



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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After a wonderful Thanksgiving break, we are back up to speed and hurtling towards Final Exams in little more than a week. Students, make that final push to get your grades where you need them to be, and then do well on your finals! This is the grade that goes on your transcript! But again, this is Troy and our students probably already had the grade/transcript thing figured out... 😊

In the midst of the Holidays there are two music related events at Troy next week! First the Troy Vocal Music, comprised of Concert Choir, Ladies First, Vocal Ensemble, and Women's Ensemble will be performing their Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale or \$7 at the door. I have already had the pleasure to hear our choir, and they are top notch. As further evidence of the quality of Troy's Choir, they will also be performing at Disneyland's Candlelight Ceremony this Sunday, an event to which only the best choirs are invited!



The second holiday music event will be held on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm when the Troy High School Instrumental Music Program will perform their annual holiday event, dubbed the *Troy High Express Holiday Concert*. They will be playing in the North Gym and admission is \$5 or \$3 with ASB. Instrumental music will be provided by the Symphony of Troy, Apollo Strings, Warrior Band, and Warrior Jazz. As in the past, this will be a great event and one to bring the younger siblings to become further immersed in the holiday spirit!



It is already that time! Winter sports are about to begin in earnest, and our Girls' Basketball and Soccer have already begun pre-season contests! Boys' Basketball play today, and the rest of the winter sports are all about to get underway! If you enjoyed the fall athletics season, the winter season also promises to be as exciting as the last! Come out and support our athletes and have some fun at the same time!



Thus far, Troy has held a number of different fundraising, toy, or food drives for people through the holidays, and thank you to everyone that has donated to any or all of them! We now have an opportunity to help animals, and potential members of our families! Ms. Jill Romero is collecting toy donations for dogs and cats (in no particular order of importance) from now until December 15<sup>th</sup>. I would love to see her room filled with dog and cat toys, as that would be hilarious, plus the dogs and cats would really benefit from our generosity!

It is the holidays, a time when many of us celebrate in one fashion or another with family and friends. The event that transpired a couple days ago in San Bernardino was a horrific act, and a senseless act of violence. This event joined an unfortunately long list of attacks on people simply living their lives, whether in a movie theatre, shopping in Paris, or going to school. Why do these events keep happening? Why do we again fly our flag at half-mast to remember the victims? Is there anything else we can do? There are no easy answers, but I know that events such as this are not what America or any open society are about or built upon. Building our community through education, understanding, tolerance, love, acceptance, and the inherent value of life are ideals we all should embrace. These are values we must embrace and these are the values to act upon. All of us. More than 70 years ago while WWII still raged, a young girl



witnessing seemingly the worst of humanity wrote, *“It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.”* Anne Frank. I encourage everyone to remember all victims of senseless violence, both now and in the past. Let's ask ourselves the hard questions about what we believe, and then move forward with making our world the better place we want for ourselves and our children. Hold your family and friends a little closer this weekend, and I'll see everyone back here on Monday.

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