## TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Last weekend at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament, the Troy High School Science Olympiad team won the National Championship for the second year in a row and their fourth National Championship in five years! Troy now has a total of twelve Science Olympiad National Championships, which is no easy feat. "We are proud of the achievements of these winning teams and know their schools and communities will welcome them home like champions...These students and teachers exemplify the best America has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math." (Dr. Gerard Putz, Science Olympiad president and cofounder). This team and their coaches performed exceptionally and Science Olympiad is an excellent example of how students apply what they have learned in all of their subject areas thereby working through complex problems and challenges. It is the ultimate Performance Task prior to entering college and career! Congratulations on another wonderful year! Go Warriors!



Ok, so it is hard to follow the last story as an opener, but we are approaching our last week of school! Senior Finals end today, and when we return after Memorial Day next Tuesday, we go straight to Final Exams for everyone else. We will be in the Final Exam schedule with finals on Tuesday in periods 0, 1 and 6, Wednesday periods 2 and 3, and on Thursday, periods 4 and 5. Seniors, keep your eye on the schedule next week, as you are busy every single day with Senior breakfast, graduation practice, Senior Awards/Reflections, and then our 2018 Graduation Ceremony is next Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at Fullerton Union High School! It is going to be a wonderful evening and all of us look forward to the formal sendoff and conclusion of high school for the Class of 2018! This has been quite possibly my favorite classes thus far in my career. Congratulations, Warriors!



Boys' Tennis had an amazing year making it to the CIF Championship last Friday. Unfortunately, a team championship was not to be, but we ended the season on the podium with a silver medal! Congratulations to the team and our coach, Ms. Alejandra Arredondo! As it turns out the Boys' Tennis season is not yet over. Yesterday, at the CIF singles finals, 9<sup>th</sup> grader Andy Hernandez qualified to the Round of 32 which will be held next Thursday. Thankfully he is not a senior, otherwise he would have a difficult decision to make... Congratulations to our entire team, and congratulations to Andy on a fantastic continuing season!

This week next year's juniors and seniors that are part of our new Link Crew were working together and team building with their advisers, Mr. David Shirota and Ms. Carrie-Ann Snipes! The purpose of Link Crew is to be another layer of support for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they go through their first year of high school. The Link Crew members will help the newbies learn the ropes at Troy, help them find classes, be there to support them and answer questions. Essentially, "link" them to the Troy community and help ensure their success their first year! As all of us know, it is very important to have a strong foundation in anything we do, and this group of successful students that comprise our Link Crew along with our amazing advisers is another layer we are able to provide to our Troy family! 2018-19 will be a banner year for Troy!



Last Friday Troy hosted the annual Special Education Rich Hess Memorial Games! This annual event brings together students from all the Fullerton Joint Union High School District schools as they compete in Track & Field style competitions and then enjoy a BBQ! Congratulations to the athletes from all our schools, and thank you to all the Staff Members and Best Buddies that arranged and participated in the organization and facilitation of this event!



In another application of knowledge obtained by our students while at Troy, two students Jarred Allen and Shivana Anand competed last weekend at the 2018 High School Programming Contest held at Cal Poly Pomona. Both of them did very well with Jarred taking first in the

Open Division, and the *Top Coder* Award, and Shivana took fourth. Additionally, Shivana earned first place as the top female programmer and took home the *Grace Hopper Award* for that achievement! Congratulations to two of the top computer programmers at Troy High School, or anywhere for that matter!



Three NJROTC teams for a total of eleven students are flying today to Atlanta, Georgia and will be returning on Monday. They qualified and are competing in the NAQT (Quizbowl) High School Championship Tournament against 341 of the top academic teams from across the

nation. It is going to be an exciting tournament and we can look forward to the outcome! Good luck to all our teams and way to go Warriors!



Yet another example of our students applying their knowledge. The American Chemical Society has held student competitions for over 50 years. Troy teacher, Mr. Steve Gower provided the details on these awards and what the students needed to do to win them.

