

May 4, 2018

It is a wonderful spring Friday and we have the added bonus of today being *International Star Wars Day*, so "May the Fourth Be With You"...So nerdy, but lots of fun. I have already seen a couple of Star Wars shirts this morning. It has been another amazing week with sports, last minute AP reviews, IB exams, and all kinds of year end activities starting to happen. It is that time of year, and soon the Class of 2018 will graduate on May 31st at 7:00pm!



Cyber Defense Coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield reported that our three Cyber teams took the top three places in the Orange County Mayors' Cyber Cup competition last Saturday! Troy will next compete for the State Championship in June at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Once again, great job Warriors! Cyber is a great opportunity to learn skills that our nation needs and colleges and companies are looking for qualified students/employees! There is also scholarship money for students in college with the members of our National Championship and teams that placed in Baltimore all receiving dollars. Each student on the championship team earned \$2,000 the 2nd place team \$1,500, and the 3rd place team \$1,000! According to Mr. Stubblefield that works out to \$27,000 for Troy students! Not a bad day's work at all.



Boys' Golf Coach, Mr. Jerry Cowgill is happy to report the results of the Freeway League Individual Golf Finals. *"For the third year in a row, the majority of the spots belong to Warriors. Junior Jetty Sivongsay and freshman Alan Pham took 3rd and 4th places respectfully, with each player shooting in the 70's both days. The last spot came down to a three way playoff between Warrior seniors Paul Khang and Mitchell Sima (both headed for the Air Force Academy) and a Sunny Hills player. Paul and Mitchell both scored par on the first playoff hole, with the Sunny player dropping out with a bogey, setting up a dramatic all-Warrior finish. With Mitchell in a little trouble off of the tee, Paul stuck his approach shot to within 2 feet of the cup and made birdie to earn a trip to Victoria Country Club in Riverside next Monday."* Congratulations to all of our Warriors and we wish continued success for the Warriors that will be golfing on Monday at Victoria County Club on Monday!

On Wednesday Commander Lauper was informed that NJROTC cadet, Kevin Iwamoto won third place in the Surface Navy Association Essay Contest. The topic for the contest this year was to write about understanding and appreciating the sacrifices of our WWII veterans and how the movie Journey Home to the USS Arizona applies that knowledge and understanding. Kevin's essay is found on page 20 of the Surface Navy Association newsletter.

http://www.navysna.org/SITREP/2018/spring.pdf

In other NJROTC news, it has been a busy week for them with the Brain Brawl team last weekend taking 2nd place in the National Brain Brawl Championship held in Phoenix, Arizona.



This is a young team, so next year I think they are looking at taking the whole thing. ⁽²⁾ Great job Warriors! On Tuesday night, NJROTC also held their Annual Awards Night. This year the event was held at Plummer Auditorium as our North Gym is being renovated. Cadets received promotions and awards and it was nice evening for all Troy NJROTC.



Ms. Roach brought good news to my office when she let me know about some students on a semi-independent robotics team called *VRC Team 363 Anonymous*. Three of our students, Michael Batchev, Xavier Garcia, and Noah Tavera are members, and they just returned from the VEX Robotics Worlds Championship in Kentucky where they were able to win the 2018 VEX Robotic Division Finalist Award! Congratulations to our students on this achievement! It is always awesome to see the real application of knowledge and the product of hard work!



Earlier this week we held the Freeway League Swim Prelims under somewhat cold and cloudy conditions. There were a lot of people in and out of the water and it was a successful couple of days. Unfortunately, our pool suffered a lighting malfunction which necessitated the pool being closed until it is fixed. We will get our pool back in operation soon, but not soon enough for the end of our swim season. Thankfully, the Dive Finals yesterday and the Swim Finals today were and are moved to Sunny Hills High School, as they have new pool of the same size. Thank you to Sunny Hills for being able to accommodate the league's need on short notice, and thank you to everyone for understanding and acting to ensure our facilities are in top shape.

May 18th will be here before we know it, and that is when the last band concert of the year will take place. This year's theme is When We Were Young, and it is featuring music from the 1960's, 70's, and 80's! The concert will be held in our Quad at 7:00pm on May 18th! It should be a wonderful evening of music and fun!

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Best Buddies Friendship Walk this year! Through the generosity of our staff and students we raised \$1,450.52 for our Best Buddies club. This is one of the most wonderful organizations we have on our campus and the positive effects reverberate throughout our entire school all year long. ③



The Freeway League Track & Field Prelims and Finals were held at Fullerton Union High School this week. If you are a fan of Track and Field, this was the place to be! All the athletes performed well, and Troy has sent a sizeable number of our athletes to CIF next week! Additionally, Boys' Tennis finished the season as Back to Back Freeway League Champs!



Last night the California Department of Education (CDE) held the Gold Ribbon School Awards for Elementary Schools at the Disneyland Hotel. About a month ago the CDE reached out to Troy High School and asked us if we would be willing to provide the Color Guard for this event. We were honored to do so, and we quickly replied with "yes." Thank you to 1st Sgt. Barnes and our cadets for representing our nation's colors and for representing Troy High School. Pictured with our cadets and 1st Sgt. is California State Superintendent, Tom Torlakson.



And the results are in! Some lucky classes that collected the most Kindness Cards during the Kindness Campaign received Italian Ice treats! The PTSA Leadership students were very happy to make the deliveries and I am sure the students enjoyed the cold treats! Great job!



It was a good day for Softball when we beat Sunny Hills 7-2! Our team is fighting for every win and this team is going to make it to playoffs and then do some real damage! Congratulations to our players and coaches for playing some great ball and for one of their best seasons in the history of Troy High School!



Next Friday is the Last Chance Dance at Troy High School! Do not wait until the last chance to buy your ticket. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Otherwise, there will be irony in the name of the dance as you will miss it and thus, your last chance to dance. It looks like this will be a super event and as we are going with the tie dye theme it should be an 80's flashback dance as well. Two thumbs up!

AP Exams begin on Monday so if you are one of the 1500 Troy students taking one or more of the 3497 AP Exams this year at Troy, rest up this weekend. At this point you know what you know and having rest and solitude will be more important to your success than staying up all night studying and then being in terrible shape when you actually take the exam(s). Rest = reward. No rest = lower test scores. As a general rule this is a true formula. On Monday, if you have an early AP Exam, be here by the check in time of 7:30am at the absolute latest. I wish everyone a wonderful and restful weekend and I will see everyone back here on Monday morning.

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