



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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I always love writing about the wonderful students, parents, and staff that are here at Troy High School. The academic and social world we have created for ourselves and continue to perpetuate and refine takes attention, effort, learning, and love. This is a special place, and ensuring that we continue to grow, improve, and adapt, to keep up the world's demands to stay at the forefront of education takes constant attention, looking into the future, and acting instead of reacting as best we are able to do so. This is part of my job as principal, and what my administrative team, and school leadership work upon every single day. One member of my team who has been my right hand for almost three years, his character, knowledge, work ethic, intelligence, humor, desire to learn, and attention to detail, have not gone unnoticed. It is for these qualities and more that Superintendent, Dr. Scambray and our Board of Education have selected Mr. Sonje Berg to be the new Principal of Buena Park High School. Principal Sonje Berg will begin his new position effective January 3, 2017 and he is ready for the job! He also has some big shoes to fill as he follows former principal, Jim Coombs who has become the Superintendent of the Lowell School District. I am grateful for the time we have had with Sonje at our school and I think we are better school because of his calm, thoughtful, and steady leadership. Buena Park could not have chosen a better person for their principal!

So as Mr. Sonje Berg exits Troy High School, our Superintendent and Board of Education supported Assistant Principal, Ms. Laura Rubio becoming our APIO, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Gayle Morganstern to become our APPS. We will need to find a new APSS, and our district led by Assistant Superintendent of HR, Dr. Ed Atkinson will begin our search for a replacement. Thank you to both Laura and Gayle for all they have done for Troy!

In other front office job moves, as we were aware when we threw an impromptu retirement celebration for Ms. Susan Reese, she is retiring after almost 21 years at Troy from her job as our Data Tech. We held interviews earlier this week, and I am happy to announce that our new Data Tech is Ms. Desi Martinez! Desi is moving into this position from her job as our Registrar, which of course this means that we have need for a new Registrar, and fortunately for us Senior Records Clerk, Ms. Stephanie Rosner is the perfect fit for the job! Congratulations to Ms. Desi Martinez and Ms. Stephanie Rosner on stepping up to provide their expertise to our Troy community for the next decade and more!



Here is a picture from our Elf Dance/Rally last Friday. As you can see the floor is filled with very jolly 12th grade elves as they celebrate the holiday season at Troy as only seniors are able. It was a fun filled rally, and once again adds to the lore of this event. Only at Troy... ☺. This is such a fun event, and I have seen pictures and video of this event for years. You Tube searches show a consistency of how this dance has remained a staple of school culture, while at the same time subtle changes in the dance can be observed as fads and trends change. It truly is a wonderful event and it was outstanding to see all the performances by student groups as represented by our Colorguard, Cheer, the Red Hots, and our ASB! Great job on another memorable Elf Dance/Rally!

Last Friday Troy' Special Education Department held the annual Best Buddies Holiday Event from 3-5:00pm. It was awesome to see all of our Best Buddies enjoying a snowball fight, carnival games, pizza, and a holiday movie during the course of the evening. A special surprise of the evening was a visit from Santa to take pictures and give holiday greetings to our students. Strangely, the Santa seems familiar and I can't help the feeling that I have seen this Santa before...



Earlier this week my secretary, Ms. Maria Williams put out a call to Troy's staff to help one of our longstanding employees who has been having some significant health issues the past six months. Not only did our staff step up to help him while he is recovering, we raised \$2190.00 to help cover his rent and electric bill. This level of generosity from our staff certainly embraces the holiday spirit and it was also evident this week as our staff raised significant funds for our homeless and foster youth when we came together and provided \$50.00 gift cards to each of them before they left for Winter Break. Happy Holidays to all Warriors!

Last weekend, Troy received a last minute request from Fullerton College. Their football team had a playoff football game and asked if Troy's Band could come and provide some music at the game and during halftime. We have a great relationship with Fullerton College and even at last minute, and despite having final exams this week Band Director, Mr. Joseph Castillo was able to get together a good portion of our band to perform at the game!



At the School Board Meeting this week, two different groups of Troy students and teachers were recognized. First, several students from our CyberPatriot team along with CyberPatriot Coach of the Year, Allen Stubblefield were recognized by our Superintendent and Board. Also recognized, our Girls' Golf Team and Coach Cowgill for their overall 2nd place Team finish at State and Beth Lillie's individual State Golf Championship! Great job Warriors!



Late last week, I put out an email/voicemail message on behalf of our Troy Support Organization (TSO). For whatever reason my message was garbled to a significant number of the phone numbers in our phone/email system, so I would like to convey the message once again from our TSO. From the president of our Troy Support Organization, Cathy Kubo:

“This is Troy parent Cathy Kubo asking you to join me in donating at www.thetroydifference.com this holiday season. We are partnering with ASB and the Troy administration to purchase mobile couches and seating for our halls and library. Your students will feel the Troy Difference immediately when they come back from break. Give generously before the year ends at www.thetroydifference.com and know your tax-deductible contribution will support every student at Troy. Help us make The Troy Difference. Have a wonderful break with your sons and daughters, as they deserve it!”

Our TSO has done a fantastic job raising funds to support Troy beyond what we receive from the State of California. Thank you to the wonderful people that help organize our TSO as well as to all those that have donated for the benefit of our students! Go Warriors!



Here is a picture from the Main Office Holiday Gathering at a local downtown Fullerton Mexican restaurant named El Farolito on Wednesday evening. The restaurant was a little slow getting the food out to our large group, and then the air condition failed. However we had a great time when Ms. Nancy Olivar led a rendition of Feliz Navidad. After that we had a gift exchange with the two steal rule in effect. We all had a great time, but I wish someone had taken video of our singing, as it was hilarious and voice quality was not awesome!



The major pool construction effort continues, and here are the latest updated pictures! Well, almost updated...today it is a giant mud hole, but I am sure it will dry out quickly. ☺

I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season! Please take significant time to get recharged and ready for the spring semester which begins on Tuesday, January 3, 2017! However, first things first, as I still need to finish my Christmas shopping and then Mrs. Mynster and I need to plan how best to spend the rest of our time over break. We will be spending a lot of time with family and friends, and we hope everyone in our Troy family will be able to do the same! Happy Holidays, and a Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

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