



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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The first month of 2019 has concluded. The first marking period for the spring semester Progress Reports opens next week and will be available to parents on Valentine's Day. Things are moving along...



At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in La Canada, the Los Angeles Regional Competition for Science Bowl was held. Our team, Soham Bose, Tanya Jomaa, Michael Zhu, Willow Huang, and Cassia Yeo and their coach, Ms. Nga Ngo performed very well, taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place and narrowly missing 2<sup>nd</sup> by one question to Arcadia High School. ☹️ University High School took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the second year in a row, so we will keep them in mind next year. 😊 Great job Warriors, we know being on the podium with the bronze is not easy! Thank you for being outstanding ambassadors for Troy High School and our community!



Last week I posted pictures of our students and Mr. Kirkpatrick working upon the Outdoor Classroom with the majority of the pictures focused upon the landscape centerpiece which is the pond and waterfall. I am happy to report what anyone that has walked between the 500 and 900 buildings already knows, the waterfall and pond are operational! The next steps are finalizing the water supply and power then planting the native plants, followed by installation of the brick walkway and the classroom floor with outdoor desks. It will not be too long before this is the outdoor classroom modeled after one at CalTech and envisioned by Mr. Kirkpatrick! Great job to all students and staff that have assisted in this project as it is truly a school effort, with support from District M & O Director, Mr. Todd Butcher. Thank you to everyone!

Warriors, here is another timely message from our Counseling Department!  
*Registration for 2019-2020 courses as well as for 2019 summer school will take place February 4 -15th, 2019. The Counseling Department will host grade-level specific presentations for students. At these presentation students will receive information on course options, course prerequisites, as well as registration materials and forms to take home. They are then to review those forms with their parent(s)/guardian(s), complete the forms, and return them to the*

*counseling office during their specified date. The presentations and return of materials will occur during class time.*

*Students and families are to read the course profiles for the classes your student would like to take to ensure they select the classes appropriate for their interests, skill level, and time for classwork outside of the school day. The registration presentations, dates and schedule, as well as course profiles can be found in the "2019-20 Course Registration & Course Descriptions" counseling website section <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/600> Students need to select their classes wisely as there will be no schedule changes when the fall 2020 semester begins. If a student is absent on the day of their registration presentation, they are to see the Registrar, Ms. Rosner for the materials. The registration presentations will be posted on this website section for students and families to review.*



This week the regular season for winter sports has wrapped up and it was a big one for Troy! Last night, Girls Water Polo lost in the championship game to Sunny Hills but still finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in league and is off to CIF playoffs! Boys' Basketball won their season finale last night against Fullerton High School, and should make the playoffs as an at-large team but we will not know for sure until later today. Girls' Basketball won the Freeway League championship for something like 27 years in a row, but this year they are not sharing the title with Sonora. Our Girls' Soccer team won their game against Sunny Hills and took the Freeway League Championship for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row! Last but certainly not least, on Wednesday when the Boys' Soccer team went to an overtime tie with Freeway League champions Fullerton High School, they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in league and earned themselves a ticket to the CIF playoffs for the first time in several years! This team worked hard in the offseason and played well throughout the season to get back to CIF! This is a well-earned CIF playoff berth! Congratulations to all our winter sports teams on a season well played! We are all looking forward to the playoffs! Go Warriors!





Last Friday, the *Oracle* published their annual *Literary Magazine (Lit Mag)*. All of the work therein is the product of Troy’s students and their creativity, skill, and craftsmanship is astounding. Looking through this edition, there is something for everyone and it is the best *Lit Mag* I have seen in my time at Troy! Great job, students of Troy and another outstanding job by the *Oracle* staff for putting together this 2019 *Lit Mag* edition!



Last weekend our NJROTC competed in an Orienteering event at Schabarum Park. They continue to train and compete as the Orienteering Nationals get ever closer. Tomorrow, Troy Black and Red teams are competing in the Area 11 (Superbowl) State Championships at Santa

Ana High School to determine which NJROTC teams will qualify for the National Championship in Pensacola, Florida. Good luck Warriors!



