



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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Happy St. Patrick's Day! I am not sure how they celebrate in Ireland, but for us in California we have an excuse to wear green and enjoy the sunshine. Of course with all the rain we have received this winter the green hills and mountains do make it look a bit more like Ireland...now we just need to find the pot of gold...

It has been a very busy week at Troy High School! Aren't we always busy? The answer to that question is yes, but we all knew that answer. To begin our week, on Monday and Tuesday we had a successful WASC visit with the completion of our mid-cycle accreditation visit. Thank you to all staff, students, and parents that spoke with WASC committee members as they validated the work we have done at Troy High School! At the end of the visit, the WASC team had no new recommendations for us other than to continue with our progress forward upon the WASC recommendations we received three years ago. Again, thank you to our WASC chairperson, Troy teacher Ms. Ana Link! We could not have successfully completed the mid-cycle visit without her! Seriously! Ms. Link will also be instrumental as our WASC chairperson when we have our next full WASC visit in spring 2020. The preparation for that visit will begin in May, and we will need to have very specifically documented using school, district, and state data how we completed the recommendations from the 2014 six-year WASC cycle. Remember, the WASC process is ongoing, even though the full report is written every six years! Congratulations, Troy High School Warrior community!

Today is the last Red Cross Blood Drive of the 2016-17 school year! Thank you to all the students and staff that will donate blood today! Also, thank you to Ms. Kirkpatrick and the Red Cross Club for organizing these drives at Troy High School! We are saving lives!



Sometimes a picture speaks a thousand words. This one does not do so. Last Friday night in Fresno, our outstanding Girls' Basketball team lost a very close game to an outstanding Clovis West High School team. We did not lose this game, Clovis won. We played a fantastic game as a team, and we took Clovis West off their game. Inside the last minute, we were down by one point and we had a chance to take the win. Unfortunately, on this night the win was not to be ours. Our girls had a wonderful season and finished their season in the Division 1 Open Girls' Basketball State Championship Playoffs. We played with the top teams in the state and we much more than held our own. Congratulations on a fantastic season for our players and their Head Coach, Mr. Roger Anderson!

In related basketball news, Troy senior and future UC Berkeley basketball player, won a prestigious award this week when it was announced that she is a recipient of the John R. Wooden High School Player of the Year Award. These awards are given by the John R. Wooden Foundation and they are presented to the most valuable player in each of the five California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section divisions. For girls' basketball this is also a huge award this year for the following reason: "For the first time, the John R. Wooden Award is honoring the most outstanding Southern California high school girls' basketball players. The girls' winners are: CIF Los Angeles City Section, Chelsey Gipson, Palisades High School (Pacific Palisades); CIF Southern Section Division I, Ayanna

Clark, Poly High School (Long Beach) & Kianna Smith, Troy High School (Fullerton); CIF Southern Section Division II, Cameran Bahnsen, Camarillo High School (Camarillo) & Rebekah Obinma, Rosary High School (Fullerton); CIF Southern Section Division III, Alexis Lowden, Glendora High School (Glendora); CIF Southern Section Division IV, Micaela Cacho-Negrete, Village Christian High School (Sun Valley); CIF Southern Section Division V, Savannah Fauria, Heritage Christian High School (Northridge); CIF Southern Section Division VI, Alyssa Maxey, Rolling Hills Prep High School (Torrance).” Congratulations to Kianna Smith on this award and we look forward to the McDonalds All-American basketball game in which she will be playing on March 29, 2017 at the United Center in Chicago!

On Saturday in the Fullerton College pool, our NJROTC is hosting the SeaPerch underwater robotics competition! The event begins at 8:30am so if you want to see some amazing student built submarines complete an underwater course it is a lot of fun! Also, tonight is the annual NJROTC Cadet Ball. I have attended each of the last two years and it is always an amazing evening. Go Warriors!

Great news, Girls’ Soccer stars, Kristen Chong and Brianna Diaz made the CIF Division 1 All CIF team! Not only are they Freeway League stars, they have been selected as the best of the best with this selection to the top CIF team! Congratulations!

A recent article in the OC Register focused upon the filmmaking class at Troy High School. While this comes as no surprise to us, sometimes the outside world does not realize the tremendous artistic skills our students’ possess. <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/film-746160-things-love.html> Troy also has a film festival known as the Wally Awards, in which we showcase our students’ work. This year the festival is held on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the North Gym. If you like original student short films in a number of different categories, this is a great event! Congratulations to our film students and their teacher, Mr. Jim Falletta!

Proud parent and Troy teacher, Mr. Don Allen handed me a letter from the ACT National Office. The letter is congratulatory for his son, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Troy student Jarred Allen for receiving the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT test! Of 2.1 million students who took the ACT only 2,235 received this score. Congratulations to Jarred Allen!

On Wednesday night I attended the one night only performance of the “*Mystical Shrub Apartment*” a collaborative performance by our Theatre and Special Education Departments. The play was also collaboratively written by students in both departments and was a tremendous amount of fun to see. The play included music, dancing, science fiction, and reading—especially the joy and magic of reading! What could be more entertaining? It was a great night and tremendous to see our students on stage together! Congratulations to all of our students and their teachers, Mr. Joe Hufferd and Ms. Jenny Redmond for a great night! Go Warriors!



In a first for Troy, this weekend one of our clubs, The Troy Health Occupation Club is attending the Health Occupation Students Association State Leadership Conference held in Sacramento, CA. We have 22 Troy students in attendance and there are competitions today and tomorrow. Club advisor Mr. Allen Stubblefield, will no doubt lead them to victory! 😊



One last piece of athletic news, yesterday our Boys' Tennis defeated Sunny Hill High School 11-5 JV and 11-7 Varsity! It is always a tough matchup for us with Sunny Hills so we are grateful to win and thankful for a great Troy High School team! Keep it up Warriors!



Next week on Tuesday we will be receiving a visit from the Orange County Office of Education on behalf of the California Department of Education. Why? Because they are conducting a *2017 California Gold Ribbon Schools* site validation visit! In December we applied for this recognition under the *Model Program* category. Most schools do not make it to the second round, so getting the visit is a big deal! The model program selected for recognition is our Troy Tech Magnet Program in the STEM, Career Technical Education, and use of Technology categories. As with our recent WASC visit the visiting team will be conducting classroom visits, so as normal just be yourselves, and be Troy High School!

Enjoy the warm weekend, because as I suspected we will be seeing more rain next week on Wednesday and Thursday. I knew we were not done with the rain. However, since we are not digging out from a blizzard like the East Coast, this weekend seems like a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. I have included a picture of my wife Donna and me after enjoying a nice hike last weekend. It is perfect hiking weather to get a little exercise, with blue skies, and pretty pink flowers. ☺ Have fun this weekend and obtain some rest and relaxation! Don't forget on Monday we have a late start. However, after our late start the countdown to Spring Break begins! I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

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