



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



December 9, 2016

Today is the conclusion of Spirit Week, and as the exclamation point for the week is our annual Elf Dance and Rally! Only at Troy High School is such a production possible, and results in the much anticipated Elf Dance! Our seniors have worked on their dance routine for a few weeks during lunchtime, with practice held last week in the South Gym. Performances during the rally will include not only the Elf Dance, but also other key groups such as our Band, Dance, and NJROTC. Led by our ASB, this is going to be a great rally!



Last week on December 1<sup>st</sup> we held our National Honor Society induction ceremony for Troy students selected for their excellent academic performance and commitment to service. Pictured are the 175 seniors and juniors along with their adviser, Ms. Kasey Grant at the ceremony. Congratulations on being inducted into the Warrior Chapter of the National Honor Society to all of these deserving students!



On Wednesday evening Troy Vocal Music held their annual Winter Concert. Assistant Principal, Mr. Sonje Berg took this wonderful picture of the performance. I was fortunate to see an encore when our choirs took the stage again yesterday to perform for students from Ladera Vista Middle School! I was very impressed with the level of performance as our singers performed holiday standards that have been made famous by performers such as Dean Martin, Mariah Carey, Karen Carpenter, and many more! Our choirs sound great! Thank you to all the members of Troy Vocal Music and their Director, Mr. Mark Henson! Go Warriors!

Today and tomorrow, our fearless Cyber Warriors will be competing in Round 2 of the CyberPatriot competition as they are on their quest to return to the National Finals! Part of what excites our students to study cyber defense, other than the fantastic leadership of teacher Mr. Allen Stubblefield, are field trips to nationally known cyber defense organizations such as CrowdStrike. Yesterday a group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to down to Irvine and visit CrowdStrike. While there they received a briefing about cyber security/defense

and took a tour of the facility. I am certain our cyber defense teams took a lot of information away from this tour and will be using that to further enhance their own capabilities in the future!



Last Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Troy's NJROTC Team Red competed in the Westview Field Meet in the Area 11. As a result of their efforts, they have now joined Team Black who had previously qualified for the Area 11 Super Bowl competition. In addition to the Field Meet, Troy NJROTC students continue to host, compete, and earn success in Brain Brawl academic competitions, orienteering, and soon the first year cadets will compete in the Rookie Drill Meet! Great job NJROTC Warriors! This is a fantastic program and leadership opportunity for cadets!

We held our last official Troy Tech tour for the year on Tuesday. We do still have smaller scale tours on Fridays in January led by administration. This last full blown Troy Tech tour was the largest yet, with over 40 families in attendance. Thank you to all the teachers who were part of the tour, and thank you to Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum and IB Coordinator, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick on helping organize these tours, as they give our

prospective new students and their parents a valuable sneak peek into Troy High School before they make their final decision on which school to attend next year!

In exciting news, *Niche* just released their 2017 K-12 rankings and once again, Troy did very well! Their metrics used to rank schools are data driven using both quantitative and qualitative measures. Troy ranked as the #2 /1,753 Best Public High School in California, #3 /1,509 College Readiness, and #1/1,208 High School with the Best Teachers in California. Nationally, Troy ranked as the #34 / 18,793 Best Public High School in America. Not that we need the outside positive affirmation for this wonderful school we have created and continuously work hard to improve, but it nice to have outsiders look with a complimentary eye at what we do and what our students are able to achieve. Congratulations to all members of the Warrior family!  
<https://k12.niche.com/troy-high-school-fullerton-ca/>



It is time for winter sports! All of our teams are now in preseason and it is looking like we are going to have another banner season! Girls' Soccer, Water Polo, Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Wrestling, are all getting warmed up for Freeway League play and beyond! Come on out and support our athletes as they represent Troy High School!

It is the weekend and it is that time of year for more holiday parties and events! Earlier this week, our Special Education Department treated staff members and students to a wonderful holiday lunch meal that included turkey, ham, and roast. The food was outstanding and the holiday decorations were fabulous. There was also a certain Assistant Superintendent of Education and Assessment Services in attendance! Thank you for joining us, Dr. Kaufman! Also thank you to Ms. Jenny Redmond for spearheading this event! Additionally, today after school we are having Troy's Annual Best Buddies Holiday Event from 3-5:00pm! As mentioned

this week in the daily announcements, there will be fun games, food, a photo booth, and a movie!  
It will be a great time!

For those of us beginning our weekend after 5:00pm, please have a wonderful weekend and please, please, please, travel safely. The roads are crowded and we all need to have patience. I hope everyone will have the opportunity to share the spirit of the season with family and friends and take some time to rest and relax, as final exams begin on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>! I will see everyone back here for our last regular school day of the semester on Monday morning!

W.V. Mynster



Holiday display at Victoria's Garden in Rancho Cucamonga.