

November 19, 2021 Warriors,

Today is the final day of the very long haul from August with very few days off! For our staff, two days off to be exact. Students have had a couple more days, but that being said all staff and students have earned this Thanksgiving Break!

This year more than ever I hope we all take more than a passing moment to recognize all the many things in our lives for which we are thankful. I am certain most of us have a lengthy list, and the more we think about this, the longer our list becomes. For me, people are at the top of the list and I am most certainly grateful for my family, both at home and here at Troy and throughout our FJUHSD. This week, our Troy students have also been expressing their thoughts



and for what they are thankful on this poster paper. There are many very nice comments, and a further exclamation point on what tremendous students we have at Troy High School. It is truly great to be a Warrior!

COVID-19 Reminder for all Troy High School Students!

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), CA Dept. of Public Health (CDPH), and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), we ask that you complete the Qualtrics survey each morning prior to arriving on campus. However, **please do not attend <u>school</u>** if you have experienced any COVID-related symptoms:

- Flu-like symptoms such as fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose that is not associated with a pre-existing condition or other chronic health condition.

Following the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued guidance in support of full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible. A link to that guidance is included at the bottom of this communication.

Please note that masks will be required by all staff and students while indoors

regardless of vaccinated status. As an extra precaution, FJUHSD is committed to continuing the enhanced cleaning procedures established to ensure that our schools are clean, sanitized, and safe. Additionally, using our thermal cameras, temperatures will continue to be taken each morning. CDPH COVID-19/K-12-Guidance

Safety Procedures for attending school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- All students and staff will complete a Qualtrics COVID Safety Survey each morning (the survey will be sent to your school email).
- To enter campus, students will show their green checkmark from the completed survey permitting them to be on campus.
- Students will walk through the thermo-imaging temperature cameras by either the Main Office or the North Gym and show their green Qualtrics survey checkmarks.
- Face coverings (masks) are required inside and are optional while outside.

 Last but not least, <u>if you have taken a COVID-19 test</u> and are still waiting for results, <u>please do not attend school until you receive the results of that test</u>, and then <u>only</u> <u>come to school if you are negative for COVID-19!</u>
 Students! Here is some important news from our Guidance Department! <u>Thank you and GO WARRIORS!</u>

Warriors, as we go on Thanksgiving Break we do still need to be careful and follow the COVID-19 protocols that may be in place regardless of where we are visiting, travelling, practicing, or celebrating. In the event there is a COVID-19 situation that impacts you, please report using this <u>Google Form</u> link provided by the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. The form is in three languages: English/Spanish/Korean and this will allow Parents/Staff to complete this form in the event of an exposure or positive case. Our district will receive the notice and do the necessary follow up, tracing and notifications as indicated. For me, having had loved ones die of this disease, and known others that have been infected, this meant doing everything possible that I am able to avoid getting COVID. I have made no secret about getting the vaccine when it was available and I encourage others to do so as well. Three weeks ago, I also went and received the COVID-19 vaccine booster shot and the Flu vaccine at the same time at my local Rite-Aid pharmacy. Warriors, again please do everything you are able in order to stay safe today, over Thanksgiving and Winter Vacations, and into the spring. We want to bring this pandemic to an end! Go Warriors!

Troy High School held our first Red Cross Blood Drive in almost two years last Friday in our South Gym. Red Cross Club Advisor, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick has the Troy High School Blood Drive results! *"I want to let you all know our students, staff, parents and community members showed up on Friday for the blood drive! We had a goal of 75 units and we blasted past that with a total of 90 units!! Think about that, with 3 people saved with one donation we have put enough blood back in the system to save 270 people!! Our blood supplies are only at 1 to 2 days supply. This is going to help a lot. So Thank You to everyone who showed up! Our next blood drive is January 14th. Join us and let's continue to make a difference Troy!* This would not have been possible without the kindness and forgiveness of the basketball program. Thank you for setting up the carpet squares and starting your practice later so we could meet the need."

Mrs. K and the Troy Red Cross club

Again, a heartfelt thank you to our club advisor, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and our wonderful Troy students and staff for helping make this drive a success!



