



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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It is Friday and our Spring Break has almost officially started! While our students got up a little later this morning, our teachers have been engaged in a Professional Development day, working on significant changes to benefit our students in the upcoming year. It is important to keep moving forward as a school and being able to provide the best instruction. Today is going to be a very exciting day, on that we have been working towards for more than a year.



On Wednesday night, for the second year in a row we played a Freeway League baseball game against Fullerton High School at Angel Stadium. This year, the crowd was huge and we filled the entire Diamond Club area of the stadium! It was a wonderful evening with many parents, friends, and family from both schools in attendance. Unfortunately for Troy, despite some excellent opportunities, we got behind early and were unable to catch up. The Fullerton Indians defeated Troy for the second year at Anaheim Stadium. However, not to be deterred by a tough loss, our Warriors bounced back quickly when they played Sonora yesterday. Our team won away at Sonora 4-2 against the Freeway League Champions, playing an outstanding game.

It included a four run inning and a 7<sup>th</sup> inning defensive stop that included a tough play at 1<sup>st</sup> base followed by a pick off at 3<sup>rd</sup> by the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman that ended the game! It was an exciting win! If you have not yet taken the time to see some Warrior Baseball, I highly suggest seeing this team play, you will not be disappointed!



It is impressive to see FJUHS D teams playing in a night game at Angel Stadium. I hope this will be an annual tradition as the crowd was into the game and the students from both teams put forth fantastic effort to win in this venue! Perhaps next year will be our year to win this one!

On Thursday night, Troy held the annual Mr. THS event. On Wednesday, I watched some of the dress rehearsals for this annual tradition, and I was grateful Assistant Principal, Mr. Lance Bletscher was helping with the organization and presentation for the big night. The audience was able to vote during the event via technology onto a Google sheet for their favorite potential Mr. THS. Congratulations to Mr. THS 2016, Joshua Malilay! I am not sure exactly where on the college application this honor belongs, but I am sure there is a social benefit for this achievement! I understand that Mr. Malilay was exceptional on the guitar and is a fine singer. This talent will most certainly serve him well in college! Congratulations Mr. THS!



Last weekend our own Varun Mandi was selected as one of the four finalists from Orange County to the 2016 INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) which will be held in May at Arizona this year. The project for which Varun is moving forward: *Examining the Coding and Non-Coding Regions of Enhancer Landscapes in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells (VSMCs) Stimulated with Angiotensin II*. I am not a medical doctor but it looks like this project may have something that has to do with the heart. Good luck in the next round Varun!

As I have written numerous times in the past, our NJROTC never stops. It is a virtually certainty that everyday this group has some competitive team doing something and/or and going somewhere. Last weekend our NJROTC held their annual NJROTC Ball at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. Our cadets dressed in their finest attire, uniforms for the gentlemen, and evening wear for the ladies. The evening included a very nice dinner and cadet provided entertainment. While Commander Stubblefield, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sargent Lyons and Barnes were present, the event was very much run by the cadets and throughout the evening they took charge. This is the second year I have attended this Ball and again I was very impressed with our students that are part of NJROTC. Their demeanor and willingness to go above and beyond, typify Troy High School. This is a program and a group of students, and instructors like no other. It was a great night!



It should also be noted, the very next day after the NJROTC Ball, one of Troy's Cyber Security teams attended a college Cyber Security event at the Fairplex in Pomona. It was very exciting for them to see them to see the college level Cyber Patriot national competition with schools such as Cal Poly Pomona, Stanford, and six other schools. Our students were able to

meet some of the college coaches and indeed are excited about the prospect of being able to continue with Cyber Security in college!



Cyber Security at Fairplex, Pomona March 2016.

On Monday evening, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Fullerton celebrated Troy's Top 100 students with the Top 100 Banquet held at the Embassy Suites in Brea. Rotary president, Mr. Scott Rudisil presided over the event in which our Counselors and I presented our Top 100 students from the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The event included dinner, and a tremendous video presentation created by students in Mr. Jesse Knowles' class specifically for this event. In addition to the many family members, our Board of Trustees and our Superintendent were also in attendance, and were very complimentary towards our students and staff. It was a very nice event and now that we have once again opened eyes of the world to the possibilities of our video production capabilities I think we are going to be using them for more events!



Last Friday shortly before I left school to head home, I was visited by a surprise guest who was driving by Troy and like many of our former students, stopped to visit. Ms. Maria Williams introduced me to our former student, Aaron Brewer one of two NFL football players for which we received a golden football from the NFL, the other being Derrick Coleman. In this year's Super Bowl, Aaron was on the winning Denver Bronco's team! Mr. Brewer was kind enough to autograph the golden football and also posed for a picture. I then walked him to the weight room and he spent some time visiting with his former coach, Mr. Kevin Hastin. There are a number of teachers who remember Aaron from their classes as a student, and every

statement I have heard about him has been very complimentary. It was a pleasure to meet him, and I hope he decides to come back and visit in the future.

As of 3:00pm, our teachers will officially be on Spring Break! Much like our students, they have really earned the time to rest and relax over break. Of course, I am sure this is probably also a time to catch up on some of the numerous essays, projects, and other written work that needs to be assessed and graded for our students. Our students have the opportunity to take so many AP and IB classes, the amount of preparation and writing throughout the year that enables students to be ready on the day of the examinations is truly staggering. This year, Troy students will take over 3,000 AP exams! When we return from Spring Break we will be a little more than a month from the first of these AP exams and only a couple of weeks from our state testing. It is going to be a very, very, busy time as we speed towards graduation on May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Students, teachers, classified, and parents, please take advantage of this week and try to save up some of the rest and relaxation as we prepare for the home stretch of 2015-16! Seniors, do not pack it in! Senioritis is a real affliction, and it gets a few students every year! Don't get caught by this bug! Take the medicine that is Troy and you will be in good shape for college after May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Over Spring Break, I plan to spend more daylight hours with friends and family beginning with tonight and dinner with my lovely wife, Donna. On Sunday we have some holiday celebrations with the family for Easter then we have the entire week! It does look a bit like winter is going to make a return, so perhaps something with snow like skiing would be a good plan. On the other hand, watching the rain and a movie could be good as well... Regardless of how you choose to spend your break, rest and relax getting in some much needed time for yourself! I will see everyone back here on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>!

