



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



December 8, 2017

Here we are...one more regular week of school and then we are into Finals week. The end of the semester and Winter Break will be here before we know it! For our students, the last day of school for fall semester is December 21<sup>st</sup> and we return on January 8, 2018. Keep up the great work and finish the semester strong!



Fall sports are over, but the banquet celebrations have been happening and are almost wrapped up. This week, I had the pleasure of attending our football banquet. It was nice to see all the athletes, and their families celebrate the successes and lessons learned from our season. While we would have loved more wins, it was expressed by several speakers from the Booster President, to Coach Echaves that a successful season can be about a lot more than wins and losses. For our team, this was true and there were examples of success in that room at this

banquet. This team experienced hard work and growth resulting from their efforts. They listened, learned, and put forth their best efforts with the interests of the team in mind ahead of their own. Our athletes did all of this with a new head coach, and many additional new coaches, especially at the Varsity level. This was a learning, rebuilding, and growing year for our team. It was not easy, but this team came together as a family and I know I enjoyed seeing their progress throughout the year. I am already looking forward to the 2018 season!



Last Saturday, our outstanding Troy High School Vocal Ensemble performed in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Candlelight Holiday Festival at Disneyland. This is not an easy festival to gain admission either as a performing group or a spectator. It is a very popular event and quite difficult as Disney representatives review video/audio footage of each and every choir before making their selections. Our choir under the leadership of Choir Director, Mr. Mark Henson is outstanding and our singers continue to develop year after year. We currently have four students, two women and two men on Southern California Vocal Association honor choirs! If you would like to hear selections our choirs performed at Candlelight, tonight is your one and only chance as

they are holding their Winter Concert at 7:00pm in Performing Arts. This vocal music event will put you in the Holiday frame of mind!



On Wednesday our Special Education staff held their 46<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Luncheon complete with a turkey, ham, mashed potato, vegetables, and even a LCD projected fireplace! This event has been a tradition carried on by our Special Education department to acknowledge our school wide staff for their support. To be fair, we gain more from our Special Education department and students than they probably know. Thank you for a wonderful event, and thank everyone for working together do what is best for our kids. ☺

Practice for the Elf Dance has already started during lunchtime for this annual event! This very unique senior tradition will take place on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during a double-assembly schedule. It is always amazing to see the dance choreography and willingness of our seniors to practice for weeks, dress up in their finest holiday attire, and then have a great time spreading holiday spirit with their fellow classmates! Go Warriors!

On Wednesday we also held our Troy Tech Specialized Program After School Classroom Visitation event from 3:30-4:30pm. Last year we had probably in the range of 80-100 people for this event. This year we estimate we had at least 450 guests! According to our Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum, visitors were from a wide range of schools beyond our local Fullerton area from public to private. Additionally, student drawn to our school continue to come from the four surrounding counties so it will be nice to see the students come back in

January for the Troy Tech testing! Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a success! For prospective students, January test registration for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested Troy Tech/IB/Honors for the 2018-19 school year is now available online at:

<http://troytechtesting.troyhigh.com/>



It is beginning to be that time of year when we start to hear what our 2018 graduating seniors will be doing next year. Senior, Duane Griffin joined the Army Reserve. Duane's Mom gave permission to share the photo and details: Duane Griffin joined the Army Reserve and will attend basic training in July at Fort Benning, GA. Followed by his Individual Advanced Training as a 37F: Psychological operations specialist in Fort Bragg, NC, Duane will attend CSUF in Spring 2019 and is contracted as a cadet in order to be commissioned as an Army Officer upon graduation. In the photo he is being sworn in by his Mom, Ms. April Jolley. Ms. Jolley graduated CSUF in 2004 and is commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer. Thank you to Counselor, Ms. Sarah Saleen for the additional details on Mr. Griffin! Thank you, Duane for your commitment to obtaining your education and for your commitment to a career serving our nation. We need you!





On Monday, Troy Students Calvin Yoh and Neil Prajapati took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the High School Division of the 2017 Congressional App Challenge. For Neil this is the second time he has won in two years. I am not going to try and explain how their app works or what it does but suffice to say their knowledge and what they have learned while at Troy High School had a lot to do with their being able to win this award! Great job, Neil and Calvin!

In more computer news, this weekend Troy, Ladera Vista, and Beechwood Cyber teams will be competing in the next round of the Cyberpatriot competition. Cyber coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield is very proud of these teams and they are competing against over 5,500 other teams across the nation! After this competition, all the teams will compete again in the State round on January 20-21, 2018! Go Warriors and future Warriors! 😊

This week I was informed that Troy senior, Isaac Chung was awarded the Congressional Award Gold Medal. This award was earned for by Isaac over a four year period of time in which he completed over 400 hours of Voluntary Public Service. This was in addition to the Troy Tech 150 hour internship! In the letter sent to me dated December 1, 2017, “Isaac did not ‘win’ the award—he earned it! Isaac will be recognized by his U.S. Representative in the near future.” Congratulations to Isaac for being a wonderful representative of the Troy family and helping our community! You are one of the reasons I love to come to work!



Next Friday after the dust has settled from the Elf Dance, you may find yourself in the holiday spirit and looking for the next event. I have great news! You will have to look no further than the North Gym at 7:00pm! This is always a fun event and will be another way to ring in the holidays!

That is it for this week's *Warrior Weekly*! Have a wonderful weekend. I hope everyone is able to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the holiday season. Have fun, but not too much fun! I will see everyone back here on Monday morning, bright and early!

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