

March 11, 2022

February 22, 2022—Photographed by Ms. Tiffany Wilson

Warriors,

Does the March weather in Southern California get any better than today and this weekend? I don't think so. We still need the rain, but this is why people want to live here! It is also a great weather for the last Troy High School Red Cross Blood Drive of the year. If you have already signed up—thank you! If you are over 16 years old you are eligible to donate between 7:30am—1:00pm. Additionally, the news on Channel 7 reported for the next month, the Red Cross will be checking all blood donations to see if there are COVID-19 antibodies. So if you were wondering if you caught COVID and were asymptomatic or if you still have antibodies, this would be a way to find out and add to the blood supply. Go, Warriors!

Spring Semester Deadline to Drop an Additional Class or Class Level:

Students may request to drop down in course levels (i.e., H/AP/IB/C to the lower level) if space is available or drop an additional class. Students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 classes and students in grade 12 must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes. The deadline for a level change or to drop an additional class is Friday, March 18th by 3:00 p.m. (end of the third grading quarter). Students must see their counselor in person before first period, at break,

lunch or after sixth period by the deadline. If a student is in an Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or Cambridge course and wishes to request to move down in levels, they have until 3 PM on Friday, March 18th to do so. To request a level change, the student is to see their school counselor in-person at break, lunch, before first period or after sixth period. Parent/guardian permission is required. As long as there is room in the lower-level course and it will work with the student's schedule, the request can be accommodated.

There is lots of great information that may be found on our school website! This is also the best place to begin with questions regarding programs, sports, calendars, and events. Check it out at: <u>https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/19</u>



Today our Robotics team is competing in the OC Regionals in Costa Mesa between the hours of 9:00am—6:00pm! Our team number and robot number are 3952, so if you tune in, look for our dedicated team of students and their mentor teachers, Mr. Kent Goodman and Mr. Mike Reid who are there for moral and technical support! The livestream link can be found on the front page of our school website listed above! Go, Warriors!

Our instrumental music has been on a hot streak this week with our Wind and Symphony Orchestra performing at Beckman High School, and qualifying for regionals with a Unanimous Superior Rating of 5 of 5! Additionally, our Apollo's Strings also performed at Kennedy High School in La Palma, and they were the first group of Troy's concert ensembles to go to a music festival since the COVID-19 pandemic closures that began on Friday, March 13th 2020. It is nice to be returned to some semblance of "normal." Great job, Warriors!



Artist: Ms. Shannon Cogswell

There is some more great news regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and what it means for our FJUHSD high school students, staff, parents, and community regarding masks!

On the following page is the recent message from our Superintendent which details the changes to the masking rules and what it means to you. This message is also available on our Fullerton Joint Union High School District website in the COVID Updates section which can be found here. <u>https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1472</u> Also, hopefully you are receiving emails from our school and district. If not, please check your email settings in your AERIES account to see that you have not blocked non-emergency emails from the Troy and FJUSHD.



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March 4, 2022

Dear FJUHSD Families and Students,

Happy Friday! We wanted to provide a brief reminder about updates we shared earlier in the week. As previously shared, beginning Saturday, March 12, 2022, all students and staff members within a K-12 setting will be allowed the option, regardless of vaccination status, to wear or not wear a face mask while indoors at school and school events. <u>CDPH Guidance</u>.

FJUHSD will align its protocols accordingly, which will allow staff and students a choice when it comes to wearing masks while on campuses starting on Saturday, March 12, 2022, and moving forward. In the meantime, mask wearing is still required for all FJUHSD students and staff while indoors on school sites when students are present through March 11, 2022. <u>Updated Health</u>

Guidance.

Beginning Saturday, March 12, 2022:

- Students and staff will be given the option to wear or not wear a mask both indoors and outdoors.
- There will be no distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated in the updated state masking policy.
- Regardless of vaccination status, masks will also no longer be required for students participating in VAPA activities such as music, dance, choir, drama performances, etc.
- Unvaccinated student athletes will also no longer need to be tested for COVID-19, nor need to wear a mask.
- Attendees of indoor school events will no longer need to wear masks.
- Masks will also no longer be required for staff and students when riding school-provided transportation.

As a friendly reminder, the upcoming March 8, 2022 school board meeting will continue to follow current guidelines. Due to the fact that we have many students that participate in our school board meetings, including video production teams and a student board member, we will still maintain mask wearing for all participants. For future school board meetings we will look to adjust this practice to align with the state new guidance to allow for masks to be optional. Thank you for your continued partnership and your resilience. This is a positive step as we move toward an endemic phase of the pandemic. FJUHSD will continue to take every step necessary to preserve the health and safety of our students, staff, and our community and will provide timely and necessary updates.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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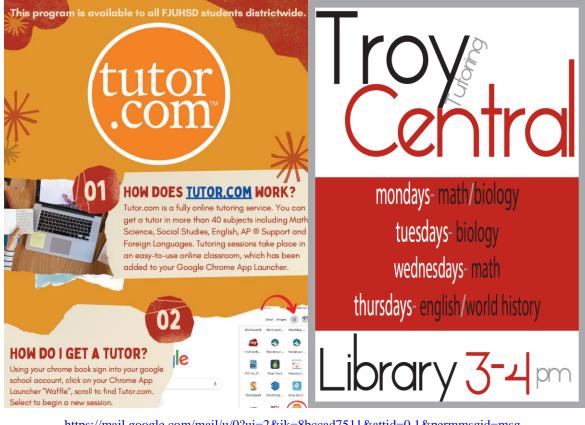
Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D. Superintendent

