



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



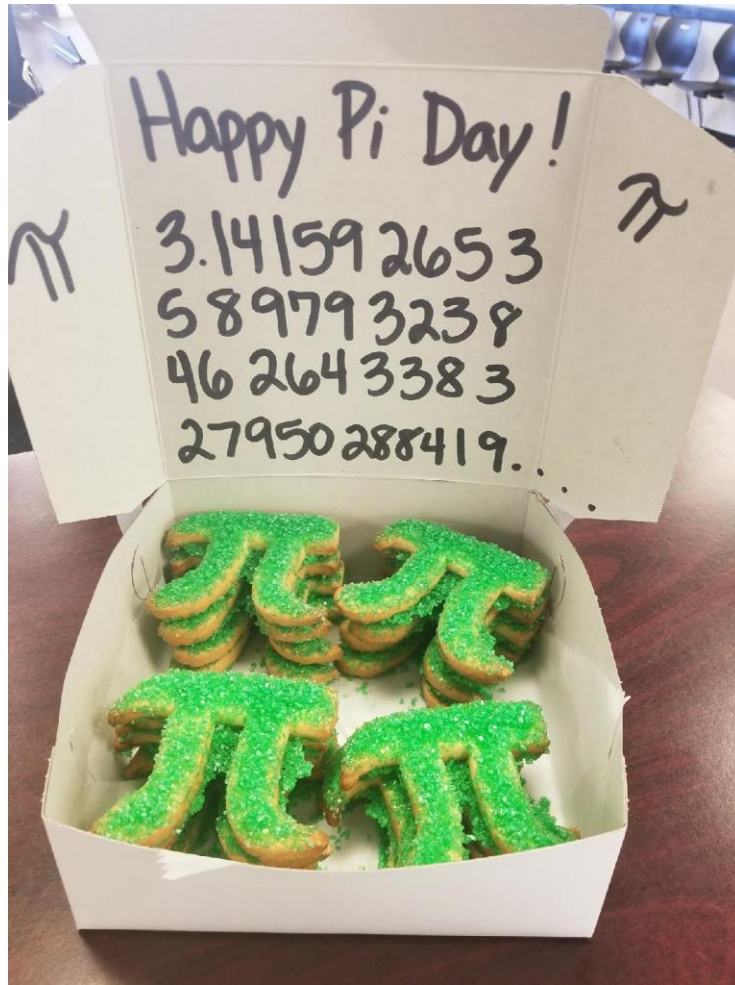
March 15, 2019

It is the Friday before the last week of school before Spring Break. 3rd Quarter grades are currently being updated by our teachers and they will be available for students and parents on Thursday, March 24! This semester is really moving, month after next is May which means graduation for the Class of 2019. Wow! Go Warriors!



