



April 20, 2018

It has been an amazing week at Troy and our students continue to impress me each week. As much as our students accomplish, and it is stunning, they do not succeed in a vacuum and they know it. It takes support at home from parents, family, and friends, as a firm home base makes a huge difference. But there are also students that also succeed without that huge level of home support, and their achievements take even more effort and drive. What all students have at Troy, is the support, care, and instructional expertise of one of the best school staffs I have ever seen. Citing an independent source in 2018, <a href="https://www.niche.com">www.niche.com</a> ranked Troy's teachers the best in Orange County and the greater L.A. area. Are we perfect? No. We prepare our kids for college and career in a family atmosphere and as we all know families can have issues at times. What is important is that we continue to talk with each other and not at each other. All of us working together and rowing the same direction with the similar goals is why we are a great school and community! This has been an amazing week at Troy and the future is looking bright!



It has been a great week for Troy Swim, with a big win over Fullerton! This picture is fantastic, and I have to thank AD, Mike Silzer for some of the best athletic pictures I post. If

there is a outstanding sports picture, it has likely been sourced from Mike and his phalanx of photographers. Ok, there could only be one photographer, but he is a good one.



Softball also beat Fullerton 4-1, and is rolling. They are having a fantastic season and I am already starting to look forward to the possibility of post-season play! Boys' Tennis also had a good week and defeated Sonora for another victory!



Track & Field had a great meet and all three levels defeated Fullerton High School yesterday in our first experience on the new track at Fullerton Union High School! It is a wonderful facility and we are happy to use it at every opportunity. I look forward to the Freeway League Finals that will be held there in a couple weeks!



In Boys' Golf, our team is doing well but fell short of defeating Sunny Hills yesterday and did not capture the League Title. However, the team will advance to CIF for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year! Congratulations to our team and their Coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill!



Baseball beat La Habra 5-0 on Wednesday and play them again away this afternoon! The Freeway League is a dogfight this year and it really is going to come down to which Freeway

League team is on a winning streak as we near the finish line! I like our chances, especially given that we are the Freeway League Champs two years in a row!

Great news concerning our Apollo Strings, Troy's advanced string orchestra! Director, Mr. Castillo announced they earned a Unanimous Superior ranking at Regionals! It is exceptionally difficult and only a small percentage of high school performing groups achieve this honor. To receive this recognition, Apollo Strings performed Brahms, *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*, and Dvorak's *Serenade for Strings*, *Op. 22*. Congratulations to the students that comprise our Apollo Strings and their Director, Mr. Castillo!



This is a fantastic production by our exceptionally talented and well instructed and directed performing arts group! The students and Mr. Hufferd have once again outdone themselves with a set that has to be seen to be believed. Additionally Troy Department Chairperson of Mathematics enjoyed the show last evening and emailed our entire staff this critique, "Good morning!I just wanted to tell you, your cast and crew how much I thoroughly

enjoyed last night's show. It was spectacular! The actors were polished, the set was amazing, the singing and dancing were excellently performed! It was clearly evident that everyone worked extremely hard and that all of your hearts were in this production because every detail was perfection. Thank you for a very entertaining night!..." The third show of a six show run is tonight at 7:00pm! I would arrive early, as I expect this show could easily become sold out!

We are not yet done with news from the Arts! This week FJUSHD held the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual FJUHSD Education Foundation Art Exhibit at the District Office. A reception for the artists and prizes were awarded by the Board of Trustees prior to the Board Meeting on Tuesday. Troy Visual and Performing Arts Chairperson, Mr. Mike Thomas was excited to share the news that three Troy students took home awards, thereby showcasing they are not only smart, but also have some serious creative and artistic talent! Ms. Shari Wei took home an Honorable Mention award, and unfortunately I do not have a picture of her artwork. Ms. Iris Kang took home a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place award, and this picture is her posing with her artwork.



The picture on the right won the 1<sup>st</sup> Place award to Ms. Angela Wang. The creativity and skill our students have demonstrated is very impressive and only heightens my sense of artistic inferiority. © Great job Warriors on creating some outstanding pieces of art!

Since April 17<sup>th</sup>, our flags have been flying at half-mast in memory of former First Lady, Barbara Bush, the wife of former President, H.W. Bush. In my lifetime, she was my favorite First Lady as I always admired her direct spoken nature, sense of humor, and for being an

advocate for civility and compromise. Her passing is a loss for the country at a time we need her positive influence.



