



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Friday, Friday, Friday. I don't know what it is about short weeks, but I do know almost every time we have one, I write about time. I am pretty sure the equation looks like this:  $5(8)=40$  and  $4(8)=40$ . I know  $4(8)$  should = 32, but it does not. I will let our esteemed mathematics and physics departments combined with Troy students figure out my original equation is true. My hypothesis revolves around Einstein and  $E=MC^2$ . In an effort to bring time back to correct measure, we had a Late-start today. ☺



Thank you to all our visitors in attendance at last evening's Open House! Also, thank you to all of our Troy staff, students, parents, PTSA/TSO, Board of Education, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kaufman, all of us here in force, showing off our classes, content, programs, athletics, spirit, and culture. There is no place like Troy and celebrating who we are as a community is always fun! As I walked around visiting with people all over the school, I was able to take a few pictures of some of our students performing in the Quad. We also had a student panel in the Performing Arts building speaking of their experiences at Troy for the

incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. Teachers, counselors, and athletic coaches were located in the library, 400 building, and North Gym with the crowds in all the locations moving through in a consistent manner. The most crowded places in school were the parking lots, which is about normal. ☺ It was a great opportunity for students, potential students, and parents to ask questions and get a feel for the energy at Troy High School.



During Open House, our Counselors hosted a 10th Grade Parent & Guardian Presentation, and were able to disseminate valuable information. We appreciate all sophomore families who attended this presentation! For families unable to attend, the presentation and accompanying handouts will be posted shortly to Troy's Counseling webpage. Also, sophomores will have participated in a 10th grade counseling presentation by today. These students logged into their Naviance account and took the "Do What You Are" personality assessment and completed an assignment. Families, please sit with your 10th grader to review the assessment results, assignment and discuss what careers and colleges fit their interests, strengths, and talents. College is a big step and selecting the right one is not easy. Our superintendent, Dr. Scambray recently forwarded to me this paper on college selection. I read the paper and thought there were some relevant points upon which we should ponder when we are looking for the college with the right fit. For those interested in this article, here is the link: [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ecf06117bbfc1d7a70fcee76a/files/ebbe87df-3cdb-4eb2-9282-2b6e05f6cbb0/Challenge\\_Success\\_White\\_Paper\\_on\\_College\\_Admissions\\_10.1.2018\\_WEB.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ecf06117bbfc1d7a70fcee76a/files/ebbe87df-3cdb-4eb2-9282-2b6e05f6cbb0/Challenge_Success_White_Paper_on_College_Admissions_10.1.2018_WEB.pdf)



Open House 2019 is in the books! Thank you to all our entire Troy family for a great night!

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is the last testing date of the annual Troy Tech / Honors Testing process for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade students outside the FJUHSD school boundaries, this is the only way to have the opportunity to attend Troy High School by qualifying for the Troy Tech Magnet Program. Students are tested in English, Composition, and Mathematics at their 8<sup>th</sup> grade mid-year level point. The Check-in for testing begins at 7:15am in the North Gym and students need to have a parent, photo ID or passport, and printout of their current 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule, listing their current math course. After the students have checked-in, parents are excused until testing is over, which is usually right around noon. For the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be fully prepared for the test, all parents should make sure their child had a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast. They should come into the test relaxed and ready!

### **Welcome, future Warriors!**

Troy Cyber is looking good, and based upon what Cyber Coach, Allen Stubblefield is reporting we have approximately twenty teams in the Platinum division that could move forward to the semi-finals next month and in the JROTC division it is looking good for all ten of our teams! The semi-finals are February 1-3 and that will dictate how many of our teams will move forward to the National Finals later in the spring! Go Troy Cyber Warriors!

From Troy's Counselors, here is a reminder that Registration for 2019-20 will shortly be underway for current Troy 9<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> graders, and will be taking place between

February 4<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Students will participate in grade-level presentations, receive the forms and materials, then taking those forms home to complete. There is a 2019-2020 registration section on the Troy Counseling webpage. In that webpage section, students and families can see the registration schedule, read over course profiles, and copies of the presentations for review. It is important that students select the courses they wish to take and for which they are qualified as we begin to build the 2019-2020 Troy High School Master Schedule. Next year will be here before we know it!

