



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Happy New Year and welcome back to Troy High School! I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2016 and I look forward to another successful semester for all our students. Hopefully everyone was able to recharge over the Winter break and get the needed rest and relaxation to begin the 2nd semester! If you need a little more time, I think we have a day coming up in a couple weeks...

It is that time of year! Troy Tech testing will commence this weekend for the first of our three Saturday testing dates! If you know 8th grade family, friends, or associates that are interested in our Troy Tech magnet program they **MUST** test here at Troy High School on January 9th, 23rd, or 30th. Further instructions for what students need to bring and start times are available on Troy's school website, so please take a look for additional information! It is always exciting to see all the prospective students. In some ways it is like Christmas for Troy!

We are now in the winter sports season and all of our teams are now competing and shortly we will be in Freeway League play. Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Water Polo, are all competing now! Please make time to go out and support our wonderful teams, athletes, and coaches! These students that participate are another outgrowth of what makes Troy High School special and they truly are ambassadors for Troy High School when they compete with other schools. We have been proud of our teams for years for the way our athletes have carried themselves on and off the fields and on the courts of play. As we continue with the 2015-16 school year, we look for another exciting season! Go Warriors!



Also regarding sports, please be aware that due to the current El Nino conditions some of our events may be postponed and rescheduled. We will do our best to let everyone know when games or matches need to be postponed due to weather. Who said Troy does not currently have a pool? By the way, thank you to our superintendent and Board of Education for moving ahead with our pool redesign. It is going to be awesome and I believe the Troy family is going to be very pleased with the new pool!

Next week on Wednesday, January 13th, we will have our annual Open House. The event will be held from 6:00-8:00pm and will be held at several points on campus, weather permitting. The main Open House event with most of our classes will be held in the North Gym. We will also have a Student Panel in the Performing Arts / Lecture Hall that will have three sessions throughout the evening. The Student Panel was very well received last year and was an excellent opportunity for parents and prospective students to learn about Troy High School from the mouths of our students. Lastly, and this will be dependent upon the weather, we will have a number of groups performing in the Quad, outside the Performing Arts building and art displays. Groups that are slated to perform include but are not limited to the following:

Troy Red Hots Dance Team

Marching Band / Drill Teams

Cheer

NJROTC Drill Teams

Visual Arts

Theatre Troupe

This will be a wonderful evening and I look forward to meeting and speaking with now only our current students, parents, and families, as well as our prospective new families as well!

Our nation's military never sleeps and from what I can tell, neither does our NJROTC. I continue to be amazed at the number of competitions and the level of performance that this group achieves. Already this year they have competed in Marksmanship and have another competition this weekend. They are looking to finish in the Top 10 in California. In Field Meet competition, our team finished #2 nationally last year and now they are looking for a state championship and then a national championship later in the spring. This could be our year! In Orienteering 2015, we finished #5 nationally, but here again are also eyeing a state championship and taking the team to nationals. In Academics, we have advanced to the 2nd round this year and if we keep winning we will advance to nationals in June, as we did last year. Brain Brawl, we went to nationals last year, and our team is again competing this weekend. Last but not least, our Cyber Security teams are competing at a very high level. Last year our NJROTC team finished 3rd in the Navy nationals. Right now we are currently #1 in 2015-16 competition. Additionally, we also have four Computer Science teams, under the direction of teacher, Mr. Don Allen also doing exceptionally well and looking to go to nationals! Go Warriors!

We can all be extraordinarily proud of these students. Also remember, there is a tremendous amount of work and supervision that also goes into these competition teams on behalf of all the teachers involved, Commander Stubblefield, 1st Sgts. Steven Lyon and Warren Barnes, and Mr. Don Allen. Additionally, the NJROTC Boosters provide additional parent supervision that without their involvement and help, it would be simply impossible to have the ability to give our students access to these opportunities to compete on state and national stages. Thank you to all members of our Warrior family!

Every week I write my Warrior Weekly newsletter to the member of the Troy family. This includes all of our students, parents, extended families, Board Members, FJUHSD administration, and all schools in FJUHSD. For the most part I focus upon the enormous amount of material at Troy that is available to me to write upon that demonstrates who we are, and the opportunities we and our students create and achieve. It is easy to write about these things as the

aforementioned paragraphs on NJROTC demonstrate. Sometimes I get into state and national events and other types of things or topics that impact our school. For the most part I try to avoid controversy in this forum. However, there is an elephant in the room and it is the current state of contract negotiations with FJUHSD teachers. I cast no blame and I take no side other than that of our students. I truly believe both sides at the negotiating table are working in good faith and that an agreement will be worked out that is beneficial to both teachers and the district.

NOBODY wants to put kids in the middle, and I have asked Troy teachers not to do anything that would be permanently damaging to our students' education or opportunities for college / career. Our teachers at Troy, throughout FJUHSD, and indeed throughout the profession of education have chosen this career to make a positive difference in the lives of children and to educate the next generation or two of American citizens. We are working to build the backbone of our country, and we are not going to hurt our children while we get over this hurdle.

If any Troy family member or prospective Troy family members have questions on this matter for me I will privately answer them for you. Please feel free to email me through the school website as it is easier for me to return emails at all hours of the day and night than for me to return phone calls to my office.

It is the weekend, and we have all earned it! The first week back after Winter Break is always tough, in part because it is also the beginning of the 2nd semester. Of course if we were going into finals it would be tough as well. Have a wonderful weekend, and get the rest and relaxation needed to prepare for next week!

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