



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



April 6, 2018

We are back in session, 3rd Quarter grades are in the books, Spring Break is over, now is when our spring testing season begins. Next week our California State testing begins with the CAASPP / SBAC testing begins in English, Math, and Science. We will be in block schedule but school start and end times remain the same. These exams are great opportunities to get into the testing mindset and have an external measurement of what student's know. Additionally the California State University system also uses them for Math and English placement, so they have additional value for students thinking of attending Cal State Fullerton. Lastly, with the high level of critical thinking and rigorous level of standards based questions, these California State exams are also great practice for the AP and IB examinations, as over time the College Board /Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) have been adjusting their testing formats to be more similar with California State testing and vice versa. By the end of April the AP and IB examinations will be in full testing force and with these exams combined, our students will take well over 3600 total exams! After AP/IB exams, we have Troy's Final Exams and the end of the year, followed by the Class of 2018 Graduation on May 31st at 7:00pm!





Track and Field had a big week with two Track & Field meets due to the rainout before Spring Break! I am happy to report that our team is looking great with all levels winning on Tuesday vs. Buena Park High School and then again yesterday vs. La Habra High School! Go Warriors! Our next home track meet will be on the new all-weather surface in the Fullerton Stadium, and we are super excited to be on that surface. For anyone that has been a Track and Field athlete, all-weather surfaces are superior in terms of traction, athlete comfort, and last but not least, a little bit of rain will not cancel the track meet. ☺ It is going to be a fun day!



PTSA Student Leadership Group

Ms. Maria Cover, who is on our PTSA Board sent me this blurb regarding the recent activities of the Troy PTSA Student Leadership Group. “The purpose of Troy Parent Teacher Student Association is to provide support for and serve Troy students and staff. Last year, the Student arm of PTSA was formed and presently has fifteen student leaders who have assisted

with Troy events such as the Great Gatsby Gala, Open House, Staff Appreciation Breakfast, and the PTSA Educator of the Year Award. Students recently attended a three hour Leadership Camp where they learned how to become effective leaders, participated in team-building exercises and developed their project planning skills. Currently, the group has broken into smaller project teams. They are hard at work preparing to launch several initiatives to improve campus life, such as a Kindness Campaign, Teacher Appreciation activities, and a Senior Send Off.” Thank you to our PTSA for sponsoring this additional student leadership group and opportunity for Troy Students to shine!



On Tuesday over Spring Break, Troy Science student volunteers were hard at work with Mr. Blake, and Mr. Kirkpatrick volunteering service hours to create the Outdoor Classroom that has been envisioned by Mr. Kirkpatrick for about ten years. It is awesome to see this project coming to life, and thank you to our staff and students that have been diligently moving forward. Also, thank you to FJUHSD Facilities and Construction for material, logistical, and technological support on this project. There is zero chance we could do this without working closely with all our stakeholders. This is going to be another outstanding learning venue!

Last week the California State Superintendent of Education, Mr. Tom Torlakson and California Secretary of State, Mr. Alex Padilla sent a joint communication to County and District Superintendents and High School Principal regarding High School Voter Education Weeks, April 16-27, 2018. “As we approach the upcoming statewide primary and general elections this

June and November, it is important to ensure that our students are learning to become active and engaged participants in our democracy. It is never too early to motivate your students to get involved. That's why we strongly encourage your school to observe High School Voter Education Weeks on April 16-27 to put your students on the path to a lifetime of civic engagement and voting. With online pre-registration available for sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds, it's easier than ever to get students prepared to cast their own ballots. Once pre-registered, they will automatically become active voters on their 18th birthday. California Education Code designates the last two weeks of April and September as "High School Voter Education Weeks" and authorizes schools to designate students as "voter outreach coordinators." With county elections officials as partners, we provide resources to make it easy for schools to participate. Teachers can help eligible students pre-register or register to vote either on a paper form or online. Voter outreach coordinators can lead registration drives and other school activities aimed at civic participation. We encourage you to make High School Voter Education Weeks just the start...Eligible students to vote may visit <http://registertovote.ca.gov/> to register or pre-register to vote. Working together, we can educate and encourage our young citizens to register to vote and turn out at the polls to ensure their voices are heard in 2018 and beyond. If you have any questions about High School Voter Education Weeks or other civic engagement opportunities, please feel free to contact Evelyn Mendez, National Voter Registration Act and Voter Outreach Program Manager, by phone at (916) 695-1561 or by email at evelyn.mendez@sos.ca.gov, or Jason Spencer, Principal Advisor to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, by phone at (916) 319-0521 or by email at jaspencer@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

State Superintendent of Public Instruction California Department of Education

Alex Padilla

California Secretary of State

Eighteen years old is never too early for young adults to become involved in exercising their right to vote and become more involved in decisions that affect all of us. Students and parents, if you are a U.S. citizen and eighteen years old, please register and exercise your right to vote!



Shortly after we left for Spring Break, our Warrior Guard, connected with our Band took 1st place in a competition at Woodbridge High School! Our guard was promoted at the beginning of the season into a higher division, and it is more challenging than in past years. Go Warriors, and I look forward to seeing the results of the coming competitions!



On Monday night, Fullerton Sunrise Rotary sponsored Troy's Top 100 students in our yearly celebration of our top academic students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The highlight of the evening was a video presentation of our seniors telling personal stories of their college acceptances and plans. MIT, Yale, UCLA, Berkeley, Cal Tech, and Stanford were among the

schools mentioned. It was a nice evening and we are grateful to have the support of our parents, Board of Education, Superintendent, Rotary and community. We have amazing students at Troy, and when they graduate, attend college and begin careers, they are amazing! I cannot imagine another school that could be more proud of its graduates than Troy High School. Go Warriors!



At this very moment our two NJROTC teams are competing at the NJROTC National Championships in Pensacola, Florida! These photos were sent to me yesterday by 1st Sgt. Barnes of their practice in preparation for the actual competition. No school has ever qualified two teams for the National Championship, so I am very excited to see how our teams will place! Go Warriors, and let's bring home the Championship!

Today we have ten Red Hot dancers that have qualified for the Miss Dance / Drill National Dance Competition. Day one is in Newport Beach and tomorrow it will be held at the University of California, Irvine. I look forward to hearing how our outstanding dance team will do in this competition! Congratulations to our dancers and their Dance Coach, Ms. Alison Wills!

Our Troy E-Sports team, coached by Mr. Carlos Aldaco has made the playoffs in the first ever season in the Orange County Office of Education O.C. High School E-Sports League! We are one of sixteen teams and the first single elimination competition is next week on April 14th at 3:30pm in Santa Ana at the Esports Arena! We are looking to make a serious run at the Championship! Let's go, first Troy E-Sports team!

Troy held the final Red Cross Blood Drive of the year on Wednesday. Our students always do a great job turning out for this important service to our community and this day was

no different. Thank you to Red Cross Club Adviser, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick and to our NJROTC for giving us their classroom for the day. All the students and staff that donated blood make a difference in the lives of many people they will likely never know, but this blood donation is the gift of life for them. Thank you, Warriors!



Varsity baseball is away at Sonora High School today, and Varsity Softball is Home. If you are looking for a Friday afternoon event, both of these are good choices. Today might be as good as it is going to get as far as being outside, because I believe they are calling for rain tomorrow. Regardless of the weather, I hope everyone has the chance to rest and relax this weekend! On Monday we begin our first block schedule days for all students. The start and end times for the school day do not change, and the period schedule is posted on the school website. Have a great weekend and I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

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This is our 2018 family Easter picture. Regretfully, the Easter bunny was about to have an unfortunate end...