Pictured is the National Championship All Services CyberPatriot Troy NJROTC team! All the teams that were competing at the National Championships in Baltimore did very well this week, and thank you to cyber defense coach, Mr. Stubblefield for training Troy's and the Ladera Vista Middle School team—they took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Middle School division! Additionally, another NJROTC team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the All Services Division and in the Open Division, Troy placed 3<sup>rd</sup>!



Congratulations to all our teams and for not only doing well in the competition, but for learning skills that will be beneficial for our country and also after they finish college will be a very lucrative career! Well done Warriors!

In addition to our NJROTC Cyber teams, other elements within this distinguished program were also quite busy this week! Commander Lauper emailed our staff this outstanding description of their day in San Diego prior to presenting the colors at the Padres game vs. the Dodgers. (Dodgers won as expected). "Our NJROTC also presented the colors at Petco Park before the Padres-Dodgers Major League Baseball game, had breakfast with the Coast Guard 3 Star Admiral in charge of all Coast Guard operations from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast of Africa, the 3 Star Admiral in charge of all West Coast and Hawaii based Navy ships, the Chief of Navy Medicine, and members of the Board of Directors for Lockheed Martin and Raytheon. The cadets toured an active Navy amphibious assault ship, USS ESSEX (LHD 2), and museum ship USS MIDWAY. It's great to be Troy







These are most of the trophies NJRTOC has won this year. They can now add 2018 CyberPatriot National Champions to the table, and the year is not yet over! They will have a couple more chances in some other competitions, such as SeaPerch!

Future Business Leaders of America Adviser, Ms. Deborah Henniger and fellow FBLA adviser Mr. Brian Eager, reported success and a team 6<sup>th</sup> place finish for our FBLA at the California State Leadership Conference competition last weekend! Not only did our students

perform well as a team, eleven of them qualified for the FBLA Nationals that will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations to all the students in FBLA, with special congratulations for the students moving on the National Championship!



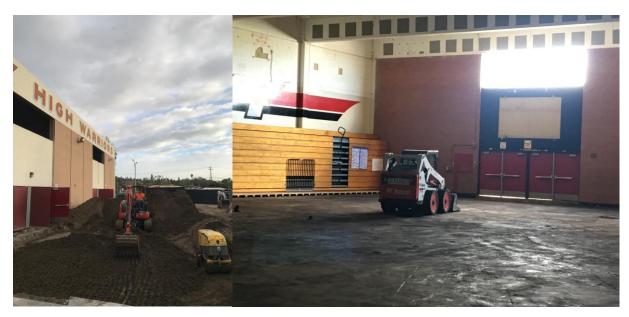


Writing of championship level competitions, it is that time of year! Congratulations to our Warrior Guard as they have been working every year to improve their performances. They have an amazing routine and they will be the State Championship this weekend. I am sure they will have a great performance! Good luck Warrior Guard!



This summer the Troy Support Organization is helping our school by sponsoring a weeklong event for prospective 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Science students. The core of this instructional camp, are Troy's famous Science Olympiad coaches. This event sounds like it will be a very interesting and exciting opportunity to experience science at Troy High School.





Construction on the North Gym is progressing nicely! Much of the demo is done and it will not be much longer until the build-up begins! Thank you again, to our Board, superintendent, and the voters for passing the bond that makes these improvements possible!



This is a photo of the Madrid family lawn. It is a very lovely home and the Madrid's fully embrace the concept of taking care of their established plants and living in concert with

nature in our arid climate. But this picture is not about the Madrid's social conscience, but about the beautiful paper flowers throughout the yard. All of the flowers have handwritten notes from the Troy family to Troy English teacher (Ret.) Ms. Dorey Madrid. As is public knowledge, Dorey has been fighting and continues to fight the nefarious disease, cancer. Ms. Madrid continues her fight, now going on four years and it has not been easy. While Ms. Madrid is not on our campus everyday she is in our hearts everyday, and all of us love her. Through Troy Principal's Secretary, Ms. Maria Williams, the note writing campaign and placement of the flowers was carefully orchestrated with a little insider help. 

We miss having Ms. Dorey Madrid here at our school, and it is an understatement to say she is fighting Warrior Strong. Every single day, Ms. Dorey Madrid sets the bar higher in terms of what Warrior Strong means.

It is the weekend, and I wish everyone a wonderful and restful time. This weekend is also Troy's Prom. This is always a fun event, and it is my sincere hope all of our students in attendance will have a responsible, wonderful, and memorable evening I look forward to seeing our students in their formal attire as they enjoy one of the most memorable high school events. Have a great weekend, and if I don't see you at the Prom I will see you on Monday!

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All three 2018, Troy CyberPatriot teams at Nationals in Baltimore, Maryland.