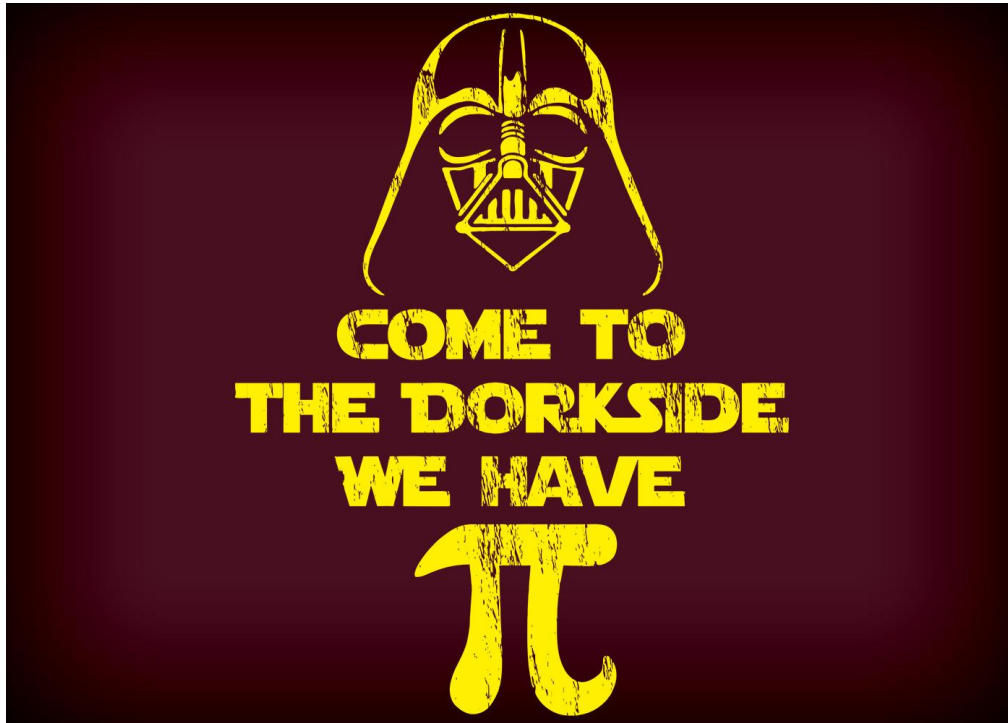
On Tuesday, the Commandant's Own Battle Colors Detachment, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, and Silent Drill Team performed at Fullerton Stadium for the second year in a row. This year the JROTC units from the FJUSHD were in attendance, as well as members of the community, and veterans from throughout Orange County. It was an honor to have the U.S. Marines back with us this year, and we hope to see them again in 2020!





Yesterday was March 14th, also written as 3.14 which has lent the day to be known as Pi day. However, being Troy we were educated that this is not actually true by Troy mathematics teacher, Mr. Bryan Campanelli who wrote the following. “Today is not pi day. If all you want to do is eat pie, then cool, I’m not mad at you but to call today pi day shows limited to no understanding of irrational numbers. Pi is an irrational number which means that it cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers or when written as a decimal, it is a non repeating, non terminating decimal. To call today Pi Day perpetuates the myth that Pi is 3.14... Today is "Approximately Pi Day" or "About Pi Day" or "Pi - ish Day". Spread the word, you can't break math.” I asked Mr. Campanelli more about this widely held error regarding pi and he gave an example of our galaxy and trying to hit an object on the other side using only 3.14. The result would be to miss the object by at least a foot. Is this relevant to us on a daily basis when 3.14 will suffice? No. Would it matter to NASA or JPL? Yes. Is Mr. Campanelli correct in his

statement that March 14th would be more accurately named Approximately Pi Day instead of Pi Day? Yes. Only at Troy. ☺



There has been a tremendous amount of work in our outdoor classroom. Last weekend there was a significant amount of greenery planted and much progress has been made on the electrical and watering systems. Soon we will be ready to start building the brick pathway leading to the platform for the student desks and benches that will be set up for experiments and lectures. This outdoor classroom vision modeled upon the outdoor space at CalTech is really taking hold, and we have all the students that have put their hard work into the project as well as their leader, Mr. Kirkpatrick to thank!

A couple of weeks ago, I informed our Troy Family that longtime Computer Science Teacher, Mr. Steve Grack had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and that has been having treatment in the hospital. Yesterday, I received word that Steve's condition has taken a downturn. As the Grack family releases more information, I will pass it along to all of Mr. Grack's, students, parents, and the entire Troy family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve Grack, his wife, and sons.

It is a St. Patrick's Day weekend and it is also a NASCAR Auto Club 400 weekend! If you love racing, I am sure there are some seats available out at California Speedway in Fontana. Plus, at least until Wednesday, we have a few days in the 70 and 80 degree range, so it will feel like an early spring day!

Take some time to reflect, and spend time with family and friends this weekend. It is going to be a sunny weekend, and at least we are not in the snow like much of the country. If you go out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, please be careful and responsible. I look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday



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