



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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We are a couple of weeks away from Spring Break, and I don't think school, events, and preparation for AP/IB testing, and graduation could be moving any faster. The year is absolutely flying at this point! On that note, don't forget to set your clocks an hour forward this weekend as we return to Daylight Savings Time! The old rule is "spring forward, and fall back." It is spring, so we know the direction to move the hour hands on the clock. This is Troy after all. ☺



Today our robotics team is in Long Beach in the Los Angeles regional competition in the FIRST Robotics Competition. Troy's team is called the DesTROYers 3952. I have no idea what the number represents. Possibly it is the year to which their robot is travelling in time. Regardless, under the watchful eye of Mr. Kent Goodman this team has been diligently working on their robot and as part of the competition, they are required to complete final assembly on

site, which is what they are doing in this photo from yesterday. The robot competition begins this morning, so wish our team luck! Go Warriors!



Last night the Fourth District PTA held a recognition event for Orange County at the Grove of Anaheim. It was a very well attended event with the Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares giving the keynote speech. In his address Dr. Mijares spoke of an upcoming countywide event being sponsored by the Orange County Office of Education on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It has not been officially announced, but it is exciting and I think it will make a positive difference. Keep an eye out for the formal announcement from Dr. Mijares in the next couple of weeks!

In terms of our local PTSA, regional President, Karen Allen received the award for 2016 Outstanding Council for the Fullerton Council PTA! Also in attendance at this event were Troy PTSA president, Mrs. Kim Cusick and Mrs. Wendy Reid, the PTSA president of Raymond Elementary School. It was a great evening, and it was fantastic to see and hear about some of the positive influences our PTSA organizations achieve throughout the county!

Yesterday was our first home track & field meet of the season! Track and field is an interesting combination of events, because it is both an individual and a team sport. Ultimately, when the season ends, athletes compete both as individuals and if there are enough athletes, there is also the possibility of a team championship! We have a team full of athletes, and I like our chances! Thank you to Athletic Director for the pictures of some of our athletes from the meet yesterday. In one of the pictures, high jumper, Spencer Kubo won with a 6'0 jump! That is a very respectable mark this early in the season!



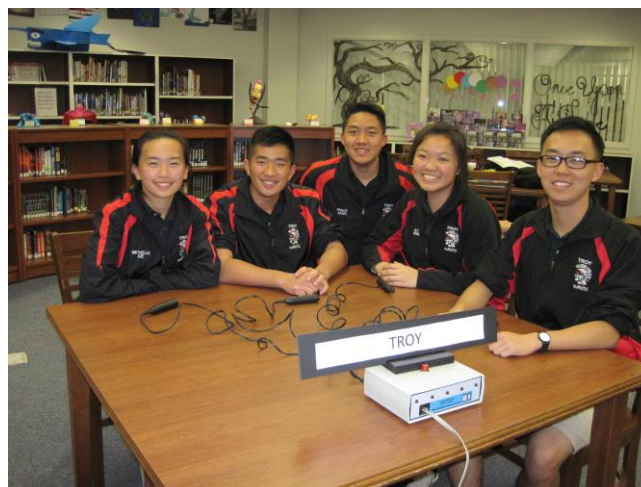
Track & Field is only one of our spring sports teams. Swimming, Boys' Golf, Softball, and Baseball are all in preseason competition. As I receive information and photos I will write about all of them!!!

We still have one winter sport team to cover. Our Girls' Basketball team is now in State competition! On Wednesday night our team defeated Legacy High School, 83-63. Tomorrow night, we are home again and we face Santa Barbara High School in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of State at

6:00pm! Come out and support our team! It is going to be another opportunity to watch our outstanding team play high level competition!



Last weekend was a typically busy one for our NJROTC. In the Brain Brawl competition in Phoenix, Arizona our team took the title for the first time since 2012! Congratulations to Jordan Tu, Lily Yang, Alton Lee, Michelle Xie, and Prince Wang!



Our NJROTC 9<sup>th</sup> grade team had an outstanding performance in the Orienteering competition in Washington State, and thanks to strong performances by Kelly Yu, Sean Lin, Grace Lee, Samuel

Nguyen, and Lawrence Wang it was a meet that ended with this team finishing #2 in the Nation!  
Great job and go Warriors!



