



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



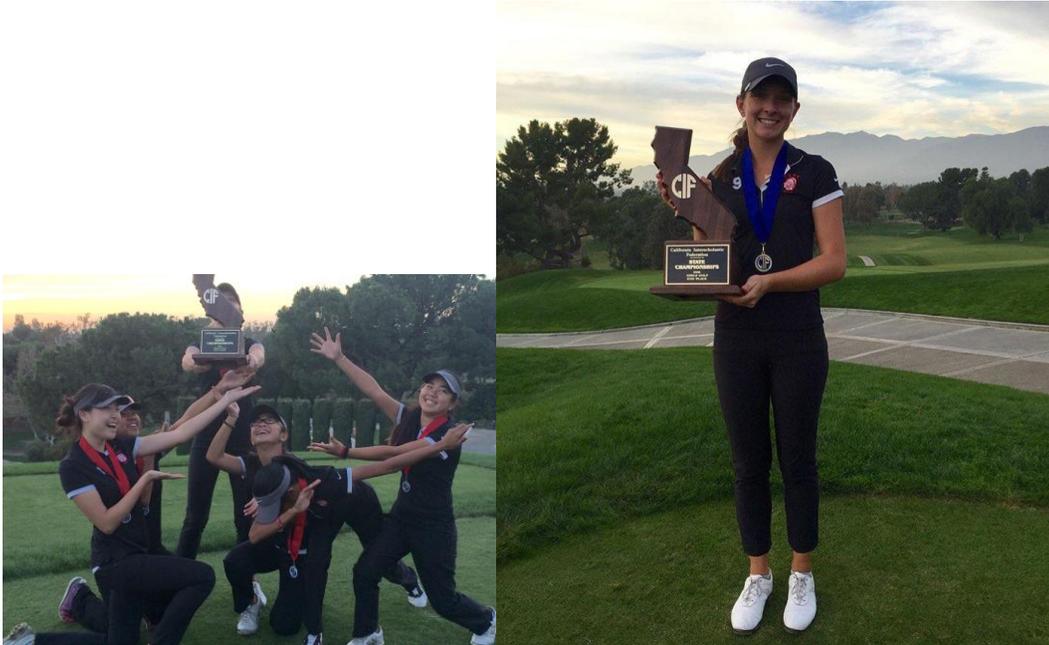
November 18, 2016

As we end this final Friday before Thanksgiving Break, there are numerous people, and circumstances for which I am thankful. I am sure I am not alone when I mention being thankful for the support of family and friends, and in this realm Troy is vital. I am truly thankful to be surrounded by outstanding students, staff members, parents, and being part of a larger community that ensures our school always has what it needs to be successful.



Last Friday, our varsity football team played their first round CIF playoff game in Santa Maria against St. Joseph High School. We played tough and got off to a fast start. When we won our own onside kick after scoring a first down, it was one of the most amazing coaching calls and player execution of a play that I have seen in a long time! We were in this game until the last few minutes, when the game got away from us. This year was a great season and our

team has worked hard to improve their wins/loss ratio and quality of play. Congratulations to the entire team, coaches, and parents. Also thank you to the absolutely huge crowd of parents and Troy families that made the 200 mile trip to see this game! Our cheering section was amazing! Our 2016 football season is over, but fall 2017 is already starting to look good!



This is what golf champions look like. Our Girls' Golf team won our CIF division, won the CIF Southern California Section, then competed and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Championship on Tuesday! Our team is: Kamryn Garcia, Hannah Ro, Beth Lillie, Kaylee Sakoda, Sherilyn Villanueva, and Isabel Sy. Also on Tuesday, contributing to the team's success, and earning the #1 spot, Beth Lillie won the Individual State Girls' Golf Championship! Congratulations to an absolutely amazing team that achieved both as a team and individually! To play the level of golf these achieved by these girls is remarkable—I am not even qualified to carry their bags on the course. Thank you to their coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill for doing everything in his power to help put this team always in the best position to win. This season was a job well done for everyone, both individually and as a team!

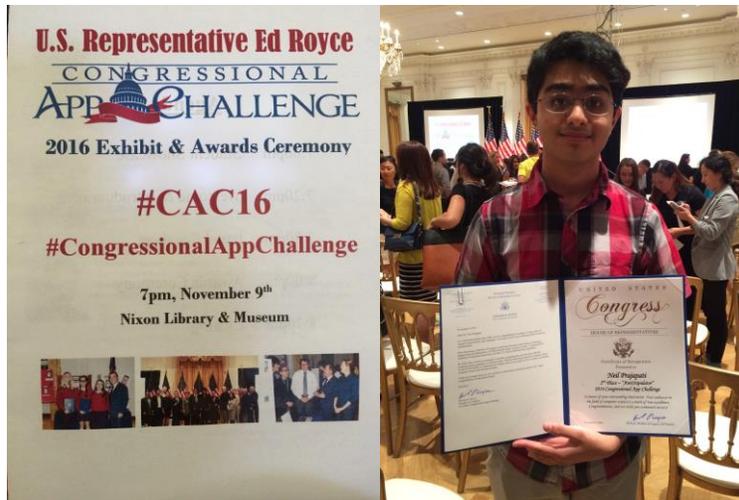
AP Economics teacher, Mr. David St.Clair was happy give this following report: "On Monday three teams AP Macroeconomic students visited the Federal Reserve Bank in Los Angeles for the Financial Advisors Competition. Students were given a client profile and were responsible for creating a portfolio of investments that helped to meet their client's goals. All

three of Troy's teams did an exceptional job! But only one of Troy's teams made it the final buzzer round. In the buzzer round students were given 20 financial literacy questions that they answered by buzzing in before the other competitors. In the end, Troy's team of Michelle Lau, Phoebe Chang, Tina Wang and Joy Li came in 1st place! Congratulations Ladies! Great job done by all!" What Mr. St.Clair left out of his report were the cash prizes won by the winning teams. See, it pays to be financially smart and even sometimes the payoff is in the short term! Great job to the entire team for representing Troy to the U.S. Federal Reserve!



