



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY

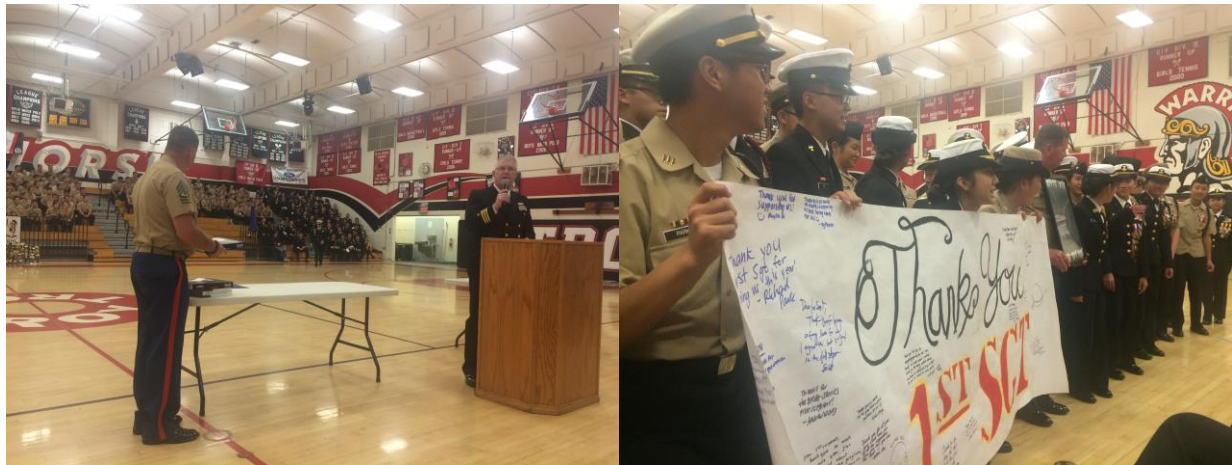


April 29, 2016

Is it possible that Sunday is May 1st? The second half of the year has flown right on by. With the NJROTC Awards Night on Monday, and the Troy Tech Fair/Senior Intern Recognition last evening, these events mark the beginning of year-end activities and now the end of the school year is in sight! The picture below is just a glimpse of the Troy Tech Fair. However,



before we get to May 26th, we have AP, IB, and Final Exams to take over the next few weeks. At this point it is a sprint to the finish. For students and all of us that support them, this is for what we have been working the entire year. For seniors this marks the end of a four year long journey as they put the exclamation point on high school and prepare to enter college and careers!



NJROTC Awards Night 4/25/16.

On Tuesday night I had the pleasure of watching Opening Night for our spring musical, *Urinetown*. This musical is satirical, exceptional, and unforgettable. I don't want to give away the ending, but let me say there is a warning for all human society in this theatrical work. It does what good theatre should do, and it makes you think. Additionally, the performances by the students are amazing! The singing, dialogue, and dancing numbers are stunning. I have seen numerous musicals over the years in both high school and professional productions and I can nitpick all of them and point out flaws. However, I don't have very much to pick on about the performances or production of this musical. Theatre teacher, Mr. Joseph Hufferd and Choir Director, Mr. Mark Henson selected well, both this musical and the performers. Before the run ends, I am going to try and see it again with Mrs. Mynster! There are still four performances left—tonight, May 4th, 5th, & 6th at 7:00pm! Don't miss this musical!



This week, Chemistry teacher, Ms. Shannon Regli announced that last weekend, eight Troy 10th graders took a two hour Chemistry exam at Cal State Fullerton. Of the eight, five of them earned the 1st place team award! Ms. Regli, asks that we please congratulate the following students and she also provided the following information to detail how the Troy team performed compared to the 2nd place team!

Alexander Tsao

Lydia Chan

Jarred Allen

Matthew Tran

Austin Sun

“Our students' average score was 84.5 / 90. The second place team (Valencia High) earned an average 77.8 / 90, and the county average was 46 / 90. We rocked this test!!

They will be honored at an Awards Banquet in May where Troy alum Mary Arrastia will be speaking about her graduate research in chemistry at Caltech! I'm so proud of our students!” (S. Regli, 2016).

On Monday Ms. Darshi Balasuriya from the Orange County Office of Education conducted a Focus Group interview with Troy students that had indicated they wished to be part of this group when they finished their LCAP student survey. For those that need a reminder, this is part of the state accountability process tied to our school funding from the state of California. After the meeting in a thank you email to me, Ms. Balasuriya wrote, “The students were so impressive!” I would also like to thank the students that agreed to be part of this Focus Group! They are: Fiona Dobyms, Maxim Karrenbach, Tae Kim, Eric Kim, Connor Nash, Jordan Tu, Jeremy Vega, and Kevin Wang. Great job Warriors, as always Troy is a reflection of you!