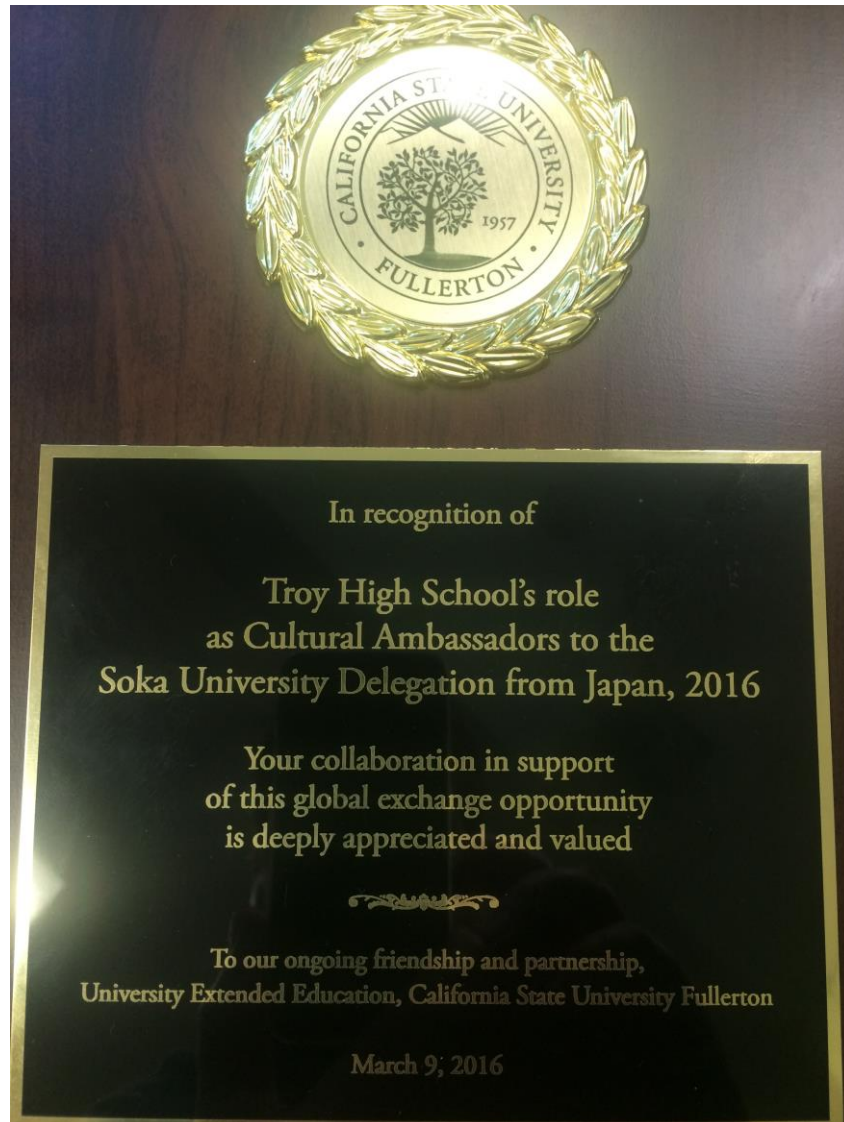
This is our “A-Team” and the current consecutive two-time Science Olympiad Champions. This is the team that is working on the third consecutive championship! Last weekend our Science Olympiad team competed in the regional competition in route to qualifying for the State tournament at Caltech next month. Coach Kurt Wahl wrote a nice summation of our team’s effort.

“Congratulations to the Troy Science Olympiad Team for once again taking 1st place at the Regionals Competition. The team had an outstanding performance. They won medals in ALL 21 events including...13 Gold, five Silver, three bronze, and two fifth place awards. Troy has won the County competition for 29 consecutive years. They will compete in State Finals in April at Caltech, attempting to win their 22nd State Championship! Way to go Warriors! 2016 Orange County Regional Science Olympiad Champions.” Great job Warriors!

Tuesday night was our first night of Troy Tech registration. I echo, Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum thanks to everyone that participated in this event. The efficient, kind, and professional manner in which the entire Troy team of teachers, parents, NJROTC, counselors, and administration worked together in helping the registration go smoothly and answer questions from our incoming Troy Tech 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their families was

outstanding! Our next registration event is much smaller and will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Thank you to our entire team!

On Wednesday we had a visit from approximately twenty college students from Soka University in Japan. They were on a three week cultural exchange through Cal State Fullerton. For the second consecutive year we have opened our doors to both Cal State Fullerton and Soka University to take a guided tour of Troy High School and show off some of our outstanding programs and classes. Thank you to all the teachers who took a few moments of their time to answer questions during our tour. A special thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> Sargent Barnes who spoke fluent Japanese to the delegation, and made them very at ease during their tour!



It looks like we may have a little rain tonight and then some cold winter like temperatures! Enjoy the weekend with family and friends and get some rest and relaxation! Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour and I will see everyone back here, on time Monday!

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