



# *TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY*



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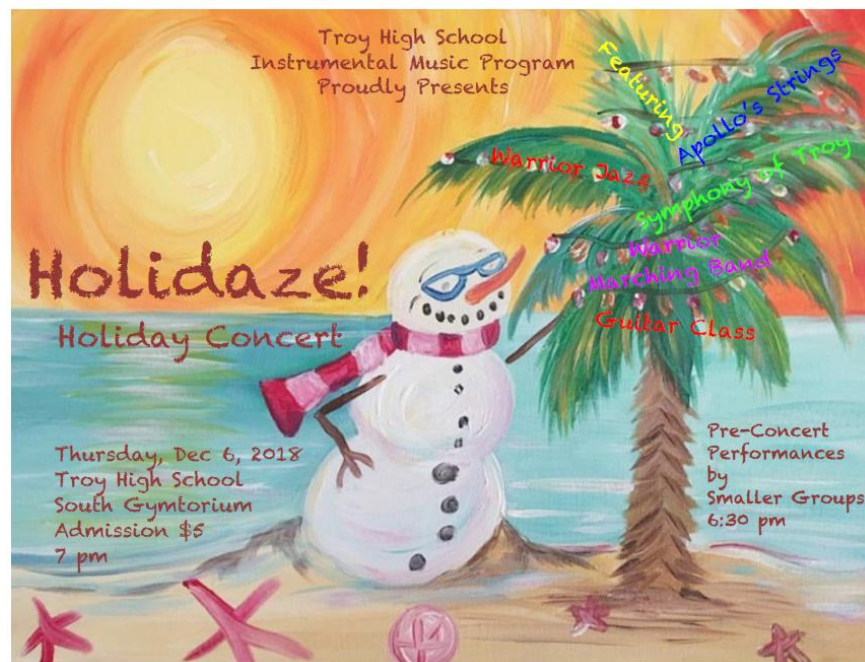
Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! I hope everyone enjoyed the week off and are now ready for the final push towards the end of the semester! There is a lot going on in these last few weeks leading up to the last day of final exams and the end of the semester on December 20<sup>th</sup>! Keep the pedal to the floor as we are almost to the finish line!

On a different note, it is nice to get the change in seasons and a little bit different weather from our usual SoCal sunshine. However, I am perfectly OK with having a little less rain at one time. Like anything else, too much of a good thing but we certainly need the water...



On Monday night prior to the FJUHSD Board Meeting, our district held a celebration for two of the longest serving school board members in the history of California. Dr. Robert Singer and Mr. Robert Hathaway have a combined 71 years of service between them with Dr. Singer serving on the board since 1980 and Mr. Hathaway since 1985. Both of these dedicated men