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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, **<u>please do not attend</u>** <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.
- 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>



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Last week I wrote a message regarding Troy High School's social media presence and that we have been on social media for about as long as there has been social media. This QR code will take you to our social media that have been linked at Troy, but it also takes you to all our schools and district sites and social media. It is a powerful link to have in your phones or on your computers. As of last week Troy has a new Twitter page @TroyHSWarriors and as of this week Troy has a new Instagram page @Troywarriorsathletics



Lt. Chris Cecil has some outstanding NJROTC news to report from last weekend! "Yesterday, 20 of our cadets competed in the California Outdoor Orienteering League Championships at the Firestone campgrounds. Troy placed 1st in Intermediate, 1st in Junior Varsity, and 2nd in Varsity. This weekend the Warriors will be heading up to San Jose for the National NJROTC Orienteering Championships. If you did not know, Orienteering is essentially Cross Country using maps to find specific points over 4-5 miles. Then the best times determine placement."

This is not the only thing going on with Troy's NJROTC, they have qualified for what amounts to "playoffs" in a few other categories this year as well! Also from Lt. Chris Cecil, "Not only are we gearing up for Orienteering Nationals, but also the State Championship Brain Brawl, CyberPatriot Nationals in Bethesda Maryland, and Drill Nationals in Pensacola Florida, PACE Nationals in Atlanta, Quizbowl in Chicago, and JLAB in Washington DC." To say our cadets are a busy group of Troy students would be a significant understatement. The good news, is they are able to spread their talents across a number of students in the program so it is not the same students in every event. ③



Also last weekend, our NJROTC participated in the Regional Sea Perch Championships! Lt. Chris Cecil reported the results: "*Troy 1 led by Cadet Rohan Patel won first overall earning a spot to the International Sea Perch Championship in Maryland this spring. This is Rohan's 4th consecutive year leading the team to the State Championship! We appreciate being able to use the North Gym and the pool for the day. We had to get special from a "couple" using the pool that day and their pic is attached.*" The "couple" of which Lt. Cecil is referring is below. This



couple has returned to Troy for more than a few years. I don't know where they nest, but it is not in the pool area. They do also take advantage of our pond, and I have seen them land in the pond, and it is a bit of a surprise when it happens.



On Tuesday night at the Board of Trustees meeting our Troy Girls' Golf team was recognized for an excellent season in which they again made it to the State Championship meet! Also recognized was their longtime coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill. After twenty years of coaching our golfers he is going to retire at the end of the year from both coaching, but also teaching Mathematics for more than thirty years. Congratulations to Mr. Cowgill for all the years he has dedicated to having a positive influence upon our students and athletes at Troy and beyond!



Last Friday, our Troy Football Team and their Coach, Mr. Michael Echaves took a walk to Acacia Elementary to grant the wish of Acacia's student "Principal for a Day" to be able to play football at Acacia. Apparently, for the most part, playing football is not allowed, but they made a special exception on this day. I also posted this event to our Twitter account so there is live action video also. These elementary students were pretty good. We have to hope they come to Troy in the future! ③

place	Team	Score
1st	TROY A	48
2nd	TROY B	101
3rd	University	149
4th	Portola	155
5th	Northwood	194
6th	OCSA	221
7th	Sunny Hills	231

These are the results from the performance of Troy's two Science Olympiad teams at the Regional Competition last weekend! Like golf, the lower the score the better. Our teams finished 1st and 2nd and on April 2nd our team will compete in the California State Finals! To take the top two spots in this competition our students won 43 medals including 15 gold medals and 9 silver medals! This was a fantastic job by our Science Olympiad students and their fantastic Science Teachers and Coaches! All of us are looking forward to April 2nd!



On Wednesday, Mr. Brendon Moeller from Congresswoman Young Kim's 39 District Office, presented this Certificate of Congressional Recognition to our cadets for the wonderful achievements of this group of Troy students. It was an honor to host Mr. Moeller, also a West Point Graduate as he spoke with our cadets and Naval Science Instructors. I will have more on this visit in next week's Warrior Weekly! Congratulations to our NJROTC and great job, Warriors!

Are you feeling stressed or need a quick pick me up? This link to our FJUHSD virtual calming room with all the various relaxing and humorous options is for you! You have my word, the puppy cams are the way to go!

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



Following the puppy cams from the Calming Room is the way to end the day for sure! Another activity that is normally calming, is reading. "Read Across America Day" was on March 2nd this year. One of our local elementary schools is celebrating their 31st "Day of the Reader" on March 16th and I have been invited as a guest reader. Pictured above, I am practicing reading a story to Luna in preparation for reading to elementary students next week.

It is going to be a fantastic weekend, and I hope everyone is take advantage of this amazing weather! If looking for something different to do, and also get out in the sun, there is a fantastic athletic meet sponsored by Rotary of Fullerton, called the *Jim Thompson Fullerton City Championship Relays*, featuring Fullerton Union High School, Sunny Hills High School, and Troy High School. This event is tomorrow at the Fullerton High School Stadium from 9:00am—noon. Relay meets are always fun and I like Troy's chances this year! It is also wonderful weather for a hike, bike, run, shopping, BBQ with friends and family, the possibilities are endless! I hope everyone is able to get in some much needed rest and relaxation with family and friends! Have a wonderful weekend and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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