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This morning as I went out to my car this morning to leave for work, I discovered a small and unexpected problem. My car doors were frozen shut. Of course I had to take a picture. That was a new one for me. I carefully managed to open the door as it made awful creaking noises—the car did not sound happy... I hear warmer weather on the way next week!



At this point I know we are all ready for springtime! If nothing else, take comfort in knowing we are in the spring semester and past the first progress report! This has been a short week thanks to the President's Day long weekend on Monday, but next week is a nice normal five day week. Well, as normal as any week at Troy could possibly be. ⁽ⁱ⁾ This is a good thing!



Last Thursday, our 2018 Science Olympiad National Championship team left for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to compete in University of Pennsylvania Science Olympiad Invitational. We sent both our teams and Team A finished in 1st place and Team B finished in 9th! Congratulations Warriors! As this invitational draws some of the best teams in the nation, it is a good look at our likely competition at Nationals. That being said, the California State meet is not too far off and they need to continue to prepare for this next competition. Congratulations to our Science Olympiad teams, their coaches, and their parents for all the hard work in supporting these teams as they prepare for their next competition at Cal Tech. Go, Warriors!



On Wednesday, despite threatening skies, Troy NJROTC held their Change of Command ceremony. This is always a nice event held quarterly throughout the school year, keeping in line with U.S. Navy expectations and the leadership program aspect of what NJROTC is at Troy

High School. Congratulations, to our NJROTC on what has been and continues to be one of their most outstanding years in memory. On that note, congratulations to the NJROTC



Academic Team for qualifying to the Finals in Washington D.C. in June, as one of eight NJROTC teams nationwide! This is a return to the competition for which we also qualified last year! I am looking forward to this competition in June! Last Friday, CyberPatriot released the names of teams that have qualified to compete in the CyberPatriot XI National Finals and Troy has five teams that will compete. Three of those five are NJROTC, and two are Open Teams, one of which is currently ranked #1 in the nation. ^(C) Many of us probably recall with great pride, the fact that Troy is the defending 2018 All Service Division (which for Troy is NJROTC) National Champion!

Pictured on the right is our NJROTC Orienteering team at Orienteering Nationals held at Vazquez Rocks last weekend. Troy was the host of this event, and in the end our team did well, finishing 10th on a cold, cold, day in Southern California. Congratulations, Warriors!

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is on March 15th so please mark your calendars! Potential blood donors must be over sixteen years of age and in good health. This is our last blood drive of the year, so let's see if we can get over the 100 units of blood collected once again! If you have any further questions about the upcoming blood drive, please see Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick.



Last week four Troy Tech 11th graders, Chirag Singh, Shivana Anand, Brandon Castro, and Kendall Smith visited Boeing for their Engineering Week event. While there, they competed in the "Paper Towel" competition against twelve other high schools, and won the event! Congratulations on a great win, and for being wonderful ambassadors for Troy High School!



Another wonderful ambassador for Troy High School is 10th grader, Ethan Huang. As a member of the All-State High School Wind Symphony, Ethan represents Troy High School at various events in which he performs. Ethan is also the Principal Bass Clarinetist for the Pacific Youth Wind Ensemble and a member of the California All-Southern Honor Wind Ensemble. I honestly don't know how he finds the time to do all these events! Pictured to the right is Ethan

and his conductor Professor Anthony Maiello from George Mason University at last weekend's performance.



We are getting closer to March 15^{th} and what will be the Troy Support Organization's (TSO) best gala yet for Troy High School! Co-organizers, Ms. Helen Kharrat and Dr. Amy Choi-Won are excited to share that the Early Bird pricing had continued through midnight tonight. (I wish I knew that last week.) Also for those that are attending the gala and don't want to drive there or back, UBER is offering for anybody attending the gala, \$5 off three UBER trips as well as free UBER Eats service valued at \$10. That does not sound like a bad deal to me. The countdown to Casino Royale continues! I may have to watch this James Bond movie before the event... \textcircled

Warriors, Troy will be having an opportunity for anyone needing help with either filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act applications. For Troy Senior students and families, which still need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act application, Fullerton College Office Financial Aid Staff will be at Troy on Tuesday, Febraury 26th in Room 507 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist you! You'll need to bring your Social Security Card, Driver's License or State Identification Card, Your Alien Registration Card (If you are not a U.S. Citizen), 2017 Federal Income Tax Return and/or W2 Forms (Include Parent's Tax Information if the student is a dependent) and your Parent's Social Security Number, Date of Birth & Date of Marital Status (If the student is a Dependent). It's not too late to submit either application so please take advantage of this help!

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Yes, this is a red turf field. No. It does not belong to any school in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. We would not build this field. In the photograph wearing white is the Troy Boys' Soccer Team competing in the CIF Semi-finals against host team, wearing red and blending into the field, is Valley View High School of the Moreno Valley Unified School District. In a very strongly contested game, our Boys' team defeated Valley View 2-0 in what was a very cold evening once the sun dipped below the horizon. This means our team has



made the CIF Soccer Final for the first time since 1985! (I was still in high school back then.) The final is going to be held at La Habra Stadium at 5:00pm tomorrow (Saturday) night against Rialto High School. It is going to be a great game! Gates will open no later than 4:00pm, and I strongly encourage bringing seat cushions, blankets, winter snow clothes. It will be cold when the sun goes down! This has been a fantastic season for an outstanding Boys' Team that has made it to the championship game the right way. They have been a team and grown as a team for a number of years. Even when they missed the playoffs in past years, they never quit and they never stopped giving their best effort. They have worked as hard as any team I have ever seen to keep improving and they have been 100% supported and well coached by Mr. Lester Maldonado and his assistants. Great season Warriors, and let's finish the job on Saturday!

Also on Saturday, Troy is hosting the 2019 California Mayors Cyber Cup-Orange County. There will be thirty-four middle and high school teams competing in four hour cyber challenges. Around noon, five Orange County Mayors will arrive and be present for the awards ceremony for the winning teams. Troy is honored to be able to host this event and it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the abilities of the next generation of cyber warriors who will defend our nation's information and computer systems!

On Tuesday at 7:00pm our Girls' Basketball team will be playing in the first round of California State Championship tournament. We are in Division 1, but we will not know who we are playing until this weekend. Should we win the first game, the next one will be most likely at home on Thursday night, also at 7:00pm. Come out and watch our Girls' play in the State tournament!





Here is a picture of Mt. Baldy as I approached home. Pictured at right is snow falling in my backyard. Have a wonderful and hopefully warm weekend! Unless you are going skiing, in that case I hope your weekend is nice and cold until you are done on the slopes. Have a great weekend! Rest, relax and have some fun. You know what is super fun? Going to see an excellent CIF championship soccer game fits the bill! Hopefully, our Boys' Soccer team will see a large crowd to cheer them forward to victory on Saturday, and then I will see everyone back here on Monday for the victory celebration in the Quad during Break! Go Warriors!

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