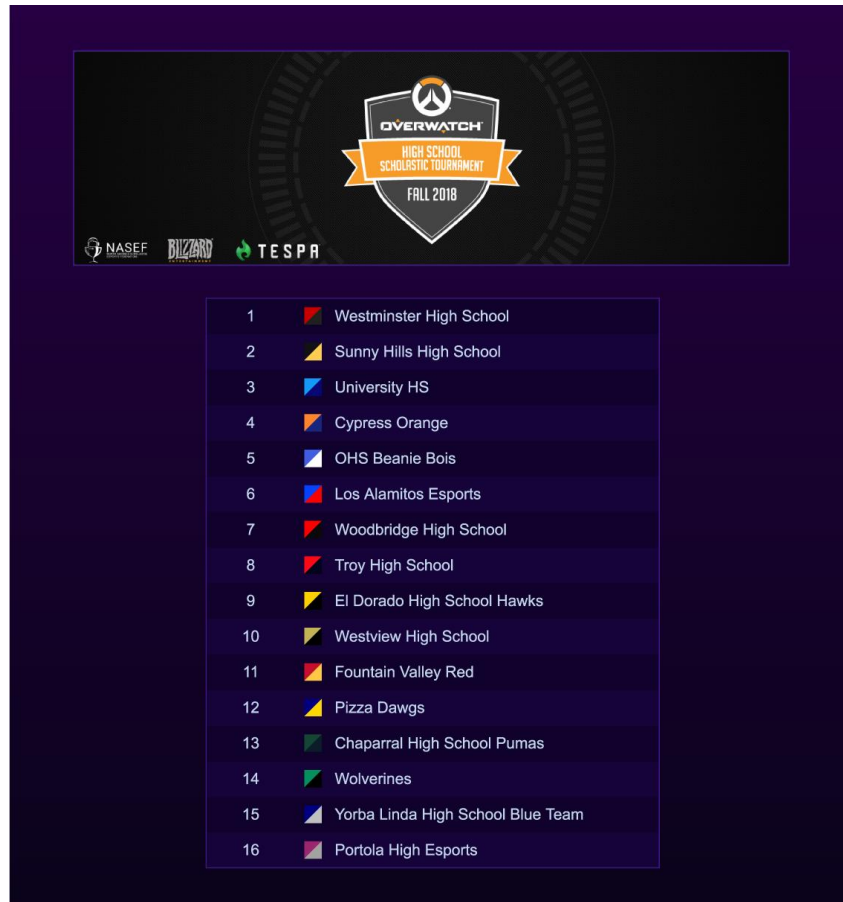
have had crucial roles in shaping our school district and helping it improve in ways even they may not have been able to have foreseen. I am sure both of their families will benefit from having more of their time available and less reliant upon the Board Meeting schedules. I am also sure their decisions to retire from our Board will be bittersweet for both them and us, as their leadership guided by their understanding of our district, culture, and history, have played an important role for over thirty and near forty years. Good luck and best wishes to both of them during their most recent and well deserved retirement!



I don't think the snowman is going to make it very long, but it should be long enough for the holiday instrumental performance next Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It is going to be held in the South Gym, and chairs will be set up for the audience. It should be a very nice event and if not already in the holiday spirit, we will be afterward!

On Wednesday evening I attended a Parent University celebration held at La Vista / La Sierra along with Ms. Sandi Layana the La Vista / La Sierra principal, and Ms. Anna Lopez the FJUHSD district Community Liaison. This event was the culmination of a ten week course taken by parents in our English Learners cohort seeking to become more familiar with the educational system and the various steps for their children to be successful as they move towards college / careers. Over ten weeks and more than twenty hours, these parents were guided by school Community Liaison, Mr. Manny Macias in the various key components of the educational

system. Certificates were awarded to the graduating parents and cake was served at the conclusion of the ceremony. Congratulations to all these parents having completed this program!



In the Esports world we officially compete in two different games. In the spring we compete in *League of Legends*. In the fall we have a team that competes in *Overwatch*, and we have made the playoffs! Yesterday we competed in our first playoff match against El Dorado High School, and I am happy to report that we won! Esports coach, Mr. Carlos Aldaco was happy with our team's performance as we took the best of five games with a 3-0 sweep. Mr. Aldaco reports our next match will be Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> against Westminster High School at 3:00pm. Westminster is a very good team, but I think we can give them a good competitive match. Good luck Warriors!

We are in the midst of the Troy Tech family/student tour season for prospective 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2019-20 school year. On Tuesday, school administration led four large groups through our school during 2<sup>nd</sup> period after having a short talk in the library giving a program

overview of Troy Tech. Thank you to the following teachers for sharing their part in program presentations, classrooms and lessons, giving an insight into a day in the life of Troy's students. Ms. Flavell, Mr. Liem, Ms. Ngo, Mr. Eager, Ms. Morales, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Kim, Ms. Yang, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Grack, Mr. Silzer, Ms. Downum-Bonnett, Ms. Kirkpatrick, and Ms. Saleen. Additionally, thank you to all the other staff members that also make the Troy community one that is so welcoming for our families! Troy is a great place and school!



