



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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The quarter ends today, which means we are halfway done with the spring semester! Students, if you are doing well in your classes, keep it up! If you need to do a little better, ask for help! Of course you need to take advantage of the expertise of Troy's teachers, Peer Tutoring, Troy Central, and the network of friends and family in the Troy community. There are lots of ways to be successful in your classes, and we are here to support you in your efforts!

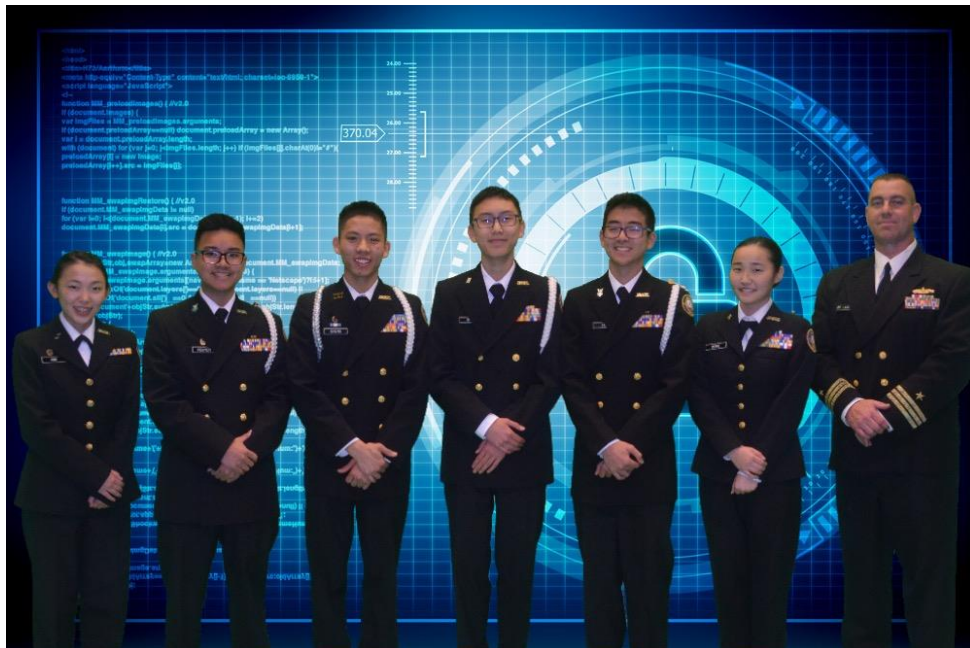
On Monday and Tuesday next week, Troy High School will be hosting visitors from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, also known as WASC. This team is conducting a mid-cycle WASC accreditation visit halfway through our six-year accreditation cycle that ends on June 30, 2020. For two days this team of educators will be visiting classroom and speaking with Troy's stakeholders to confirm our ongoing work as we strive to continuously improve Troy High School! We are looking forward to a wonderful mid-cycle visit and if you see the WASC team members please welcome them to our school!

This past Tuesday night at the FJUHSD Board Meeting, our Board of Trustees honored a number of student and staff members. From each of our schools students were honored for overcoming obstacles with the *Every Student Succeeding* recognition, as well as students from Visual and Performing Arts. Also recognized were the outstanding Science Instructional Coaches at each school site. Our Science honoree was Ms. Sara Velarde, and we know how outstanding she is for our students and staff at Troy! Congratulations to all the students and staff

that were recognized for their hard work and dedication to our district, especially those that we are proud to call ours!



Recently our Troy High School JROTC team qualified for the JROTC Joint Service Academic Bowl Championship in Washington D.C. held June 23-27. One of the main goals of the JROTC Academic Bowl is to prepare students for state exit/graduation exams as well as college entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT. Of course these are some of the skills that fall right into the wheelhouse of Troy's students, but they still have to be able to perform under pressure. In this competition Troy is the current Navy national champion having won last summer. If we are able to make it to the final again, competing against the winners of the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force perhaps this time we will take the entire national championship!



