



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



January 19, 2018

Week two of the spring, 2018 semester is already in the books! Students and parents, please pay close attention to announcements, dates, and events. There are many things happening in a very compressed timeframe. Just to point out a few currently ongoing: 1. Open Enrollment for students that live within district boundaries for the 2018-19 school year. Open Enrollment ends next Friday, January 26, 2018 at 3:00pm. 2. Troy Tech / Honors Testing for incoming 8th graders to Troy High School. We held our first of three testing dates last Saturday. Prospective 8th grade students can pick one of the three dates. The next testing date is tomorrow morning, January 20, 2018. Students and parents begin to arrive at 7:00am. 3. Troy's Open House is next Thursday on January 25, 2018 and the main event begins at 6:00pm. These are just a few examples. For more information and to keep up to date on information and events, please refer to our school website. <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/13>.

Congratulations to Troy senior, Ms. Sherry Xu on being named a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar! Past recipients of this award have made very significant contributions to math and science and hold numerous awards including the Nobel Prize and the National Medal of Science. Along with this recognition for her research project titled, "Intraspecific Genome Size Variation in *Draba verna*," Ms. Xu receives \$2,000 and there is an additional \$2,000 that is awarded to her school. ☺ Nationwide there are only 300 scholars selected for this recognition, and in California there are 37 recognized students. Of these 300 scholars, on January 23rd, Regeneron will announce the 40 scholars chosen to compete in Washington D.C. for the top prize of \$250,000. Congratulations, Ms. Sherry Xu! www.societyforscience.org.

Attention all AP students! On Monday, January 29, 2018 we will begin AP Exam sign-ups! The exam cost this year is \$99.00 and we will again be utilizing the *Total Registration* online sign-up system. All AP Exam sign-ups and payments are done on the *Total Registration* website **not** at Troy High School! As a school we give over 3100 exams and this process greatly streamlines and simplifies the process for both students and Troy staff. Regular AP Exam sign ups end on Friday, February 9, 2018. There is a Late AP Exam sign-up period with additional late fees that begins on February 10, 2018 until February 25, 2018. To me it makes sense to get all the exam registration done sooner than later so as to not increase the overall exam costs. All of the aforementioned AP Exam information will also be available on our school website.



Students! Today is the last day you are able to purchase tickets for our Snowball Dance tomorrow night! Don't miss this relaxed and fun winter event! The dance will be held in the North Gym and begins at 7:30pm until 10:30pm. Wear white, winter is here!

Warriors, our next Red Cross Blood Drive is on January 29th from 7:30am until 12:30pm! Any student over the age of sixteen with parent permission and seventeen without parent permission, are eligible to donate along with interested parents and staff members! With the current flu epidemic and severe blood shortages due to severe storms throughout the nation, blood is in short supply especially on the East Coast where they are short over 5500 units of blood! Let's beat our total number of donated units from the last Blood Drive!



It has been an up and down week in sports for Troy. Girls' Soccer won vs. Sonora H.S. but our Boys' Soccer team lost a close one to Sunny Hills 2-1. Boys' Soccer is playing again today at home vs. Fullerton! Come on out and support this team! Wrestling won a great match 66-13 against Sunny Hills and they are having a great season! Girls Water Polo had a tough match against Sunny Hills on Wednesday, but this is a good team and the next match will be different! Both Boys' and Girls' Basketball won their contest at Sunny Hills earlier this week, and there was a special milestone for Boys' player, Alec Sinek when he scored his 1000th career varsity point during a 23 point night, contributing to the win! Both teams will be playing again



tonight at home vs. Fullerton High School! Come on out and see some great basketball games on a nice winter Friday evening!



Troy Robotics instructor, Mr. Kent Goodman sent me information on Troy's team and the beginning of our competition season. Our team started competition last Saturday at the kickoff event at Servite High School. For roughly the next 10 weeks our students will be building our robot to compete in the regional First Robotics tournament held on March 15-17 in Pomona. I believe it is at the Fairplex this year which is different than the past few years when it was held in Long Beach at the Pyramid. In addition to getting ready for this major competition Mr. Goodman reported, "Our team is also required to do some robotics based community events. They recently visited The Children's Museum at La Habra to teach kids about robotics and explain the robot building process. The museum's outreach/volunteer coordinator, Kristine Feleo Smith, was very pleased with our team's professionalism and their work with the young guests. The kids I work with are awesome...Here's a clip of what she had to say when she emailed me: I wanted to write to tell you that it was such a pleasure to have the Robotics club volunteer and demo their robot this past Sunday! Not only did they demonstrate their thorough knowledge of science and programming, but they were incredibly kind and patient when leading our young guests through the various activity stations. Maria Tinajero-Dowdle, museum assistant director, told me we had over 400 guests that day, most of whom interacted with your team members." Thank you to all the members of our Robotics team, and know that these community events in which you participate are a big deal as you are positive role models not only for STEM, but for students at Troy High School and our larger Troy community!

It is the weekend! It sounds like we are going to get a small dose of winter, so stay warm and take it easy! Take a few moments to rest, relax, and spend time with family and friends. I will see everyone back here on Monday, and do not forget it is a Late-Start!

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