dr. Scambray, the schools in FJUHSD, will have graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 when we are able to hold them safely for all to attend. Four years of hard work and dedication by the Class of 2020 is deserving of the full graduation ceremony and it is a joyous celebration for our graduates and their families. If we have to wait until December, 2020 that is what we will do, but we will have our graduation celebration for the Class of 2020!



I took this picture of Mt. Baldy this morning, and I am encouraged to see the sunny days are coming back! Enjoy the last two days of Spring Break and I hope you have been able to enjoy some quality time with your family and pets. ☺ I will see everyone in our virtual Online Troy High School on Monday!

Go, Warriors!

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