



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Does it get much better than the Friday before Spring Break? I don't think so. This is especially true when your school is also having a rally that will announce the Prom theme and destination. It is going to be a great day at Troy High School!



Last Friday I was able to witness our Robotics team compete in the First Robotics competition. This year the competition was held at the Fairplex in Pomona and went from last Thursday to Saturday. I am happy to report that our team worked very well together and were

able to problem solve robot issues. This is the name of the game, and observing our students under the watchful eyes of Troy teachers, Mr. Mike Reid and Mr. Kent Goodman, fix broken electrical, metal, and reprogram the computer in the robot on the fly was amazing. I don't know how many people follow NHRA drag racing, but much like a race team our robotics students were working on their robot between rounds. I was able to see three of their five rounds on Friday, and the team continued to make their robot better each time. On Saturday, they had some very good rounds and in the end finished the competition in the middle of the pack. Given some of the technical / mechanical issues they were having on Friday, this was a good result. Congratulations on a very nice competition and for continuing to fight like Warriors!



It has been a Professional Development week for virtually all FJUHSD employees, including our principals! On Monday, each FJUHSD school site held school, department, program, and subject specific district meetings / trainings. It was a very productive day for all of us! At Troy in addition to our own Professional Development on site, we also held the meetings for all of FJUHSD's Science Departments. Pictured at left is Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Sylvia Kaufman and Science teachers from throughout our district. On Thursday, FJUHSD principals were attended a training with English Language Arts / Development superstar, Dr. Kate Kinsella. This training was held at the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYL), district offices. Our thanks and appreciation to PYL for reaching out to Dr. Kaufman and extending this offer to FJUHSD principals to be part of this opportunity to hear Dr. Kinsella. I will soon be sharing some of what we learned with Troy's leadership and

then every Troy teacher as we all teach English Language Arts / Development because it is part of every content area under the current California State ELA Standards. 😊



In construction news, our South Gym is coming along. In the picture on the right the new black ceiling, graphics, new basketball backboards are visible and currently the floor is being resurfaced. When all of us return to school on April 2, 2018 there will be some changed pedestrian flow to account for the beginning North Gym construction. Suffice to say, the student entrance by the North Gym and the cafeteria will be closed until August. Students in the North Student parking lot that would have normally gone through that particular entrance will enter school either through the Athletic Gate near the handball courts, or the front of the school. Also in construction news is the progress on the Outdoor Classroom. Pictured are Science teachers, Mr. Scott Blake, Mr. Kyle Devlin, and several dedicated Troy students. The photo was taken by fellow Science teacher, Mr. James Kirkpatrick in the aftermath of their moving dirt in preparation for the pond that will be part of the natural feel of this outdoor space. The area will also include native plants, walkway, and space for tables/desks specifically designed for the outdoors. Real progress is happening with this project and if you are interested in helping out, please contact Mr. Kirkpatrick!

In February a number Troy High School mathematics students took the American Mathematics Competition exams. They did well and as a result have qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) that will be offered on Wednesday, April 21, 2018! This is a selective group of students, being in the top 2 1/2 % of the American

Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10 or top 5% of the AMC 12. Congratulations to Lydia Chan, Colby Chang, Darren Chen, Joseph Dong, Jerry Li, and Sansat Mishra! Students, great job getting this far, and good luck on April 21<sup>st</sup>! Also, great job to our mathematics instructors for helping light the way!



Last evening I was honored to attend California State Senator, Josh Newman's Woman of the Year dinner celebration. I was invited because Troy senior, Ms. Hayley Amo was selected as one of the Women of the Year for 2018! Hayley was nominated for this award by St. Jude Hospital for her more than three years of volunteer service. As Senator Newman looked more in depth at Hayley's application he also realized what an exemplary student and leader Hayley has already become and her tremendous potential for the future. It was in the Future Leader category that Senator Amo recognized five students, of which Hayley was the only one from the Fullerton Joint Union High School District! Congratulations to Ms. Hayley Amo, and I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in the future! In the last picture on the right are Hayley, her father, mother, and grandmother. For the record, I don't know who is taking a picture of me taking the picture, but we can try to figure that out someday... It was a great evening!

This week the Coca-Cola Scholars were announced! I am very pleased to announce that Troy senior, Sharleen Loh was selected as one of the 2018 Coca-Cola Scholars! Sharleen was selected from nearly 140,000 applicants from across the country to 1,936 Semifinalists down to 253 Regional Finalists, and ultimately she is one of only 150 Coca-Cola Scholars nationally!

"These 150 Coca-Cola Scholars have each received a \$20,000 college scholarship and joined a family of alumni who are leading positive change in their communities and around the world. The entire class of Scholars will attend the 2018 Scholars Weekend April 19-22, 2018, for a time of inspiration, fun, and camaraderie. Scholars will be honored at our 30th annual Scholars Banquet and participate in our Leadership Development Institute, an intensive leadership training during Scholars Weekend that challenges them to develop an inside-out leadership philosophy." (Coca-Cola, 2018).

That is it for the news until the first week of April! Spring Break is next week and I hope everyone is able to take some time to relax and enjoy friends and family. It looks like we are going to get a real break from the rain and will have springtime temperatures and weather. It is going to be awesome! I aspire to get to the level of relaxation displayed by my wife's cute six month old Boxer puppy. Have a wonderful Spring Break and I will see everyone back here on April 2<sup>nd</sup>!



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