The Troy Tennis is still competing! We have five students still competing in the CIF Individuals which begin next week on November 21<sup>st</sup>! One single player and two doubles teams are still competing. Troy is represented by Kaylee Kang, Julianna Sabile, Hannah Kim, Michelle Lau and Shannon White. And, yes doubles are counted as individuals in tennis. I know you were thinking it. A great job on the season to our Girls' Tennis team and great continued success next week! Also thank you to coaches, Ms. Ali Aredondo and Ms. Wendie Mahan. Go Warriors!

This weekend our Troy Band and Colorguard will represent Troy High School at the California State Band Championship! The event will be held on Saturday at Huntington Beach High School. We are scheduled to perform at 3:05pm. However, there will be a preview of this performance today after school at 3:15pm on the utility field next to the track. Come out for a preview of tomorrow's performance! Go Warriors!



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Troy student Neil Prajapati was recognized for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Congressional App Challenge hosted by U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Ed Royce. Board Member, Ms. Marilyn Buchi was in attendance and sent these pictures of our proud student on his achievement! Great job Neil!

Also in super smart Troy student news; student Michael Zhu learned of a competition known as the Brain Bee Competition from Troy Guidance Technician, Mr. Carlos Aldaco. This event was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at UC Santa Barbara and the competition is about neuroscience with the winner having the opportunity to win scholarships and compete in the National Championship. As it turned out, Michael Zhu won the entire competition and took 1<sup>st</sup> place! Congratulations, and I cannot wait to see how you do in the championship!

Last weekend was busy for Troy students! Our Cyber Defense teams were in competition with twenty teams competing in the first round of the CyberPatriot competition, the most teams of any school in the nation! Mr. Allen Stubblefield, National CyberPatriot teacher of the year is the fire under this group of students which also included five teams from Ladera Vista joining the competition! As of this writing, it appears that seven of the Troy teams have already risen to the level of some of the top teams in the country having achieved perfect scores on the Windows and Linux platforms. Congratulations to our future Cyber Security protectors! Thank you, and go Warriors!

Thank you to our Red Cross Club and their advisor, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick for their hard work and dedication to our community. Last Thursday Troy provided 103 donors and 93 pints of blood were contributed to the local blood bank! This means that 279 lives are potentially saved thanks to the efforts of the donors and the organizers of this event! Our next blood drive is going to be held on January 20, 2017 so mark your calendar!



On Tuesday our Troy High School Ladies First Choir participated in the Women's Choir Festival held at the Placentia Presbyterian Church. Led by Director, Mr. Mark Henson and Hannah Nam, Accompanist our students performed alongside high school choirs from Golden Valley, Norco, Buena Park, West Covina, Segerstrom, Ayala, Rowland, Norco, Saugus, Nogales, Walnut, Northwood, and Granada Hills Charter. The Troy Choirs sound fantastic and next month they will be having their holiday performances! I strongly encourage everyone to come out to see and hear them perform!

In looking at the numerous things for which I am thankful this year, one of them is our Troy Support Organization (TSO). This group is Troy's foundation, run by Troy parents and is the non-profit that raises money for our school to do all kinds of extras beyond the funding provided to our school by the state of California. One of the additional supports that our TSO recently funded is an additional two hours per day of library support for our students when our library hours were extended an hour before school now beginning at 6:30am and extended in the afternoon until 5:00pm, five days a week! Thank you to our Troy Support Organization for

everything they do for Troy High School! If you would like to learn more about what TSO does for students at Troy High School, we have a link on the Troy website!



This sign is posted out in front of Troy High School and is a small way to communicate our thanks as construction progresses on the various projects at Troy High School. Listed are the major projects, but there are and have already been numerous smaller projects. To have the fantastic new facilities which are needed and our students and community deserve requires construction. Changes are coming, and it is be exciting! Thank you to our district personnel and contractors as they make these new facilities come to life! Here are some pictures of our pool construction, water line repair, and our new and awesome lighted Warrior mascot!





Speaking of giving thanks and well deserved recognition, last week on November 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Veteran's Day. Every year, our NJROTC marches in the Fullerton Veteran's Day Parade and this year our group was out in full force despite the unseasonably warm temperatures. Thank you to our NJROTC for helping our community and nation honor our veterans!



As we all take a break this week, I truly hope everyone will take some time to slow down and get some rest and relaxation. The holidays are always a combination to hurry up and get

things done such as cooking, shopping, travelling, etc., and I am guilty of all those things. However, there is value and wisdom in taking a break and time for yourself. Enjoy vacation, do something fun, and recharge your batteries in preparation for the last three weeks of the fall semester when you return on November 28<sup>th</sup>! Have a very happy, safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving Break!

W.V. Mynster



November 12, 2016 Santa Barbara coastline.