These pictures above are of our Varsity Girls' Softball team practicing as the spring season will shortly begin. There is one key difference from past seasons, which I would like to point out. The gentleman in red is our new Girls' Varsity Softball coach, as our longtime coach suddenly resigned last week due to unexpected work conflicts. Fortunately for us, current Troy teacher, outstanding softball coach, and all around great human, Mr. Chris Nichols agreed to come out of Girls' Softball Coaching retirement and take over the team! Coach Nichols brings a fresh new approach to the game and it will be exciting to see this Troy team come together!

The Troy High School foundation, known as the Troy Support Organization is having their annual gala on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nixon Library. For over twenty years our foundation has helped Troy High School supplement our existing California State funding. As is probably well known the current State funding formula does not advantage a suburban school like ours, so our foundation is important. In an effort to tailor the gala to the likes of the participants and in line with this year's Casino Royale theme, the organizers of the event have a survey they would love people to fill out at the first link below. The second link is to the foundation page and also has more information on the Casino Royale event on March 15<sup>th</sup>! It will be a fun event!

<https://bit.ly/2CYnOxS>

<http://www.thetroydifference.org/>

The CyberPatriot semi-finals are this weekend and our teams are making their annual push to make it to the finals. This is not easy, and our teams have to work hard to get to this

level, let alone the finals. However, under the direction of Cyber Coach Mr. Allen Stubblefield all of our teams are prepared and ready for the challenge! The following information on this event is from the source of all Cyber knowledge at Troy, Cyber Coach Mr. Allen Stubblefield.

*Troy Cyber, along with Ladera Vista, Beechwood and Parks, has had a tremendous year in CyberPatriot. This weekend will decide if any of our teams will qualify for NATIONALS in Baltimore on April 7-11.*

*What does it take to go to Nationals?*

- Open Division: top 12
- All-Service Division: top 2 in Navy JROTC category or best 3rd place of all six categories
- Middle School Division: top 3

*Open Division (open to all students at a high school). High School started with 2340 teams in the Open division. There are only 193 teams remaining to fight for one of the coveted 12 spots. Troy has 17 teams that are part of this grand cyber battle. We have had two teams in the top 10 all year.*

*All-Service Division (Troy NJROTC). Just over 1,000 teams started the year in this group of high school JROTC students, Naval Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol. 90 teams remain for 13 spots. However, rules only allow the top two teams from each of six categories plus one overall wildcard. Troy has 9 of the 19 Navy JROTC teams trying for the two NJROTC spots plus a possible wildcard spot. Troy was 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th and 11th overall and 1st-5th in the NJROTC category after the last round.*

*Middle School. 422 teams remains from the 824 that started the year. Only 3 spots are available at Nationals, so the competition is especially keen. We have three teams in top 30: one from Beechwood and two from Parks.*

*Note: Every team starts with zero points, so it really comes down to who has the best 6 hours this weekend. The Online Scoreboard will go active on Friday and will stay up until Sunday night. You can see it at*

<http://scoreboard.uscyberpatriot.org/>

*Final results will not be posted until later in February.*



There is one Patriot's fan in the office and her name is Ms. Maria Williams. While the best team will win the Superbowl on Sunday, it seems the other Main Office staff felt the Rams

are more likely to take the championship. Ms. Williams is the lone staff member decked out in Patriot's gear and to say she was surprised to see her desk decorated in L.A. Rams colors is an understatement. Go Rams!



Beginning tonight, it is going to rain all weekend and into next week. A lot of rain—measured in inches. This is the look Luna gives when it is raining or when football is on t.v. It could be a long weekend for those that do not enjoy either. For Luna to get through the weekend I will have to give her more treats and indoor playtime. For others, perhaps a movie or trip to the ski slopes. At least we can be thankful we are not in freezing temperatures or shoveling snow.

May the Superbowl be a good game, have great commercials, and be a fun time for all who enjoy Superbowl get-togethers with friends and family! Have a fantastic weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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