



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



December 17, 2021

Warriors,

Finals are over! The Fall Semester is over! Winter Break, Holidays, and the 2022 New Year are what we have going for the next two weeks! All of us have earned the time off, and I hope everyone will do as much or as little as they wish to enjoy the break from our regular school schedule. ☺ Troy family, we can take our foot off the gas! Great job, Warriors!



If you were fortunate enough to come through the Main Office the past three weeks, you may have been surprised to find yourself in a Gingerbread Land filled with merry elves. All of the decorations were made in Santa's workshop and constructed in the middle of the night. Actually, thank you to all our Main Office staff members for the wonderful job on the holiday decorations! They truly made everyone's spirits bright!

## **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 school** 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, **if you have taken a COVID-19 test** and are still waiting for results, **please do not attend school until you receive the results of that test**, and then **only come to school if you are negative for COVID-19!**

**Students! Here is some important news from our Guidance Department!**

**Thank you and GO WARRIORS!**

Warriors, as I have mentioned previously, as long as we are still in the pandemic I am going to keep running the **COVID-19 Reminder for all Troy High School Students!** Still, I have one more thing regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We have now passed two years since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic which began in October, 2019. We clearly remember the school closures in California that began at the close of day on March 13, 2020 and the lockdown that followed. It was on that day the pandemic became real to all of us... Since then, we have been through some difficult days. With persistence we have pushed through to better days, working our way back to the point we are able to do many of the things we used to do before COVID-19. No, things are not normal and we are masked up in most places. But we are able to be together and that really makes all the difference in the world. We are not yet done!

Now is not the time to get complacent. We are seeing a significant uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases throughout the world, country, state, cities. We have seen this before, but then all we could do is wait while in lockdown or Distance Learning for another way to defend ourselves against this disease. Last spring, by March / April of 2021, the COVID-19 vaccines became available for large portions of the population, and that availability has only accelerated since. Then we hit the wall on the number of people getting vaccinated and there remain large percentages of people that have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity.

Today, both the Delta version and the Omicron variants of COVID-19 are rapidly spreading. The best protection against any of us have against COVID-19 is vaccination. If you are already vaccinated, please get the booster. If you are not vaccinated, please consider doing so for yourself and for others.

None of us want to slide back into lockdowns again. However, as we see the gains we have made especially over the last year seemingly being erased in the last two weeks, there is growing concern once again that our healthcare system will again become overwhelmed... If it does, none of us are going to like what happens next. If you are vaccinated or not, please take

every recommended precaution to protect yourself and others when out in public, shopping, holiday events, the movies, dinner, holiday parties, etc. Stay healthy and stay safe!



<https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19zbORJop-mDB-WiuyZAzXmFZiAd899HI/view>

In CyberPatriot news, last Saturday a whole lot of students were competing in the Cyber world once again! CyberPatriot guru/teacher/coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield has more news and information. Go, Troy Cyber!

*“Our 3rd round of the year is this weekend. We have **50 Troy teams** competing, all hoping to do well enough to advance to the semi-finals on Jan 22.*

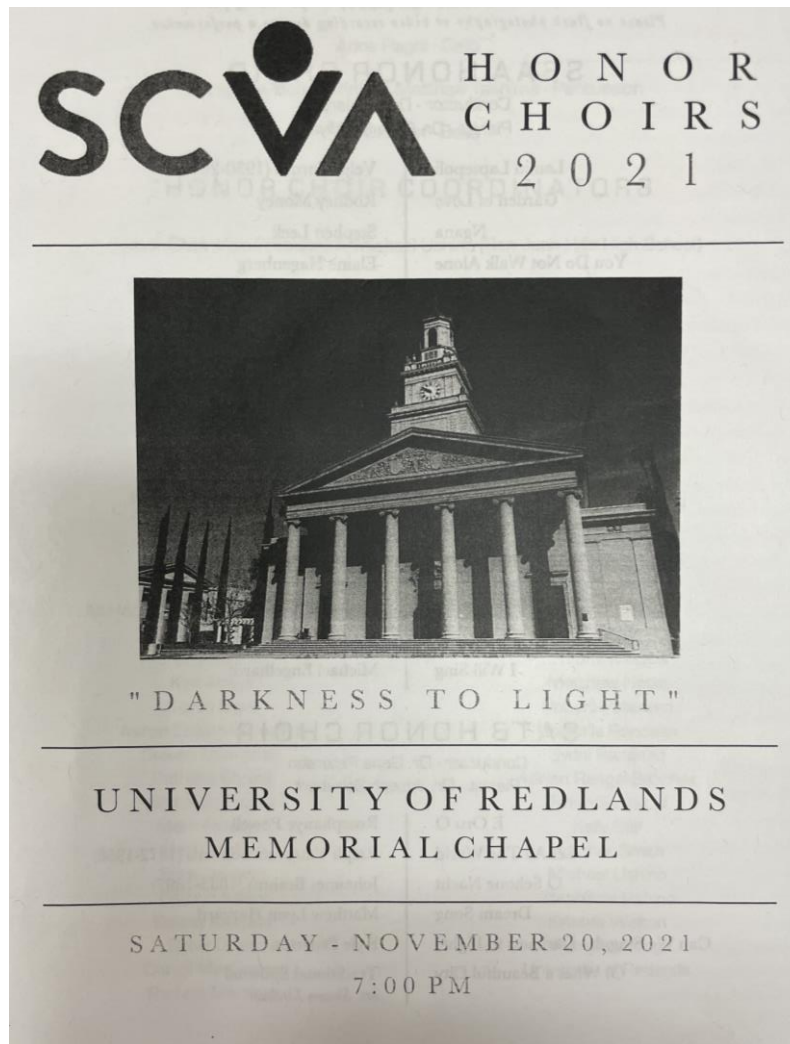
***Teams of 4-6 students have 6 hours to make their virtual Windows 10, Windows Server and Ubuntu 20 computers as secure as possible while also configuring a simulated network.***