As the Cyber Criminals never sleep, I am starting to think our Cyber Warriors never sleep either. Seriously. NJROTC instructor, and Cyber Security teacher, Commander Alan Stubblefield wrote regarding a competition held last Saturday in Los Angeles. “Twenty Troy Warriors and ten Ladera Vista Spartans competed at the LAUSD Roybal Education Center as part of LAUSD's annual Los Angeles Cyber Day. We fielded two junior high teams and five high school teams. The teams battled by completing computer images for Windows and Linux,

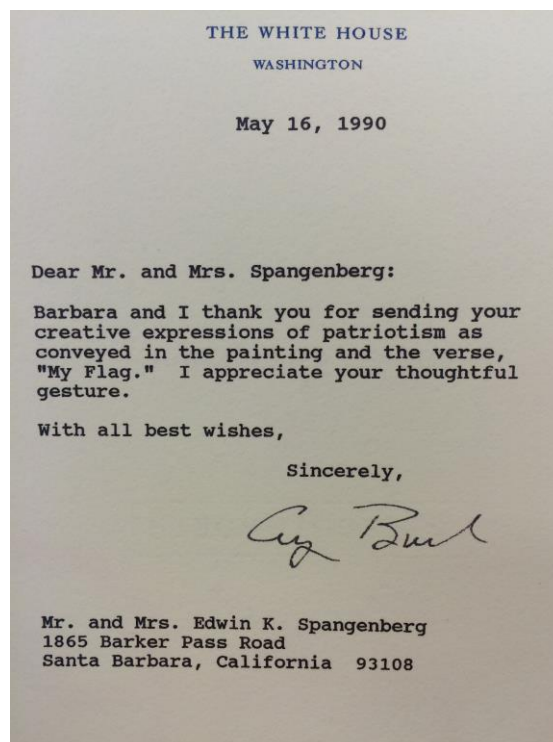
while also completing a CISCO quiz. Troy swept the ROTC division with 1st-3rd places. Troy also was 3rd in the advanced open division. Ladera Vista took 2nd place to a national finalist - really a great accomplishment!” In the group photo below, if some of the kids look really young, they are the Ladera Vista kids. The collaboration between Ladera Vista and Troy is a tremendous opportunity for both schools as we develop students for a college and career path that currently has over 209,000 unfilled cyber security jobs in the U.S. and over 1,000,000 worldwide! Additionally, these are high paying jobs! This is a pathway and something in which students will earn college degrees and establish careers! We need these kids on our side keeping us secure!



Next week we begin AP Exams! Troy Counselor and AP Coordinator, Ms. Lisa Avila would like to remind everyone, “Get enough sleep and eat breakfast / lunch before testing!” Students, I would like to reiterate what Ms. Avila expressed. You must take care of yourself and be rested and nourished before you take these exams. At this point, you know what you need to know or you are really close. Certainly, some review will help, but know when to say when.

Students, make sure you are rested and relaxed prior to the exams. For students that are taking multiple exams either AP or IB, it is absolutely imperative that you are rested, relaxed, and nourished! Take the exams, and look and feel great while doing it! Go Warriors!

Yesterday, Ms. Gina Tarabochia mother of Troy 10th grade student, Sophia Tarabochia arrived in the Main Office. She told me that her mother, Ms. Maggie Spangenberg would like to donate a painting to Troy High School. Ms. Spangenberg is an artist and has painted for much of her life. This particular piece was displayed for a number of years in Santa Barbara where Ms. Spangenberg lived with her husband, Edwin for many years prior to recently moving to the Fullerton area in her retirement years. Ms. Spangenberg felt strongly that she wanted to donate this particular piece of art to her granddaughter's school and that is exactly what she did yesterday. It is a beautiful painting that I am going to frame and hang in the Main Office. It also has an interesting side note. In 1990, Ms. Spangenberg sent a picture of the painting to President H.W. Bush. To her great surprise, he responded with this nice letter of which I have a copy.



On the following page is Ms. Maggie Spangenberg's painting. I think we can all agree this is an appropriate piece of art to hang in our Main Office for everyone to enjoy! Thank you

very much to Ms. Maggie Spangenberg and her family for sharing this artistic and patriotic gift with Troy High School and our community!



It is almost the weekend! It promises to be very busy for Troy High School and the city of Fullerton! Tomorrow is the Love Fullerton event that will begin in Downtown Fullerton at 8am. Before it is over 2000 people will head to locations throughout the city to complete projects demonstrating our public pride and love for our city of Fullerton! After the kick off downtown, one of the work sites is at Troy, so you know where I will be!

www.lovefullerton.org. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! It looks like we could have some unsettled weather, but that is spring in So Cal. At least it is not 100 degrees. Have a rested and relaxing weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

W. V. Mynster