It is time for spring sports to begin their seasons! Some are already underway so if you love the following sports: Baseball, Track & Field, Swimming & Dive, Softball, Boys' Tennis, and Boys' Golf, then this is the season for you to go out and see some fantastic games/matches/races, and support Troy athletics! I think we can all look forward to another exciting and successful season for Troy as our students prove they excel not only in the classroom but in the athletic arena as well! Go Warriors!



On Tuesday evening we held the second of three Troy Tech registration events when 561 students arrived to complete preliminary paperwork for the 2017-18 school year between 3-8:00pm. It was very exciting and a very special thank you to Ms. Laurie Downum! As our Troy Tech Coordinator she does an outstanding job organizing all the moving pieces and getting the right people in the right places to make these Troy Tech events work well. Thank you to all the clerical, teachers, students (NJROTC), counselors, parent volunteers (PTSA & TSO), custodians, and assistant principals that were working to pre-register our potential students and their parents!

Last weekend Troy held the annual Dave Wittry Memorial Programming contest. There were around 100 students or so that competed and the winners were:



1st Place: Ryan Purpura, Thanasi Bakis, and Jarred Allen

2nd Place: Richard Park, Shreya Havaldar, and Mike Bao

3rd Place: Esther Cheng, Tara Chan, and Irene Crowell.

Also in additional computer programming news, teacher Mr. Don Allen reported that two weeks ago some of these same students competed in “Progfest 2017” held at Cal State LA. Our students tend to do very well in this competition and Troy students Thanasi Bakis and Ryan Purpura took home the win with Marcus Wong, Austin Shin, and Brendon Brzycki taking home a 3rd place finish! Great job and congratulations to all these computer programmers!



Recently there have been a number of Performing Arts events involving music. Actually, they perform often, but during certain times of the year they do have additional performances or in some cases festivals. Right now is festival season for our orchestra and they are performing very well! This past week our orchestras entered into the Kennedy High School Instrumental Music Festival, one of the largest festivals in Southern California. Director, Mr. Castillo reported outstanding results of Unanimous Superior, Unanimous Excellent, and Excellent for our orchestras from this festival! Congratulations to our amazing musicians! If you have missed these orchestras or you wish to hear them again, there is one more opportunity on May 19th when we be holding an outdoor concert in the Quad at 7:00pm!

Construction continues at Troy High School! This week in an effort to better control traffic thereby preventing gridlock in our staff parking lot, we have new parking controls in

place. Please be aware there is no student drop off in the Staff Parking lot that near Hale Ave. and Dorothy Ln. Parents, please drop off students in front of school using the drop off lane at the front of the school, student parking lots, or Nutwood Avenue behind the school.

In other construction news, we are continuing to improve the softball field and we are installing netting to catch errant balls that have been leaving school grounds. The project should be completed sometime next week and our games will go on as planned. Additionally, our pool continues to take form and each week the progress is significant! Thank you for everyone that is helping with these physical improvements to our school, and know that as we move into summer and significantly less rain, the pace of these projects and others will increase!



As has been previously reported, Troy has qualified for the Cyber Defense Nationals on April 3-5, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland! We have two teams that have qualified, both an NJROTC team and an Open team ranked and both are ranked #1 nationally in their division! Here is the official team photo for our Open Team! It is my understanding there will soon be an article about this team in the OC Register, so keep an eye out for that article!



Springtime is here? Enjoy the warm temperatures because I am willing to bet we will see more rain. Maybe this month, maybe the next but rain is still coming...Do something fun this weekend and get some much deserved rest and relaxation! Do not forget to change your clocks as we spring forward into Daylight Savings time this Sunday morning at 2:00am! Set your clocks forward one hour or you will be late to school on Monday. Enjoy the 47 hour weekend and I will see everyone back here bright and early on Monday morning!

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