



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Troy Warrior Family, it is Friday! Change is sometimes difficult, especially for those who do not embrace the opportunity. Fortunately for us, we are used to challenges, and change is an expected part of growth. As we have completed week one of a two week block scheduling calendar to accommodate State testing in Math, English, and Science, teachers have changed some of their classroom instruction, taking advantage of longer class periods and developing new opportunities for more interaction therein! While block scheduling works for State testing, does it have potential as a permanent schedule? What about a modified block two days a week? Over the next week, critically evaluate the merits of extra time in classes and how the time is being used. If you have the inclination, share your thoughts with your teacher, or other Troy staff member, as we all appreciate input from our school stakeholders!

Last weekend, I worked the 49th Annual Arcadia High School Invitational Track & Field Meet as one of the officials. I have been involved in this event since I was a student athlete and one of the meet workers as a student at Arcadia in the 1980's. This year I was one of the High Jump officials, but while there I had the opportunity to take a few pictures of a first for Troy High School at the Arcadia Invitational. Last summer Troy had three siblings from the State of Nevada transfer to our school. As it turned out one of them, plays baseball. The other two are different, for Greg and Amanda Mohr their sport is the Pole Vault, and they are good. Amanda has jumped 11'0" and Greg has jumped over 15'0". That these two students would be pole vaulters would not normally be unusual except that the Fullerton Joint Union High School District does not have the Pole Vault in any of their schools and has not for over 20 years. However, now Troy does—sort of. The Freeway League agreed to allow Greg and Amanda to

represent Troy at non-league away meets where most of the teams against which we compete have the pole vault. Finally we were able to gain points in meets that we usually had to give away because we did not have any competitors! Additionally, Greg was able to qualify for the Arcadia Invitational because of his marks achieved in prior track & field meets this year. Greg Mohr became the first Troy athlete to represent Troy High School in the Arcadia Invitational in many years, and I believe he is our first pole vaulter! As can be seen in the picture, the weather was not great, and it was actually raining most of the day. While Greg performed well, the weather played havoc with the field events, especially the pole vault with none of the vaulters having a banner day. That being said, congratulations to Greg Mohr for breaking this barrier for Troy High School!

Our Troy Track & Field Team is having a great season, and will be competing today against Fullerton High School at 3:00pm. There will be no pole vault, but all the other events are in competition!



Arcadia Invitational 2016

Students, don't wait to buy your Prom tickets! They are selling faster than you might think and waiting/procrastination is not always the best policy. The James Bond Prom theme promises to be epic and this is not an event that anyone will want to miss!

On Wednesday, Troy held its last College Signing Day of the year for student athletes that are going to go forward and participate in college athletics. Three Troy athletes were honored at this event in the Quad, and I think most of us will recognize them as very familiar faces at Troy! Congratulations, to these future college athletic and academic stars!



Congratulations to our Boys' Golf Team led by Joseph Crisostomo, for yesterday becoming Back to Back Co-League Champions with Sunny Hills! There was a window of opportunity for us to win the title outright, but it was not to be. Fortunately, based on head to

head scores, Troy goes into CIF playoffs as the #1 team! I think we can all look forward to what this team will achieve in the playoffs!



Yesterday, it was announced by Teacher, Ms. Kristen Chavez that two Troy students, have qualified to become National Finalists based on their scores on the USA Biology Exam. Sophomore, Alexander Tsao and freshman, David Yang each made it through two rounds of competition and out of 10,000 students, they are two of twenty students to reach the National final! Ms. Chavez was able to provide additional details for the National Championship event to be held this summer as follows. *“The National Finalists will compete at Marymount University, Arlington, VA for the USABO National Finals, from May 29 to June 10 (cost-free!). USABO Finalists are immersed in lectures and laboratories led by leading scientists and researchers in the fields of biology. Finalists take a three-hour theoretical exam and six-hour practical exam. The top four scorers become the 2016 Team USA and will represent the United States in Hanoi, Vietnam from July 17 to 24, 2016.”* Great job Warriors, and best wishes on making the US team and winning the World Championship!

Congratulations to Troy's Cyber Security teams for their achievement at the National Championships held in Baltimore, Maryland! In the third year of competition for Troy, our teams have placed #14 and #4 in the past two years. This year we finished in 2nd place! Commander, Allen Stubblefield provided more details from the event, "Troy's team number one finished second in the nation, while our number two team was in the top 10! Our teams competed in network security incident response and operational system security." Commander Stubblefield also described how at the Nationals, Troy competed against teams from throughout the nation and that prior to the Nationals, the season began with 1200 teams in our division alone! Great job Warriors and we are exceptionally proud of the work you are doing in this area!



Cyber Security Nationals 2016

Yesterday I went out to watch our Girls' Softball team play against Fullerton High School. It was a tough game with no score into the 6th inning when all of a sudden Fullerton put

runs on the board. I thought to myself, “Well, that is it. I don’t think we are going to come back. Much like the Dodger fans in the 1988 World Series against Oakland, I headed to the exit. Not terribly long afterward, Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Silzer informed me that our Warriors mounted a furious comeback and won the game in extra innings when Miranda Trinidad hit a single to bring in the winning run! Congratulations and great job to our Warriors for showing the heart and grit to win this game!



Have a wonderful weekend! It looks like spring has sprung, and outside of possibly windy conditions it looks like a warm up is in store for the weekend and next week! It is going to be great weather to be outside playing sports, going on a hike, taking a ride, or going to the

beach! I hope everyone is able to spend time with friends and family and also have the opportunity for some rest and relaxation! I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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Spring at the Mynster's Home.