



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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It is the conclusion of our first week back from Spring Break, although it still feels a little strange because we are still a week away from Easter around which Spring Break used to traditionally fall. That being said, classroom instruction, learning and practical opportunities for our students' moves ahead full steam! We have many students applying their knowledge in competitions throughout the country, with more to come! We will cover more about this later!



At the FJUHSD Board meeting on Tuesday night two groups of students and teachers from throughout the district were recognized by our Board. Troy Girls' Basketball team captains and Coach Roger Anderson were recognized. Also recognized were AVID teachers and students, with our own AVID Coordinator Tiffany Robinson and students Allyssa Salgado and Adrian Delgado. Congratulations to all our teacher and students on the great job you do for Troy and FJUHSD!



As we all know, Troy is a unique place. For a couple students that first met in Mrs. Madrid's classroom Troy is a very special place. When 2010 Troy graduate Abraham Kwan wanted to propose to his longtime girlfriend, 2010 graduate Kayla Nishida, he asked if he could use Mrs. Madrid's classroom for the surprise proposal. Ms. Maria Williams let them into the room and took the photos. She said "Yes"! Congratulations to the new soon to be married pair!

Two teams from Troy competed in the CyberPatriot National Championship in Baltimore, Maryland. Our Open High School team coached by Allen Stubblefield and also a team in the NJROTC division coached by Commander Bill Lauper both performed very well, with the NJROTC team taking the National 2nd place ranking in their division! Our Open team also performed exceptionally, but did not take home one of the top three spots. In addition to the

competition, the students have taken advantage of their location and visited numerous historic sites as well as taken trips to the Naval Academy and NSA headquarters. Congratulations Warriors!



Our NJROTC is currently competing in the National Academic Physical Fitness, and Drill Championship in Pensacola, Florida. Team Black is competing and is one of 24 teams from throughout the nation looking for the National Championship. In addition to this competition, NJROTC teams still have National Championships for which to compete in SeaPerch and Brain Brawl in May! Go Warriors!

Over Spring Break our Robotics team competed in the 2017 Los Angeles Regional First Robotics Competition held in Long Beach. I was fortunate to make the trip to the Pyramid at Long Beach State to watch our team of students coached by Troy Engineering teacher, Kent Goodman and Computer Science teacher Mike Reid, had their most successful outing in this event to date when they made it to the finals! This was a first, and our team overcame some serious technical glitches to make it to the final round! It was a tough event with the robots having to pick up gears, throw balls into a hopper, and climb a rope. All while evading other robots. For students to make this robot was a team effort and a lot of work. Some of their success can be attributed to the facility improvements made over the summer that allowed for them to greatly expand and better use their engineering workshop to create and build the robot.



Also over break Troy Girls' Basketball player, Kianna Smith played in the McDonalds All American Basketball Game at the United Center in Chicago. She played 12 minutes and had a decent showing. Unfortunately the West lost to the East in a close game! This Friday, Kianna will be honored as one of seventeen outstanding high school boys and girls basketball players when she is presented with the John Wooden High School Player of the Year Award at LA Live. Congratulations to Kianna, and if you want to see her play, watch UC Berkley Womens' basketball next year!



Yesterday our Future Business Leaders of America club left to compete for the California State Championship in Sacramento. Two busses of students almost 100 total left to put to the test the business skills they have learned while at Troy High School! We have never won the state championship, so it will be interesting to see if this group can knock off the current champions from Northern California! Go Warriors!



Over Spring Break another well-known group of our students competed in an academic completion when students from our school newspaper, the *Oracle* participated in the Southern California Journalism Education Association competition in Long Beach. *Oracle* adviser, Ms. Priscilla Cheney reported as follows: “Our students, competed in the categories of Cartoon, Sports, Feature, Critical Review, and Opinion, and, impressively, all of them captured top awards in their individual categories. Here are the results:

Ha Young Lee - Cartoon - 4th place
Julianne Kim - Opinion - 4th place
Ashley Fan - Feature - 9th place
Hannah Ro - Sports - 2nd place
Christopher Lee - Critical Review - 10th place

Hannah Ro and Ashley Fan are the designated editors-in-chief for the 2017/18 school year, so it appears that we are in good hands.” Great job Warriors, and we all continue to enjoy the great work and articles in the *Oracle*!



Once in a while I receive information on some of the Troy students that compete at a high level in sports outside of high school competition. Right before we left for Spring Break, Troy student, Deanna Wemmer took 1st place in the category of Gymnastic All Around at the SoCal State Championship in Ontario, CA! Thank you to Deanna's mother for sending the photo and the information on Deanna's incredible achievement!

Another important academic Troy team will be in competition this weekend when our Troy Science Olympiad vies for the California State Championship at Cal Tech in Pasadena tomorrow morning! We have a very good team this year, and I am sure they will represent Troy High School well in this competition! Go Warriors!

In Troy High School Athletics this week, our teams have been performing exceptionally with virtually every team winning their meets, heats, matches, and games! It has been an outstanding week in Troy athletics! Here are some of the photos that best describe these events!

If you have not seen our spring teams in action, come on out and support our students! You will be amazed and in awe at the level of athletic talent of our students!



Also tied to our Athletics is the pool construction and some of the area around the pool. If you have not yet noticed the fantastic new approach to the Athletic Gate at the East end of the school, go and take a look at the new textured concrete that was poured last week. It is just another step in the process to create a 1st class athletic facility for our students at Troy High School.

Next week we will be completing our California State Testing in English and mathematics. The following week we will be part of the State pilot exam for Science. The only grade level impacted by the state testing are 11th graders. This year these test scores are

especially important because they directly impact Troy High School as part of the new California school accountability model known as the School Dashboard. This new accountability system impacts funding, and school ranking at a California State level. I think this accountability model will be good news for Troy High School because we have outstanding students and they are going to prove we are the best school not only in Orange County, but in California in English, mathematics, and science! Also, as this new School Dashboard replaces the old API system, it will once again be a model that will help show the Troy Difference and how we are different from all the surrounding schools in Orange County and the State of California! Warriors, put forth your best effort on these state tests and represent for Troy High School!

Everyone, it is the weekend and once this brief wet weather system passes through tonight, I believe we will have a pretty nice couple days to get outside and enjoy the springtime weather! I plan on taking in the sunshine! I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

