



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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It is Friday, and we have finished our first of two weeks with AP/IB examinations! Thank you to all the proctors, teachers, counselors, classified, and custodial staff members which enable us to administer over 3000 examinations over a two week time period. Also, thank you to our students for coming to these examinations prepared, on time, following instructions, and doing your very best! It is hard work in our AP and IB classes, but the results speak for themselves! Today is one of the largest exam administrations with AP U.S. History and AP European History! As a History teacher, and in my biased opinion, these are two of my favorites. ☺

As National Teacher Appreciation Week draws to a close, I would once again like to thank our teachers for the job they do for all our students everyday! At Troy, we have great students and families, but we also have the quality teaching staff to teach and support our students and bring out their best! Thank you, Troy Teachers!

Congratulations to our NJROTC team for competing in the 2016 National “Brain Brawl” Academic Invitational Championship! The event was held at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland last weekend. The top teams in the nation were invited as a result of prior competitions that qualified them for this event. In the end, Troy’s team had a great first session in the competition, but ran out of gas in the second session and we finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall. This is still an awesome finish, but due to our competitive nature our team always wants to be 1<sup>st</sup>. Certainly our students are totally capable to win it all. I blame jet lag and the time change. ☺ It

was a quick turnaround trip, with the students leaving Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday. At least the flight to Maryland and back gave our team time to study for their AP exams this week! I am sure our team will be back to the Nationals again next year! Great job Warriors!







Fantastic job to our students, Thanasi Bakis, Ryan Purpura, and Jared Allen for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place last Saturday at Lockheed Martin’s Annual Code Quest programming contest! Pictured is our team having won their contest and holding their 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy standing outside Lockheed Martin’s Palmdale “Skunk Works” plant. For those that may not know, this is the plant that produced the famous SR-71 Blackbird spy plane. Also thank you to our Computer Science teachers, and their teacher and coach, Don Allen for preparing our students for success! Great job Warriors!

On Tuesday night at the Board of Trustees Meeting, each FJUHSD Teacher of the Year was honored by the Board. I had the pleasure of speaking a few well deserved words about our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Laurie Downum. I don’t think any of us are unaware of the positive impact Laurie has on our campus and to our instructional programs. The benefits she brings to our Troy Tech Magnet Program are incalculable and not always easily apparent. One example of Laurie’s influence is upon our Troy Tech Internship Program. As Troy Tech Coordinator, Laurie spends a large amount of time cultivating the relationships between Troy and private industry to create more opportunities for our students to find internships in their desired area, as well as maintaining the internship opportunities our students currently enjoy. This is a huge undertaking and one that provides the cornerstone of our Troy Tech Magnet Program. Tuesday night was a

very nice evening, and there were a large number of family and friends on hand to celebrate Laurie's recognition as Troy High School's Teacher of the Year! On a side note, after the presentations, Laurie's elementary school aged daughter showed me a Power Point presentation she was in the process of creating, showing her Mom's award and recognition. She already had two slides made by the time she left the boardroom! I sense a future Troy Tech student in the making!



In addition to AP/IB examinations this week, we have had Freeway League Prelims and Finals in almost all of our spring sports with the exceptions being softball and baseball. It is an extraordinarily busy time of year for our students, especially those that are athletes! For example, our Boys' Golf team had their best season ever and are in CIF competition. Our Track & Field athletes are done with team competition and are now in individual events. Swim prelims

were earlier this week and the Swim Finals are today. I am very proud of our ability as educators to support our students as they juggle their involvement in computer, NJROTC, academic, and athletic competitions as well as taking AP/IB examinations, and then ultimately Final Exams! Go Warriors and thank you teachers!



## Troy Track & Field





It is the weekend and it looks like we will have a touch more winter before we get a little warmer spring like weather next week. The first week of AP/IB testing is in the books and we have one week of AP/IB exams left to go! Of course, next on the school calendar is Final Exams! ☺ For graduating seniors and their families, Troy High School's graduation ceremony is May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It will be here before we know it! Have a wonderful weekend, and Happy Mother's Day!

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