



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



March 8, 2019

It is not raining and it is Friday! What could be better? Before we get too far along in the news, this is the weekend we “spring ahead.” In other words, before you go to bed on Saturday night, remember to adjust your clock forward one hour, as it is time to return to Daylight Savings Time. If you forget, you will be an hour late all day on Sunday, and still late when you arrive at school on Monday. ☺ Don’t forget!



Friday night is a great night for some outstanding music! If instrumental music is for you, then you will not want to miss the Troy Instrumental Music Program at 7:00pm. Having

just come off a Unanimous Superior rating at Biola University on Wednesday, they are playing well and sounding fantastic. According to Director, Mr. Castillo, this latest ranking puts our String Orchestra in the top 10% in Southern California, and has qualified them for the Regional competition in a month. Congratulations to our wonderful musicians!



Last Saturday, Troy held our annual Wittry Computer Programing contest. As reported by Mr. Don Allen, 189 students from ten different high schools participated. Happily, Troy took 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>! Thank you to all the current staff members who were part of the event, either during the contest, or whom readied their rooms for students over the weekend! This is a great event and something in which our Computer Science students are able to really show their talent!



Be a Part of a Lasting Legacy at Troy High School and buy a personalized brick to be laid in the pathway of the Outdoor classroom. Troy is building an outdoor classroom so students can have a different experience focused on decreasing stress levels and practicing hands-on

activities that require an outdoor space. According to Science Department Chair, Mr. James Kirkpatrick, this classroom will allow students to take theory and knowledge learned in a traditional science classroom and apply it in real life. Many talented teachers work hard to make concepts new, different and exciting for our kids and this classroom will help bring more joy into our learning and bring our students closer to nature. Whether it's a Science, Technology, Environmental, English, Health or History lesson, this environment will enhance learning and will become a living laboratory for students.

Please help fund the project by going online to:

<https://www.brickrus.com/donorsite/troyoutdoorclassroom> and ordering a brick to have it engraved with your student's name, class year, & an icon symbol.

There are Two Options:

4" X 8" Brick Paver (3 lines of 18 characters without clipart) \$50.00 or

4" X 8" Brick Paver (3 lines of 18 characters with clipart) \$65.00



Yesterday College Board notified our staff that Troy High School had earned the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award! The following is the press release from College Board:

*For Immediate Release: March 7, 2019*

*Troy High School has earned the first College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses. Out of more than 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, Troy High School is one of only 685 to accomplish this.*



*Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have either 50% or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population. Only 490 schools earned the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for AP Computer Science Principles.*

*"By inviting many more young women to advanced computer science classrooms, Troy High School has taken a significant step toward preparing all students for the widest range of 21st-century opportunities," said Trevor Packer, College Board senior vice president of the AP Program. "We hope this inspires many other high schools to engage more female students in AP Computer Science and prepare them to drive innovation."*

*The AP Computer Science Principles course launch in 2016 was the largest in Program history. AP Computer Science Principles has promoted the growth of AP computer science in high schools. AP computer science course participation increased 135% since 2016, broadening STEM career opportunities for more students. The number of female, rural, and underrepresented minority students taking AP computer science exams has more than doubled in that period.*

*Providing female students with access to computer science courses contributes to gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and drives innovation, creativity, and competition. According to UNESCO's Institute of Statistics data, less than 30% of the world's researchers are women; in North America and Western Europe, it's just 32%. Research shows women are more likely to pursue computer science if they're given the opportunity to explore it in high school.*

Congratulations to a fantastic Computer Science Department, led by wonderful teachers and Steve Grack, who has been a fantastic department chairperson! Of course, thank you to all the talented students that have taken Computer Science and excelled! They make Troy the school we are with the reputation we have. We are proud to be Warriors!

Last Saturday, our Boys' Soccer team went to the State Championship game for the first time ever! Our opponent Sierra Vista High School, had beaten Rialto High School 5-2 to make the championship. It was Rialto High School that defeated us in the CIF Championship game a couple weeks ago. Against Sierra Vista High School, our Warrior team took them all the way through regulation and through overtime with a tie game. In the end the game came down to

penalty kicks and it was there, Sierra Vista took the State Championship. Our Troy team is the most successful in Troy history, and they have nothing to hang their heads about. I am proud of this team and how they played the game. They are a fantastic group of athletes and coaches and this is a team that will be remembered for the next 50 years. It was a great season!



Last Saturday, the Troy NJROTC hosted the 4th annual SeaPerch Challenge. Sixteen NJROTC/Sea Cadet teams competed alongside 43 other teams from various schools from elementary through high school. Troy NJROTC took first place in the Open (unlimited) Class, and has qualified to attend the International SeaPerch Challenge at the University of Maryland, College Park on June 1-2. Our winning team consisted of all freshman cadets. We are extremely proud that Troy High School NJROTC is representing at Nationals for the third consecutive year! Thank you to Commander Lauper, Lt. Fronek, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Lyon and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Barnes for all their guidance and support on this event! Also, thank you to all the many community volunteers that helped with the construction of the course and all the assistance with the creation of the underwater robotics! It is not a small endeavor to pull off this competition!

