



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



December 22, 2017

Fall semester Finals are over, and students are all snug in their beds...well at least while I am writing this at 5:45am. Today is the first day of Winter Break for our students and in the not too distant future, it will be Winter Break for all FJUHSD staff! It is hard to believe the first half of the year is over today, but at the same time while looking back at our first day of school in August it does seem like quite some time has transpired. Time flies when you are having fun!

Last Friday we held the always memorable senior Elf Dance! This annual celebration of the holiday season was a good time for both the Elf Dance participants and spectators. Additionally, ASB did a wonderful job with keeping the rally moving and showcasing a number of different student groups ranging from NJROTC drill, Cheer, Band, and Color Guard. It was a memorable rally and one of my favorite at Troy so far! Great job Warriors!



Some pictures of the students getting ready for the Elf Dance and examples senior costumes.

The Elf Dance was last week, but this week was all business with Finals beginning on Tuesday and ending yesterday. The students were focused and ready to go and afterwards, ready to start vacation. That is, unless they are athletes in soccer, wrestling, water polo, basketball, golf, cheer...pretty much any sport that is either in season or will be in season in the spring. Our students and coaches all continue to work and prepare for their competitions. For those that are in season, there are matches and games over break. For example, Girls' Soccer is at home today! Over Winter Break at 4:00pm on January 3, 2018 at Troy, our Girls' Basketball team will be playing Fresno's Clovis West. This is the team that beat us in the playoffs last spring. It will be a great game and I look forward to Round 2 of this matchup. ☺



On December 15th, Mr. Allen Stubblefield was in Washington D.C. on a quick turnaround trip to accept the prestigious SANS award for being one of the top Cyber Security people in the United States. Allen received the SANS *Making a Difference in Cyber Security* award. Pictured from left to right with Mr. Stubblefield with the SANS representative, and in the second picture, Mrs. Kim Stubblefield and Matt Sprengel. Matt is a graduate from Troy '14, Cal Poly Pomona '17, and currently works Cyber Security for the Department of Homeland Security. There are jobs in this industry and our former students are being hired! Thank you Allen, for being out at the forefront, preparing our students for this national need and providing them the opportunity to do something they love the ability to earn a good living for many years to come.

Speaking of preparation, CyberPatriot teams being prepared by Mr. Stubblefield have completed the Second Round of intense CyberPatriot competition. Here are the results: Troy has twenty Open teams that include all students from throughout Troy. The best of these teams are nationally ranked #10, 44, and 49 out of 2000 teams. In the JROTC division, all thirteen of our NJROTC teams are in the "platinum" tier and are getting ready for Round 3 of CyberPatriot and January 20-21, 2018. Troy NJROTC holds six of the top 10 national rankings for JROTC.

Last, but certainly not least, the student Cyber Defense teams from Ladera Vista that work with Mr. Stubblefield after school are amazing with one LV team with a national ranking of #30 and another LV team tied for #1 with a team in Nevada! These students are awesome and they are coming to Troy!!!! Go Warriors and future Warriors!

Speaking of preparation, Mr. Jesse Knowles has been working with a number of our students to gain CTE certification in Adobe Photoshop. This was the email I received along with additional congratulations from FJUHSD Director, Steve Zamora regarding the performance of our students on the Adobe Photoshop certification exam. This is a big deal and great for our kids at Troy!

Everyone,

I wanted to update everyone on the ACA testing that we did at Troy High the last few days. Things went very smooth and we tested 101 students in three classes on the Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop Exam and had 46 pass for a 45% pass rate which is way above the national average of about 33% right now (and it was the highest first round pass rate we have ever been involved in at a high school). I am excited that this went so well and what we can do across the district building on this success.

Just as an ROI on certification investment (for the admins) if we used the MSRP for this test and practice test it comes out to about \$169 per student. We gave a total of 101 exams in 2 days which would come out to about \$17,069 that the students would have had to pay if they took it on their own.

I also wanted to make sure that we thanked Angela Gomez-Holbrook the Digital Media Arts chair at Coastline Community College. It was her license that we used this week to get everything going and testing. We could have not done it without her and she is ready to help with articulation, concurrent, enrollment and anything else FUHSD needs to connect to the colleges.

We also want to give a big shout out to Jesse who went above and beyond preparing these students with the practice tests and getting the tech side set up last week with me after school. These numbers show that he is doing a fantastic job with the kids and the program and none of this would have been possible without the time he spent with them before the testing.

We are planning to do a retesting day in late January to get the students who were between 500-690 points (need a 700 or higher to pass) certified.

