



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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There is so much going on at Troy and I very much enjoy all the different events and activities. Often on my own I find great stories or events upon which I feature on Fridays in the *Warrior Weekly*. On occasion I miss one, and last week was the case when I left out Troy's Red Hots. We all know our dance team and their fantastic dance instruction / coach and Zumba instructor, Ms. Alison Wills. A couple of weeks ago our Red Hots competed in the Sonora Cal Pac Dance Classic competition. In every category in which our dancers competed we placed in the top three! Our All Male team took home their very first, 1st place trophy this year in a very tough category! The Female Hip Hop, Small Dance and our All Team Large Lyrical/Character teams also placed 1st in their respective categories! Our X Small and Medium Lyrical groups placed 2nd and our Large Dance team placed 3rd. In addition to our dance teams, our soloist dancers also did very well.

Mikayla Duncan (freshman lyrical) 2nd place

Katie Young (soph lyrical) 2nd place

Abby Takahashi (soph lyrical) 2nd place

Jessica Lin (Jr lyrical) 4th place

Sofia Sanchez (Jr Jazz) 4th place

Juliette Roberts (Jr. Lyrical) 1st place

Our dancers were also selected to receive the Sportsmanship Award. Voted on by the other dance teams in attendance (33 in total), this award encompasses more than talent. This is definitive of who these dancers truly are; awesome people, genuinely friendly, nice and humble. Ms. Wills was very excited that Troy's dancers received this award and wrote, "I am most proud of this award and always hope that the kids will receive it, and this weekend they did!" In the

next couple weeks our dance teams will be competing at State and then Nationals. I am sure they will do well, and congratulate the teams on another fantastic year thus far. Also, as I am not a dance expert by any stretch of the imagination, I thank Ms. Wills for contributing significantly to this story. ☺



Troy High School is having another Red Cross Blood Drive next week on March 11th! Qualifications and sign-ups are in the quad for those able to donate! This is a slow time of year for blood donations, but the need never ends. If you are able, come on out on March 11th and save a life or two!

Is there ever a weekend in which our NJROTC is not doing something? The short and long answer is "No." Last weekend our NJROTC recaptured a share of the California State title when they battled in the regional championships in academics, marching, and athletics. We actually tied with Westview High School for 1st place and now have qualified for the nationals in Pensacola, Florida for the NJROTC Field Meet championship on April 1-2. It was at this event

that Troy finished in 2nd place nationally last year. The competition is tough, but we are going for the championship this year! Go Warriors!

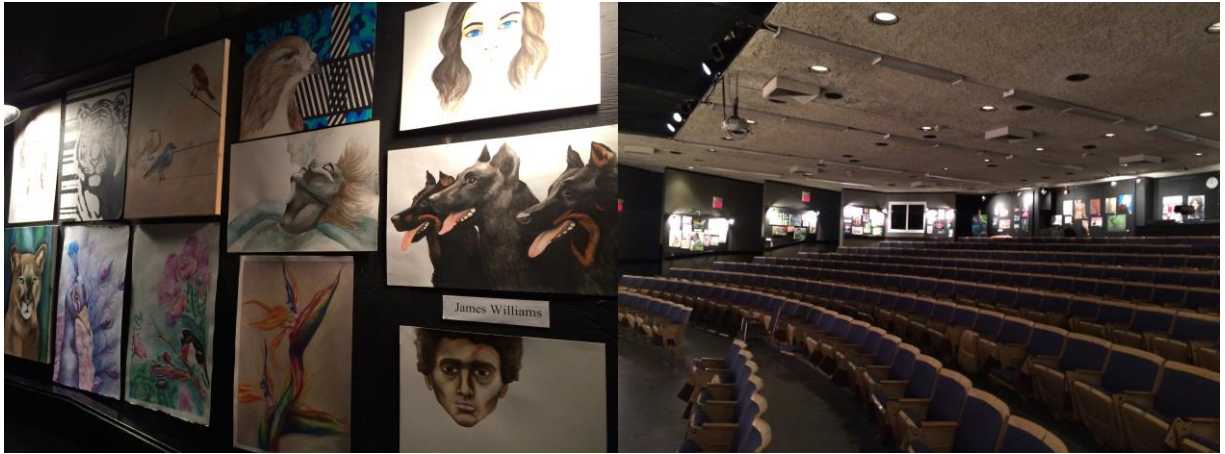
Additionally, our NJROTC is currently in Washington State competing (in the rain) in the Orienteering Nationals. We have a small team of students that qualified for this physically demanding and mapping skills challenge. We did well last year when we hosted the event, and it will be interesting to see how much we have improved this year when the event ends on Saturday. Also, we have a team leaving for a “Brain Brawl” competition today, as well as another team competing in the San Diego Cyber Cup competition this afternoon!

Last but not least, last evening the teams that have qualified for Cyber Patriot Nationals in Baltimore, Maryland next month were released online. Troy NJROTC Teams #1 & #2 have qualified! Congratulations to the ten students and their coaches for this incredible achievement! I look forward to putting Troy on the map for Cyber Security at the national level! Great job!