Regarding class schedules for students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade and seriously thinking about becoming International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates, I highly suggest students to consider pursuing the IB diploma. IB Coordinator, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick has held some informational meetings and is also holding individual meetings with students to answer questions and help guide course selections for HL and SL courses. Is there some additional work with IB? Yes. However, it is spread over two years and is totally manageable, especially for students that are four-year college bound. Another advantage for International Baccalaureate students is that for over 50 years, four year universities have known the rigor of the International Baccalaureate full diploma program. For students looking to get into highly competitive colleges and universities, if the IB program is offered at their high school, colleges and universities often will look to see if a student took advantage of the program to become an IB diploma candidate—Something to think about. One last thought on IB. When I was a teacher at Walnut High School I taught IB History and found the level of student learning and connection of the content and assessments to students' lives to be relevant and continual. IB classes are this way at Troy High School as well. IB is about being academically educated as well as educated in a service oriented world view. This world view encompasses the understanding that we hold a shared future with all people and we are all part of deciding what that future will bring for us and our children. The impact college graduates have after college is very much something colleges and universities are looking for when they admit high school graduates into their school, and this is one of the focal points of the journey of an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate. The International Baccalaureate diploma is worth the effort. ☺





Last weekend five members of our NJROTC went to San Jose to compete in the National Academic Quizbowl Tournament qualifier. They had a great time visiting the San Francisco area as well as Stanford University and some behind the scenes looks at Silicon Valley engineering and cyber companies. They also did well in the Quizbowl Tournament! We will have to see what this team does next when they compete in the Quizbowl National Championship in Atlanta over Memorial Day Weekend. Congratulations, Warriors!



Pictured here with our Quizbowl team are Ms. Rachel Olney and Tom Dean. Both are Ph.D. candidates and teaching assistants for the Technology and National Security course at Stanford. Ms. Olney is the CEO of Silicon Valley company, Geosite and Mr. Dean is a West Point graduate with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford. It was a nice opportunity for our team to get to spend some time with them!

Earlier this week, Red Cross club adviser Ms. Kirkpatrick sent this email with the following information from the Red Cross. What was especially important for this blood drive was our students made a difference at a critical time when the blood supply is especially low. Not only did we donate, but we exceeded our target goal by five pints! Great job Warriors!

YOU make a difference!

Thank you for helping to save lives with the American Red Cross. When you made the commitment to sponsor a blood drive, you helped save lives. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

### **Your Recent Blood Drive Results:**

Your blood drive registered 113 donors and collected 115 pints of blood. You and your team also registered 62 first time donors.

Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

<b>Next Scheduled Drive</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Goal</b>
3/15/2019	Troy High School	110

Sincerely,

*Your American Red Cross*



News from our Cheer squads! Over the past two weekends both our JV and Varsity Cheer squads have competed in the USA Regional Competitions at both Tustin High School and Yorba Linda High School. Our JV team placed fourth at Tustin and third at Yorba Linda. Our Varsity placed fifth both weekends and both teams have qualified for Nationals! Congratulations Cheer team! Cheer is a very difficult and competitive sport! Thank you to Cheer Booster and parent, Dr. Lisa Rowley for the pictures and update on the teams!



What are these students doing? Located near the fire road behind the 500 building a new classroom is taking shape and last weekend our students led by project manager and Science Department Chair, Mr. James Kirkpatrick made significant progress! This is the Troy Outdoor Classroom (OC#1) and it is getting closer to being done. When completed, the facility will be open to all teachers and classes who wish to change things up, in an environment that will work with a specific lesson or class discussion. All content areas could benefit from this environment, which was inspired by an outdoor space Mr. Kirkpatrick saw at CalTech. This classroom will be an awesome addition for Troy's students! For anyone interested in helping out, this coming Saturday is going to be a big day for the team as they take advantage of the great weather! Work will begin at 8:00am and students and staff will meet at the Outdoor Classroom location.





On Wednesday, Troy's NJROTC successfully completed their Annual Inspection, passing with literally flying colors! For our cadets, the day included the NJROTC class photo as well as a uniform inspection and the pass and review parade. While the students were on the parade ground, a U.S. Navy helicopter flew by overhead, which was unplanned. I wondered what the pilots thought when they looked down because military formations are unmistakable from the air. A few minutes later, the same helicopter circled back around before flying off. I think they came back for a second look. Our NJROTC was awesome! Great job with the annual inspection and Distinguished Unit honors! Go Warriors!

The weather this weekend is going to be almost perfect! While much of the rest of the country is in a deep freeze, we are going to have 80 degrees in January. The rest of the country has to be so jealous. ☺ This is why we live in So Cal, so we don't have to walk, shovel, or drive in snow. Have a wonderful weekend, and hopefully you are able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine! I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!



Note to self. When doing laundry this weekend, close the laundry room door. My wife's dog (Luna) is not responsible for taking and running off with the laundry...

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