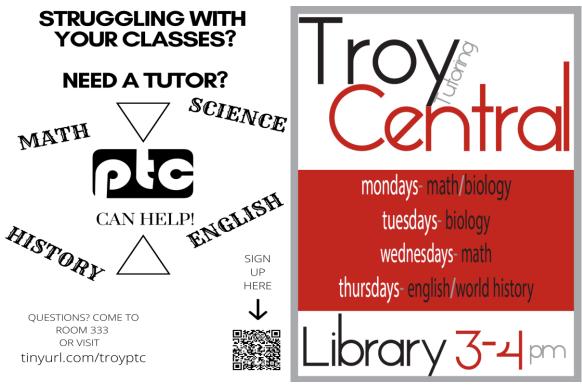
We know our Troy Girls' Golf is outstanding. Therefore, while it is difficult to make it to the State Championship, it was not a surprise when our team was one of the few teams going back to the State Championship which they last won in 2018. Our team played well, but they were unable to bring home the State Championship. However, they have nothing to hang their heads about and remain one of the best teams to ever take to the links from Troy High School. Here are more details on the State Championship round again from their very proud Troy Coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill. *"California Dreamin'.....on such a winter's day"*

All the leaves were brown

And the sky was gray (when the fog let you see it) The girls went on a walk On a winter's day Didn't have to tell them they could be champs today. California Dreamin' On such a winter's day...

Yes, the Troy Girls Golf Team was in the midst of a California Dream that promised a trip to Poppy Hills in Monterey and a second CIF State Championship. Even though a spot in the biggest tournament in CIF golf had been the norm the past 5 years, they would have to overcome the COVID restrictions and the graduation of all members of the 2018 state title and less experience than previous teams. Yet in round after round of CIF they kept the dream alive with gutsy, consistent play from all 6 players. On Tuesday in the finals, in a heavy Monterey fog at the start, the first nine holes saw the girls fall to 6th place and struggle to make the pars and birdies they are known for. But typical for these Warriors, they didn't give up and fought their way to a 4th place finish and beat a powerful Notre Dame team that had beat them by 11 strokes the previous week. Their score of 395 meant they had the best finish for the teams from Southern Cal, but still the dream of a state title was over. Also over are the amazing high school golf careers for seniors Gabby Kano, Hannah Ulibarri, and Victoria Choi. They are all the model of what a student athlete is - hard working in the classroom and on the sports field. It is no easy feat to navigate both of these at Troy, and they have all done that with class, integrity, and a smile. Their leadership and play will be missed immensely. Lastly, this ends the 20 year coaching careers of Jerry and Lynn Cowgill, who were privileged to coach the boys and girls golf teams at Troy. I want to thank all of the Warrior family for the kind words, encouragement, and support over those 2 decades."

Congratulations to our fantastic Girls' Golf Team, you had a truly wonderful season. Thank you to all the parents that support their daughters and our athletes. Last but certainly not least, a very heartfelt thank you to Coaches Mr. Jerry Cowgill and Mrs. Lynn Cowgill. No coaches could have done the job any better for the past two decades, and combined with the challenges faced the past two years during COVID, there were not any coaches who were better to have fighting and negotiating on behalf of our athletes than the Cowgill's. They are proud Warriors forever, and they leave a coaching legacy that will be always remembered. ©



CTE Troy Cyber stories

The Troy High School Cyber Program continues to be developed into one of the best programs of its kind in the country, if not the world. Cyber provides students with almost limitless opportunities plan and simple. Here are some fantastic details shared earlier this week to our counselors and provided by Troy's Cyber Leader, Mr. Allen Stubblefield.

Troy Counselors and other Troy Cyber fans,

CTE is about preparing students for life after high school. Troy Cyber is doing just that as shown in these 3 examples:

We have had 3 students that I know of whom in the past 3 years who have been hired straight from high school as cybersecurity professionals based on their high school acquired knowledge.

I have anonymized these stories so they can be shared and used as encouragement for ALL students. Computers do not care what you look like, what language you speak, your gender, etc. - but can you work the mouse and keyboard. - A student had plans for a 4 year college but senioritis got the better of them. Went to Fullerton College while also working for a large defense company in cybersecurity. Now has a cybersecurity AS from Cypress College and enrolled in Computer Science at CSUF. Looking into grad programs. Still working full-time by choice; "I love this stuff and the company is very flexible!"

- Another student's parents both have doctorate degrees (MD and Science). The student did not want to pursue college (yet). Their mother sent me the following message, "I want to share news with you. [Student] just told me that they got an intern working under them at [company]. The intern is a senior at UCI. I just thought it was funny that my still 18-yrs old with just a high school diploma has an intern who is about to finish college. It truly is a testimony to how well the Troy cyber program prepares its students. No more doctors, lawyers and engineers as career options. Those are great, but there are so many other interesting things they can do. :) Thank you." The student is going to college now as well - it just took a year and some prodding at work to realize that college is worth the effort for them.

- A third student graduated in May '21 and was hired "based on what he learned at Troy" for a \$78k cybersecurity job (there is a \$20-40k pay raise after they get their bachelor's degree.) The company initiated the hiring process 3 months prior to graduation. The student is also a fulltime student at Cal Poly Pomona in their cybersecurity program, with financial help from their company.