In further Computer Science news this weekend, Mr. Don Allen is hosting the Wittry Contest at Troy High School on Saturday. This is a computer programming contest and it will involve the use of a number of rooms in the 300, 400, and 500 buildings. Teachers in these buildings please make sure you communicate with Mr. Allen regarding the use of your classroom! These are good kids, and this is a nice opportunity for them to show what they know!

In related news, some of Mr. Allen’s Comp Sci students competed in a “Progfest” competition a couple of weeks ago at Cal State Los Angeles. Students, William Lee, Kyle Wong, and Cai Yeo won the competition, and kept the streak going for winning the last nine Progfest competitions beginning in 2008. We also had another team, Nathan Warren, Ryan Dang, and Jed Kim that finished 3rd. A side note from Mr. Don Allen that I found interesting is our students finished better in this competition than the fourteen Community College teams that also were in this Progfest competition! Go Troy Warriors!

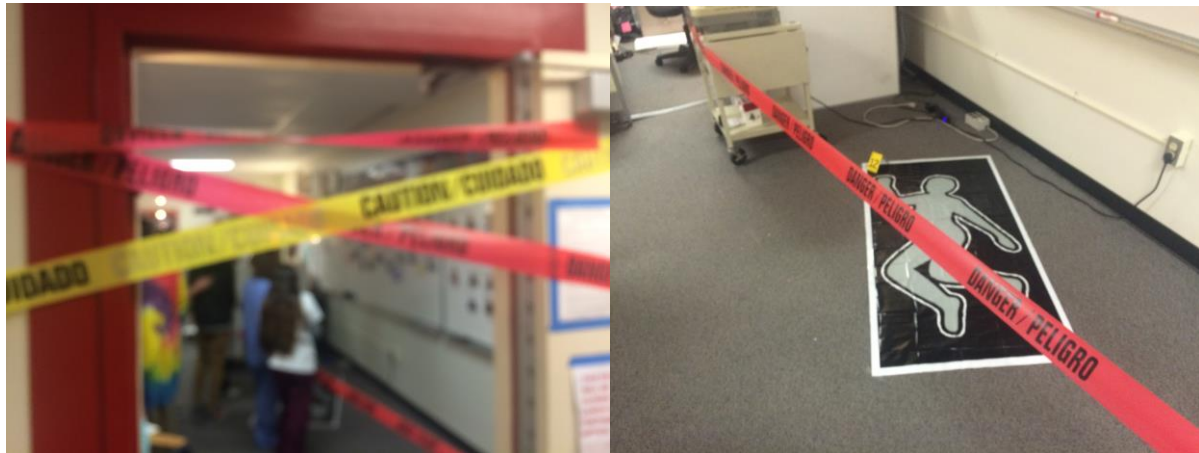
I hope everyone was able to take advantage of the time to check out the Art Show in the Lecture Hall last week! Students from Mr. Thomas’ classes displayed outstanding paintings and drawings on all of the available wall space. We have tremendously talented artists, and it is impossible to imagine some of the creativity that found its way to paper or canvas.



Coach Kevin Hastin is admiring art by some of his athletes.

This week as I was walking through some classrooms, Mr. Berg and I had the opportunity to see a fantastic student engagement activity in Ms. Andrea Eisenman's Algebra II class involving a murder mystery. This was an activity to wrap up the unit and was a practical application of the math skills learned up to this point in the unit and year. The key to solving the

whodunit was using learned math skills to determine rates at which a body cools, time of the crime, location of witnesses, and other details. What caught initially caught our attention was the crime scene tape on the classroom door.



Once in Ms. Eisenman's classroom, the students were working in teams to solve the mystery based on the clues provided both on the board and around the room.



One of the parts of the lesson I found most intriguing was the suspect board. I have enlarged some of the photos so the suspects are more clearly visible. I have to admit based on these photos, they all look guilty to me—especially the first guy. 😊



If you missed some of the athletic events at Troy yesterday, you missed a great day! We began with our Baseball team having a great home game win vs. Laguna Beach! This was not an easy win and we came from behind to win in the last two innings!



Later in the evening, our Girls' Basketball team continued their outstanding season in the consolation CIF bracket in preparation for the California State tournament next week. Once again in the span of less than two weeks we had to face Bishop Alemany High School. We played tough defense, stayed out of foul trouble for the most part, and ran our offense the way we know how. We won the game, and our Troy Warriors led this game from start to finish! This is such an amazing team and with their coaches led by Mr. Roger Anderson they are a fun group to watch!



We had a very nice crowd at the game, including many parents, students, staff members, and our superintendent, Dr. Scambray. Next week when we host a home game for the State tournament, let's pack the gym!!!! Go Girls' Basketball Warriors!

Prepare for some rain! The rain will begin sometime Saturday night and go through Monday which is when the real downpour will begin. Give yourself some extra time to get to school and work on Monday! However, today is Friday and by this afternoon we will be ready for a couple days off! If you begin the weekend on a high note, our Orchestra will be performing tonight from 7:00 to about 8:00pm in the Lecture Hall. They sound great and it will be a nice evening of music. Whatever you do this weekend, enjoy the time with family and friends! I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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