Thank You,

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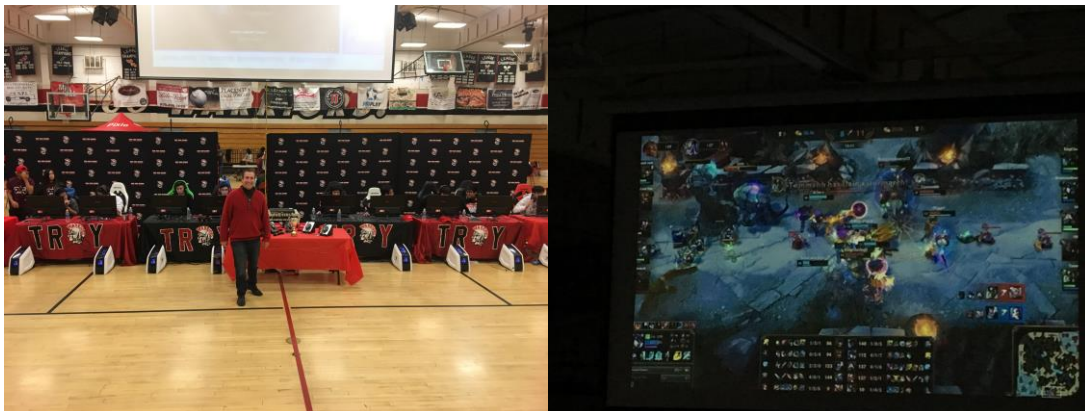
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Winter Break is time for many of us to rest and relax, and to some degree that is probably true for M & O and our custodial staff as well—due to the fact that we are not here and in the

way. ☺ There are a number of projects that are being completed throughout the district over the next two weeks and here is a short list of some projects that will be happening at Troy.

Gym construction, roofing (Boys' and Girls' Locker room, 400 building), tree trimming, weed control, outdoor classroom fence construction. Thank you to all the custodians and M & O for the continued improvements to our school! Every single day our school looks better and better and has more to offer our kids!

As we leave for break, two wonderful Troy staff members will be taking an extended break into retirement. ☺ Troy counselor, Cindy Osborne started in the district in 1998 as a counselor at Sunny Hills and then came to Troy. Her husband has been retired for two years and they are going to spend their retirement in Prescott, Arizona. Second retiree, Troy custodian, Roger Hight has been on our campus for twenty-six years. Two years ago he retired from his night job at the second happiest place on earth, Disneyland after 40 years of service. He and his wife Cindy of 38 years will now have more time to spend with his two sons and granddaughter, Hailee. Thank you to both Cindy and Roger on careers well done! Their friends and family at Troy that will miss them but they are both more than welcome to come back and visit!



Apparently, E-Sports or Electronic Sports is a thing. It involves people playing certain team oriented video games as a team vs. another team. In this case the game is *League of Legends*. E-Sport participants play and others in the stadium watch their progress on big screens. This has become so big that the Orange County Department of Education decided to organize an E-Sports league. Last weekend, Troy held one of the first E-Sports high school competitions in Southern California. Why would the OCDE get involved in this? There are numerous STEM elements to this endeavor, as well as team building, sportsmanship, leadership, and responsible

online behavior. Troy OCDE E-Sports adviser, Mr. Carlos Aldaco has been in front of the Troy effort with our students as we move towards this new frontier! It makes sense that Troy would be out in front on this. Go Warriors!

On Wednesday, I took our Assistant Principals' out for a late holiday lunch after the first day of Final Exam had ended. While enjoying our amazing burgers in downtown Fullerton at Burger Parlor I noticed a famous face as he sat down at the table next to us. A couple of AP's at my table were super excited and the famous person happily obliged their request to take a picture. However, he started choking when Ms. Gates said she was from Chicago...so I used the non-choking picture with AP, Ms. Carpenter. ☺ Thank you, Dodger great Tommy Lasorda!



This morning Troy's PTSA and Staff Club threw the End of the Semester / Holiday breakfast for our staff in the North Gym. Staff members with young children were thrilled to see our own OG (Outstanding Gower) Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus make an appearance before his busy night on December 24th!



It will not be too long until Troy Tech / Honors testing will happen for the 2018-19 school year! Already more than 400 students have pre-registered for one of the possible test dates for current 8th graders / incoming 9th graders for 2018-19! The testing sign-up can be found on our school website, and while walk-ins are welcome on any of the three dates, pre-registration makes determining the correct mathematics exam much faster as the materials will already be set aside for the pre-registered students taking the exams. Remember, the Troy Tech / Honors testing dates are on January 13, 20, & 27, 2018. Check in for testing begins at 7:00am.

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There is a funny story here and it is two years in the making. As you can probably discern, the sweater I am wearing is similar to that being worn by Ms. Priscilla Cheney. They are both in the 1970's ski style. Last year Ms. Desi Martinez took pictures of me walking by with my sweater looking at the camera. This year and unbeknownst to me, Ms. Cheney returned the favor doing the same thing for Ms. Martinez. We know how to have fun at Troy!

Have a wonderful Winter Break! I hope everyone has some quality time to spend with loved ones, friends, family, and enjoy the moments brought by the holiday season. We have enjoyed the holiday season with our family at Troy, and I wish everyone the same over the next two weeks. Have fun, be safe, and I will see everyone next year, back here bright and early on Monday morning, January 8, 2018. Have a very Happy Holidays!

W. V. Mynster



Winter, 2017.