Go Troy Cyber! Allen Stubblefield Cyber Defense Teacher and Coach Troy High School, Fullerton CA

This morning our Troy Band and Guard held a final practice before one of the biggest band festivals of which they have participated. Our Warrior Band has been invited to participate in the 68th Annual Arcadia Festival of Bands! Here are some further details from our Band Director, Mr. Joseph Castillo. *"This Saturday the Warrior Band and Guard will represent Troy High School at the 68th Annual Arcadia Festival of Bands. We were invited to perform at what is considered the most prestigious band review in the State. This event also has helped with* selecting bands to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade. If you are in the area Saturday morning, we will be stepping off at 9:30 am. The event begins at 9:00 am on Baldwin Ave and Huntington Dr., going south on Baldwin Avenue, moving away from the Santa Anita Mall". I have seen this event in the past and it is truly a representation of some of the best bands, many of which are from the greater Southern California area and beyond. Go, Warriors!





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PATHWAYS OF HOPE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our annual PTSA Community Service Project with Pathways of Hope will take place this Fall. Please take the time to help by donating canned and non-perishable food items.

> The most needed items (should not be opened or expired): pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat or fish, canned vegetables, rice, juice, granola bars, oatmeal packets, cereal, dry milk, cooking oil, canned soup, tomato sauce, crackers, chips.

Donations will be collected from November 29th until December 1st.



Food collection bins/boxes will be in every Classroom.



As we move into Thanksgiving Break and the Holiday shopping season, our Troy Foundation has some suggestions for your holiday spending. More information can be found at our foundation's website at <u>www.thetroydifference.org</u>

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The holiday season is just around the corner and the Troy Support Organization invites you to kick it off with us on Giving Tuesday, the global day of giving back.	After the deals on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, join us in kicking off the holiday giving season on Giving Tuesday! On this global day of giving, the Troy Support Organization is working towards this year's goal of raising \$30,000 to give our Warriors
On the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, you'll have the chance to join people around the world and support a cause close to your heart.	the life-changing gift of a high calibur educational environment. Ways to gear up for Giving Tuesday:
This Giving Tuesday, help us ensure that Troy High School's special curricular and co-curricular programs are maintained, enriched and expanded. By joining the movement, you're bridging the gap between the funding provided by the state, and that which is actually needed to provide high quality educational programs for our Warriors.	 Donate to lock in your gift; Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for exciting updates; and Share this message with friends and family and encourage them to join the movement.
Mark your calendars, spread the word, and stay tuned for more details.	We've got just one week left until one historic day of giving. Let's do this!
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Parking Lot Issues at Troy High School

I have written on this matter in previous *Warrior Weekly* editions, and while some things have improved, there are other things that have not. First, student safety and really safety for everyone should be the first priority. Second, being able to drop off and pick up students, at appropriate locations and times and for staff to be able to enter the parking lots is important. The main parking lot by the North Gym is the lot for our school bus drop off and pick up as well as the main drop off point and parking for students and visitors. There is also a student drop off on the drive in front of the Main Office. Students may also park in the South Student parking lot by the baseball fields. Students may also be dropped off on either Hale Avenue to the West of Troy or on Nutwood Avenue to the South of Troy. What can no longer happen are student drop offs or student pick-ups in the Staff Parking lot to the West of campus. This specific parking lot is not suited for large numbers of vehicles going in and out at the same time, especially during the traffic crunch in the morning and afternoon, and it is a safety issue. From today forward, these gates are going to be closed to everyone other than employees. Only FJUSHD staff members will be allowed into this lot on school days during work hours which includes time before and

after school pupil attendance hours. Thank you, to everyone in our Troy community who comes onto our campus for being part of the solution and trying to make our campus as safe for vehicular traffic as possible. We have also been working with the Fullerton Police Department as well to mitigate some of the traffic safety concerns and illegal parking on Dorothy Ave. As I have written previously, most of our students are fairly mobile, so even dropping students off a little ways from school results in less congestion and they can walk onto campus. Additionally, after school if students are picked up at 3:30pm, there is plenty for them to do in the meantime. Our library is open until 6:00pm and our Troy Central Tutoring is from 3-4:00pm. I thank everyone in advance for helping with this concern!



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! Luna is dressed in her lumberjack chef attire (Thank you, Mrs. Maria Williams) and already getting ready to help with cooking the turkey. Mrs. Mynster and I have some serious work to do on getting dinner ready. It should be fun. ©

Have a restful break and take some time off to do hopefully as little or as much as you would like. We all need the rest and relaxation time so we may recharge our internal batteries as we prepare for the end of the semester and then Winter Break. Happy Thanksgiving! I will see everyone back here at Troy on November 29th!

W. V. Mynster