On Saturday night in the third round of the Girls' Basketball State Championships, our Troy team was defeated by local Rosary High School. The game was played at Servite High School. The game was physical and despite some hard fouls on our team, we were leading at halftime 30-27. The second half did not go our way, and Rosary continued to get away with very hard fouls, one of which was especially hard when two Rosary players pushed one of our players to the floor, which resulted in the loss of our point guard with an injury from which she would not return. We kept fighting, but the loss of our point guard and a key leader, hurt our team. In the end we could not turn the tide, eventually losing 63-46. It was a great season for our team,

and our coaches. The good news? Only one of our starters is a senior—the rest of the team including our point guard returns next year. ☺ They will be a force to be reckoned with.



This is our very own Troy student, Ivette Chen performing on her cello at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in 2016. As the recent winner of the American Protégé Summer Gala Competition, this coming June Ivette has been invited back to Carnegie Hall. This time she will perform in the main hall, Stern Auditorium! Ivette's mother is very proud of her achievements, and I am glad she shared Ivette's story with me. We have some very musically gifted students at Troy, and we are proud of what Ivette has achieved. We are going to need a recording of the June concert!



Mechatronics coaches, Mr. Kent Goodman and Mr. Mike Reid were happy to report Troy's Robotics Team of 3952 took 16<sup>th</sup> out of 49 teams, competing in their FIRST Robotics OC Regional Competition last Wednesday-Saturday.

Mr. Goodman stated: We placed 16th out of 49 teams (our best finish ever!) after 2 days of qualifying matches. This ranking qualified us for the playoff rounds (also a first!); at this point we joined two other teams to compete as a 3-team alliance for the remainder of the competition. To advance in the playoff rounds an alliance must win 2/3 of their matches in each round. We

won our first match and then lost the next two matches to end the competition for us in the quarterfinal round.

The team will compete again in the LA Regional Competition March 20-23.

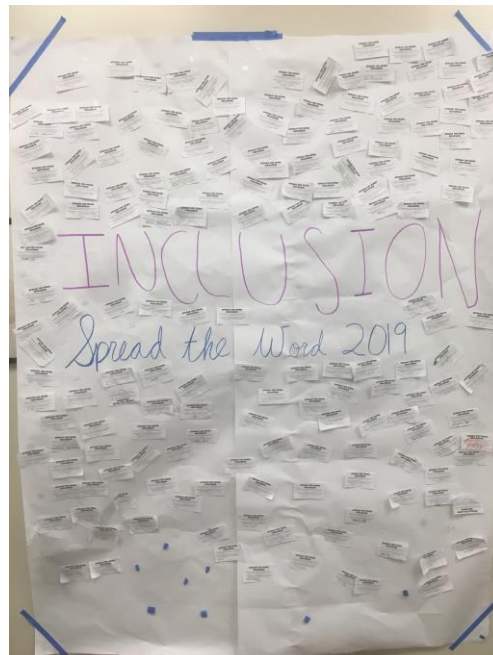
Congratulations on a wonderful performance by our students and their coaches! Go Warriors!

This week the Troy Best Buddies club took to our classrooms representing the Spread the Word, Inclusion campaign. This is the speech students gave to classes during 2<sup>nd</sup> period on Wednesday.

**Best Buddies has strived to end the use of the R-word and this year we are focused on the creation of a culture that is inclusive for ALL people, regardless of ability. Our goal is to raise consciousness on this campus about the dehumanizing and harmful effects of the word “retard(ed)” and encourage people to pledge to stop using the R-word, as one way to make our campus a more inclusive place.**

**There are lots of ways that you can do something to make Troy a more inclusive place. You can invite someone to eat lunch with you and your friends, you can introduce yourself to a new student in class. You can stand up for someone, when you hear offensive language or comments being made. By signing these cards, you are pledging your support to create a campus that includes all people. So come join me and Spread the Word.**

Our Best Buddies club is an example of the best in all of us and the best of Troy High School. I am very proud of all students who reach out to others and try to make a positive difference in the world. Thank all of you, for being the best of the best!







There is a special event coming next week which was organized by our own NJROTC Commander Lauper. “**On Tuesday, March 12th**, we are proud to welcome The Commandant's Own Battle Colors Detachment, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, and Silent Drill Team back to **Fullerton Stadium** for a very special performance. Headquartered in Washington, DC, The Commandant's Own performs at the Marine Corps Memorial, for official dignitaries, and at International Drum and Bugle competitions around the Globe. This performance is the only Orange County/LA area performance scheduled. The Commandant's Own performance will commence at 2:00 pm. As an opening act, the exhibition drill teams from the JROTC units at Fullerton High School and Troy High School will perform beginning at 1:00 pm. This event is free and the public is invited.”

I had the honor to watch the Commandant's Own perform last year, and they are absolutely astounding. The precision with which they drill and perform is seemingly impossible. If you have the opportunity to see this group of Marines, I strongly encourage making the time to see them!

Have a wonderful weekend! Please take some time to spend time with family, friends, and if you have any pets, spend some time with them also. ☺ I will see everyone back here next week!

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