



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



January 13, 2017

Happy Friday the 13th! Other than the start to our three day Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, today is a Friday like any other! Being here at Troy, this will be another great day!



You may notice Biola University in this picture along with our Girls' Soccer Team. With the soggy conditions on our field due to the much needed rains, we have needed to find usable fields upon which to play. Thankfully, our Athletic Director Mike Silzer has connections with Biola, and they were able to give us field time for practice! Mr. Silzer was also able to arrange for the Freeway League to play some of our games at Biola, as their turf field is usable in any

weather. Who knew we could have rainouts in Southern California? I guess the newly formed “atmospheric river” could change our sunny climate...at least temporarily. ☺



Last weekend our NJROTC competed in the Area 11 (not be confused with Area 51) Orienteering Championship, held at Vasquez Rocks. Essentially cadets compete in various physical challenges and also have to be able to use their skills to navigate the terrain as quickly as possible. In the past, Troy has not been dominant in this event. That appears to have changed with Troy taking the top position when our top two teams tied for 1st place! Officially we finished 1st and 2nd. The eight trophies in front are all from last weekend! Congratulations to our NJROTC Orienteering teams! They have qualified for the National Championship next month!



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On Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 6:00-8:00pm we are holding our annual Troy Open House! We look forward to showing off the wonderful academic, athletic, and visual/performing arts in which are students are actively involved! Additionally, it is also an opportunity to see the campus and some of the ongoing as well as completed construction projects! Also, our Counseling Department has added an event for Sophomore Parents (10th grade), that while not part of Open House is being held prior at 5:00pm in classrooms 505-507. Our counselors will review college admission requirements, college applications details such as GPA calculations and extracurricular activities, a college planning calendar, and more. Space is limited, so parents/guardians only if possible. I do recognize young children are sometimes in tow, especially to Open House and we don't want them lost on campus...

Yesterday evening I had the pleasure to watch our Boys' Wrestling Team have perhaps one of the most dominant matches I have ever seen at any school. We competed against Sunny Hills High School, and while they had some outstanding wrestlers, they simply did not have enough of them. After the first couple of individual matches, Troy hit the accelerator and kept going! Our wrestlers had some absolutely dominant performances and I don't think I have ever seen so many pins in one event. We are the Freeway League Champions and we are looking to repeat this year! Great job Warriors!



This weekend Troy is doing our part to save the environment from harmful electronic waste. Sponsored by our Boys' Soccer Team Boosters, we are hosting an Electronics Recycling event from 9:00am-3:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday in the North Parking lot. Old computers, T.V.'s, monitors, fax machines, items that are electronic will be accepted. Do not bring items that contain electronics like washing machines, automobiles, or aircraft. Those are collected at different recycling events and ones not held by Troy booster clubs.

Our ten-time National Champion Science Olympiad team is back in action and over the past weekend took the top spot in a competition held in Sacramento! This was the warm up to the MIT competition in a couple weeks. Congratulations to this team as they begin to make another run at the California State Championship and then the National Championship! This is another example of a great well-oiled machine that is supported by the students, staff, parents, superintendent, and Board of Education! Go Warriors and make 2017 the year for the 11th National Championship!

On Tuesday I attended the annual Early Assessment Program (EAP) College Readiness Breakfast held at Cal State Fullerton. Also in attendance were counselors and administration from every other FJUHSD school and high schools from surrounding districts. The EAP is part of the California state exams in English and Math that our students take in a couple months and it is a measure to determine if students are college ready by the end of their 11th grade year for the rigors of college mathematics and English, or if they need additional support prior to college. The goal is to avoid taking remedial courses in college, thereby extending the number of years in college and number of courses needed to graduate. It was a wonderful event and the keynote speaker was Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares. I have heard him speak on a number of occasions, and I have usually felt his addresses were adequate. This time, Dr. Mijares, was very animated, very engaging, very personal, and I could have listened to him speak for another hour. Preparing ALL our students for college readiness is very important to all of us, especially those of us in education and Dr. Mijares clearly understands that fact.

Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball Team on a very nice start to the season! They are playing well and while they have had some very tough/close losses, they have also had some

exciting wins such as their victory earlier this week in the last few seconds over La Habra High School! Boys' and Girls' Basketball play tonight, beginning with the lower levels after school so come out and see some outstanding basketball as we face our rival Sunny Hills High School!



Boys' Basketball with their tournament trophy, 2017.

Also in basketball news, Kianna Smith a member of our Girls' Basketball team is one of 720 high school basketball players nationwide to be named as a nominee for the 2017 McDonald's All American Games. From this field of nominees, twenty-four female athletes will be chosen to compete in the 2017 McDonald's All American Games held in Chicago, Illinois. The nomination is a tremendous honor, and we will know on January 15th which athletes will be on the court in Chicago! I think it is a safe bet to say all Troy Warriors past and present are pulling for Kianna!

On Wednesday our NJROTC held their annual inspection conducted by the U.S. Navy. This is the event by which the Navy determines how well our unit is performing and that they are up to the high expectations as set by the U.S. Navy. To continue to be eligible for the Distinguished Unit Award, our cadets must perform and look their very best as the Area 11 Commander conducts the inspection. In attendance at this event were our Superintendent, Cabinet, and Board of Education. The armed and unarmed drill teams were simply exceptional,

and there are no other words to describe their performances. We have seen them perform on numerous occasions and they are always great! Congratulations Warriors!



I hope everyone has a wonderful three-day Martin Luther King Jr. weekend! Enjoy the extra day off, and perhaps take a little time to reflect upon MLK's legacy of equality and justice for everyone. Reading, watching, or listening to MLK's *I Have a Dream*, speech never gets old. It will be wonderful if all of us have the opportunity to rest, relax, see a movie, watch some football, hang out with friends and family, and be grateful for all the wonderful things we share in this nation. I will see everyone back here on Tuesday, January 17, 2017!

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