## **Orange County American Chemical Society (Honors Chemistry)**

The students participated in Orange County's 54th annual American Chemical Society First Year Chemistry Test. A total of 369 students from 50 high schools, public and private, were registered to participate.

The county average was 54.8 or 62% and the High score was 84/88 or 95% (Joseph Dong). Our top five students participated in the team event and also earned 1st place. 1- Joseph Dong, 2 - Lynette Chan, 3 - Ho Lyun Jeong, 4 - Patrick Rim, and 5 - Benny Hsu.

## The ACS Orange County Chemistry Olympiad: (AP Chemistry)

This is the first step in the US National Chemistry Olympiad. Typically, about forty High Schools from all over Orange County send up to four students each to compete in the Local Section exam. Our students received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the team competition. The team competition award is given to the top six school teams from the Chemistry Olympiad Local Exam Competition. Team scores were calculated based on the total number of questions answered correctly for all competitors from each school. Congratulations to Michael Zhu, Felianne Teng, Tanya Jomaa, and Vanessa Mechem!



These are our IB full diploma candidates for 2018! All of these students have competed the full IB program and all of them are expected to receive their IB diplomas in July when IB is finished with the final grading and calculations for all students worldwide. IB is a highly rigorous, comprehensive program. Students that complete the IB diploma are exceptionally academically prepared for anything they are likely to see in college and beyond. Congratulations, Warriors!

This has been a busy week for athletic banquets with Baseball, Boys' Tennis, Track & Field, Boys' Golf, Softball, and Swim & Dive. These are always great events to give team and

individual awards to athletes, coaches, and Booster parents. It takes a lot of effort to run athletic programs and these events are the finale to the season as well as a thank you to everyone helping to make high school sports the enriching experience for students that only being part of a team can fulfill. Here are pictures from the Track & Field and Swim & Dive events. Thank you to all our athletes, coaches, and parents on another fantastic spring athletic season!



This is the last chance to attend a choir event at Troy High School! Director, Mark Henson and Troy Vocal Music put on some fantastic shows so unless you are headed out on a



Memorial Weekend road trip, this is your last opportunity this year to see a great show!



Last night the Los Alamitos Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America recognized the top JROTC cadets from Orange County schools. Troy cadet, Ms. Ying Wang was recognized at this ceremony for her outstanding leadership. As you can see by the red cord on her uniform, she is also a member of Team Red, one of our teams that competed in the overall NJROTC National Championship in Florida this year! Congratulations, Ying!



Pictured on the left is one of the two new scoreboards in our South Gym that was installed this week. The pictures on the right are our North Gym at present. Work continues!



Once in a while I receive communication regarding Troy graduates. This week I heard from the sister of Eric J. Wesley '82. After graduation from Troy, he attended West Point and he was recently promoted to the rank of Lt. General, U.S. Army Commander of the Army Capabilities Integration Center headquartered in Newport News, VA. Lt. General Wesley has also served in both Afghanistan and Iraq and has also worked in Cyber Defense. Troy High School is very proud of Eric Wesley and we deeply thank him for his service to our nation. More information on Eric J. Wesley's service and promotion can be found at this link. http://www.jble.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1495515/



Last weekend I attended the Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival and to my surprise, our NJROTC had been asked to provide the color guard for the event. Afterwards 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Barnes, the students, and I toured around the show and I showed them some of the features on old cars like my '57. Things like hand retractable antenna, roll up windows, carburetors, and manual transmissions. It may not too many years before there won't be very many people that know how to operate these older vehicles. Ok, now I feel old... ©

Only one week of school left for the 2017-18 school year! Have a wonderful and restful weekend Memorial Day weekend! Don't forget to remember the service and sacrifice of those in our military as we enjoy the freedoms that can be too easily taken for granted. I will see everyone back here on Tuesday morning as we begin Finals!

## W.V. Mynster



Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival, 2018. Our car took 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and Mrs. Mynster was so thrilled!