*For this round, teams are competing based on their tier which is based on their performance in the first two rounds. Platinum tier: top 30%, Gold tier: middle 40% and Silver tier: remaining 30%). A testament to the effectiveness of our weekly practices is that **44 of our Troy teams are in Platinum**, with 5 in Gold and 1 in Silver. This also means that **72 of our 94 freshmen are on Platinum tier teams!***

*Teams must make the top 25% of their tier to advance to the semi-finals. Historically, 50% of our teams achieve this mark.” I will say this much, I am so very thankful we have the*



Cyber program at Troy High School! There is seemingly a never ending demand for people with cyber skills to thwart the criminals that seek to disrupt our lives in numerous ways. We need people to be our cyber defenders, and if our students find cyber to be their calling there are many colleges, then businesses that will happily bring them into the fold! Great job, Warriors!



We have outstanding choirs at Troy High School! Led by our own Mr. Mark Henson, our students have excellent direction. Not surprisingly, a number of our vocalists are also found representing Troy High School on Honor Choirs such as the Southern California Vocal Association (SCVA). On Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the following students performed at the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel for an evening event!

Mia Zaragoza (Soprano I), Aisheek Ghosh (Tenor I), Kaushik Kasturi (Bass I), Steven Logwood (Tenor I), Nicholas Wofford (Bass II), Angelina Kharrat (Soprano I), Gio Kim (Alto I), Christopher Valladares (Tenor I).

This program is available to all FJHSD students districtwide.

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*Troy Main Office Holiday Chalk Art, by Mrs. Shannon Cogswell.*

I had to run the news regarding the Niche High School Rankings for a second week. When Troy High School is the #6 Public High School in California and #55 in the United States, it is something to celebrate. Something else that speaks to who we are is the fact that in spite of the pandemic, the Warrior Family, including our newest members our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are now here both advantaged by our school academic and family culture. Remember, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders had a very unusual year last year as they began high school. Being back to school full time and getting to see Troy High School returning to what we are in terms of our culture has been awesome! Thank you to our amazing Staff, students, parents, and community. We are Troy High School because of all of you. Way to go Warrior Family!!! ☺

**2022 Niche High School Rankings (State, National, County, Regional)**

**Troy High School**

**California:**

*#6 of 1,898 Best Public High Schools in California.*

*#3 of 1,807 Best Public High School Teachers in California.*

*#7 of 1,406 Best College Prep Public High Schools in California.*

**Other nearby schools:** #15 Whitney High School, #29 Arcadia High School,

#30 Foothill High School, #37 Oxford Academy, **(PLYUSD #74 Valencia High School,**

**#75 Yorba Linda High School, #150 El Dorado High School,**

**#154 Esperanza High School.**

**National:**

*#55 of 19,984 Best Public High Schools in America.*

*#59 of 19,722 Best Public High School Teachers in America.*

*#36 of 17,219 Best College Prep Public High Schools in America.*

**Orange County:**

*#1 of 99 Best Public High Schools in Orange County.*

*#1 of 96 Best Public High School Teachers in Orange County.*

*#2 of 77 Best College Prep Public High Schools in Orange County*

Going into Winter Break and spending quality time with family and friends, I look am looking forward to time to catch up and catch my breath. All of us have been running at what seems to be endless redline for a very long time...like around two years. Nobody can keep that up, so these next two weeks are really important for all of us. Whatever you need to do to get in



that time to wind down and rest your body and mind, I strongly encourage you to make sure you put yourself first—at least for a few moments in time. Meanwhile, Luna is wondering



when more presents are going to mysteriously show up under the tree. Funny story...Some presents were under the tree, she thought they were hers and began to carefully unwrap them. We will be waiting for Santa to appear on December 24<sup>th</sup> before there are any additional gifts for Luna (she may be getting coal) or anyone else. I wish everyone a very Happy Holidays, and will see everyone back here at Troy on our regular bell schedule, January 3, 2022!

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