Speaking of Troy, our school foundation the Troy Support Organization (TSO) holds an annual gala to fundraise for our school to supplement the current California State funding model. Last year the TSO contributed over \$90,000 for material and instructional support for our students! This has allowed us to extend library hours several times to the current model of 6:30am to 6:00pm as well as purchase additional items for students and classrooms. Working closely with our school, and district we maximize the donated funds to supplement existing general and categorical funds to enrich our school program offerings, instruction, environment, and material support. Our gala will once again be held at the Richard Nixon Library, and if it anything like last year's event it is not an evening to be missed! [www.thetroydifference.org](http://www.thetroydifference.org)

It has been a very busy sports week around here. Between the fall sports wrapping up with their banquets and the winter sports now in full swing, every athlete, coach, and parent have

their plates full. ☺ It is a good to be at Troy and our sports teams are a representation of our school's character and commitment. Pictured below are Mr. & Mrs. Cowgill, coaches for the



California State Champion Girls' Golf team, along with the team from their banquet held at Friendly Hills on Tuesday night. We also had banquets this week for Boys' Water Polo, Girls' Volleyball, and Cross Country—although I don't have any action shots from them. In winter sports this week, Boys' Soccer won vs. South Hills 1-0. Girls' Soccer tied 1-1 at home against Canyon HS and then beat Orange Lutheran 2-0 yesterday. Girls' Basketball is currently in a tournament going back and forth to San Diego and has beaten El Camino from Oceanside 67-32



on Wednesday, then yesterday beat 16<sup>th</sup> ranked in California, La Jolla Country Day High School 60-58! Girls Water Polo also beat Yorba Linda 16-7 on Tuesday afternoon and Boys' Basketball took the victory against Westminster High School by 25 points on Wednesday night! Congratulations to all our winter sports teams on a great start to the season!



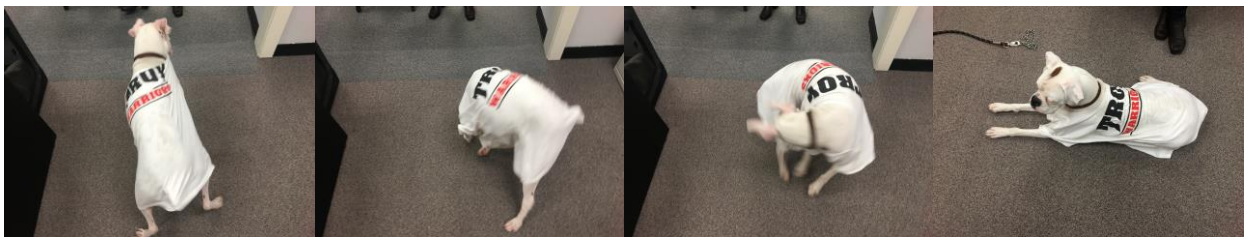
The imposing ship in the background behind six Troy cadets and one Fullerton H.S. cadet is the USS Zumwalt, our Navy's newest high tech destroyer. Over Thanksgiving break students along with Commander Lauper were able to go out to sea for the day on this ship. They went beyond 50 miles out and had the run of the ship being able to see the ship and speak with the crew members. Additionally, yesterday our Unarmed Exhibition team were invited to perform at the United Airlines terminal at LAX in recognition of Veteran's Month. There were two



performances, one at 4pm and the last at 5pm. Instructed by 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Barnes it was a great way to outreach to the veteran's community as well as the larger LA community. Great job Warriors!



It was really nice to return from Thanksgiving break and see the Main Office fully decorated with the holiday spirit. Ms. Maria Williams with support from Ms. Cogswell turned the office into a Winter Wonderland. I also included a photo of our kidnapped Thanksgiving turkey being returned as something different by the insidious Buena Park principal, Dr. Berg. It is possible his actions were taken in response to his American Eagle disappearing and also being returned looking slightly different...but we don't need to get into that. ☺



Last but not least, my wife brought Luna by to thank Troy student, Darren for his gift of Halloween dog treats, and to show off Luna's newest sportswear. It is unclear to fully grasp Luna's appreciation of the shirt, but I think it is safe to say she is getting used to it. ☺

Have a wonderful weekend! Hopefully everyone is able to stay dry, get some holiday shopping done, and have the opportunity for some much needed rest and relaxation! Do not forget on Monday we have a Late-Start! I will see everyone back here Monday morning!

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