



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Two weeks back from Winter break and we are back into the flow of our school routines. It is good to be back! Thankfully, all the events this week were...this week. I don't know if I could have handled a Board of Trustees meeting, Open House, and athletic events the first week of the spring semester. ☺

Juniors and parents of 11th graders! Counselors are beginning to gear up for junior conferences. Topics will include: graduation credit status, college entrance requirements, and college planning tools and resources. This is one of the most important meetings in a student's high school career! Thank you to our counselors, and Go Warriors!

Last weekend, while some of us were still recovering from the first week back from Winter Break, our Science Olympiad teams, Team A and Team B were competing in the Science Olympiad Mira Loma Invitational. The event was on January 9th and included categories such as: Air Trajectory, Bridge Building, Electric Vehicle, Forensics, Green Generation, Hydrogeology, Invasive Species, Protein Modeling, Robot Arm, and Wind Power. This is less than half of the categories, but I think it is possible to get an idea as to how intelligent and educated these team members must be to be able to compete in these tournaments. Troy High School is the current National Science Olympiad champions having won the title back-to-back in 2014 and 2015. We are going for the threeppeat, so these tournaments are important for our preparedness. In this tournament, out of twenty eight teams, Troy Team B finished 4th and Troy Team A finished 1st! Interestingly, the scoring in Science Olympiad is like golf, low score wins. Troy Team A finished with 87 points, and the 2nd place finisher had 170 points. To put it into

greater perspective, Troy Team B finished with 203 points and the 28th place team finished with 507 points. It looks like our teams are off to a good start, but just like any good team consistency and peaking at the right moments are the key to success! Congratulations on early season success to our students and Science Olympiad coaches/advisors, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Mosig, and Mr. Kirkpatrick. Their next big test will be at MIT, January 21-24th, in what has become a preview of some of the top teams in the nation. Last year we took 3rd place in this tournament, so the competition is exceptionally rigorous. Go Warriors!

At the Board Meeting on Tuesday night, there were many students, parents, and teachers present. Many were there to support student athletes and coaches for advancing to CIF finals and / or winning the CIF championship as in the case of the La Habra football team. Many were also there to speak regarding ongoing negotiations between the FJUHSD district and Teachers' Union. On this matter, I was complimented by more than one person by how thoughtful, respectful, and professional all the speakers were. At Troy and in our district we are a family, and as such, while we may sometimes disagree, we will work it out.

Upon one thing we could all agree, were the outstanding athletic performances of students throughout FJUHSD! At this meeting our own Girls' Golf Team members, Beth Lillie, Felicia Chang, and coach, Jerry Cowgill were all present to receive recognition from the Board of Trustees President, Mr. Bob Hathaway and Superintendent, Dr. V. Scott Scambray. It was a good night!



On Wednesday night, Troy held its annual Open House. This is always a huge event for Troy to showcase some of what we do that makes us special and why we are a destination school in what has become for many outside students a “destination district.” Not only did our current students and parents get to see and speak with our teachers, but they also caught a glimpse of some projects and performances in which our students are involved. Most displays were in the North Gym, and the performances by groups such as NJROTC, Band, Cheer, Dance, and others were in the Quad. We also held three separate Student Panel Discussions for incoming 8th graders and their parents in the Lecture Hall / Performing Arts Building. Also in attendance were, Superintendent Dr. V. Scott Scambray, Board Members Mr. Andy Montoya, Ms. Barbara Kilponen, and Dr. Bob Singer. Thank you to everyone for making this night a huge success for Troy High School! Students, Parents, Teachers, Classified Staff Members, we could not have the success that we enjoyed at Open House and at Troy without you! Go Warriors!



Student Panel—Open House 2016

If you have not yet attended any winter sports, I would not wait! There have been some fantastic games this week in Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball, Soccer, Girls’ Water Polo, and Wrestling! We have won, lost, and tied. This week we have had league contests with Fullerton High School and Sunny Hills, and the competitions have been tough—no surprise there. As we know the Freeway League is a district league and these competitions do have a certain intensity

much like one would expect from an extended family competition. After all, the core students in the district have grown up with each other for many years and the family ties run deep. It makes for some great games and athletic seasons! Support Troy Athletics and our winter sports teams!



Wrestling won vs. Fullerton 1/15/16



Girls' Soccer won vs. Fullerton 1/15/16

Thank you to everyone for the outstanding job on the Fire / Evacuation Drill held yesterday. As has become the norm, the drill was expertly overseen by Assistant Principal, Lance Bletscher. If you have not yet seen the statistics for our school performance, please take a look. While we took two minutes longer than expected, we had 96% accountability from teachers for all classes in session and 84% of teachers on conference reported within the drill timeframe to their evacuation posts. Where we need to work is on the unscheduled students making it to their designated accounting areas. However as we did a building check, everyone was out of the buildings so that was positive. We have one more scheduled drill this year, knowing we conduct these drills in the event they are not practice. Great job Warriors!

We have an employee at Troy High School who has been working with us for many years and is absolutely invaluable. Ms. Katy Hoehn works with our students as a teacher and counselor. She is a wealth of information for our students and staff, and in terms of National Merit Semifinalists she is the taskmaster behind the students. This year for the spring semester with the resignation of Ms. Andraya Eisenman, former advisor who served exceptionally in this capacity for many years we have been in need of someone to step in and take over the California Scholarship Federation. Thankfully, Ms. Katy Hoehn has agreed to assume the duties as California Scholarship Federation advisor for the duration of the 2015-16 school year. Some days my prayers are answered, and this is definitely one of those days. Thank you Ms. Hoehn!

When next travelling through the Main Office, please turn your gaze to our trophy case. It is likely you will notice the addition of not only one but two more golden footballs for a total

of three. Two are from the NFL and one is an imposter. It is a funny story and essentially my enthusiasm and excitement for the second NFL golden football was exploited by Troy's office staff, a certain head custodian, and APIO. This occurred when they created a fake ball and placed it inside all the appropriate NFL packaging after removing the real second NFL golden football which was awarded on our behalf for Troy alum, Aaron Brewer. Some of the incident was caught on video by Mr. Berg so there is a partial record... ☺



Have a wonderful long weekend as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday! While we are enjoying the day, also please take some time to recognize the struggle for equality for all people that this national holiday represents. As US history has shown, this has been a long struggle and laws have been passed to support equality for all people. However laws don't change what people believe in their hearts and that is where the United States is different. We believe in equality and will continue to work toward this "Promised Land," as referred to by Martin Luther King Jr. in his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech delivered in Memphis, Tennessee, April 3, 1968. Unfortunately Martin Luther King did not live much longer, and was assassinated the next day. All these years later we are still working towards MLK's dream, but in a testament to the people of the United States, we are still moving forward. Have a wonderful weekend, and I'll see everyone back here on Tuesday, January 19, 2016!

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