



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Finally, a break from the rain! Of course we really needed the water, and thanks to these storms our snowpack in the Sierra is now over 100% of normal for this time of year. This is good news, but we should still do our best to conserve water. I know my lawn sprinklers have been off since November. We are going to have some sunshine today and it is going to be a beautiful day in Fullerton and at Troy High School! Let's move on to the happenings and news around here...

At the request of the Troy Counseling Department I ran the following message last week. However, I believe it bears repeating as the deadline is next Friday.

The following message is from the Troy High School Counseling Department:

*Students have until Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> by 3:00pm to request to move down course levels or to drop an additional class. Students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 classes and seniors must be enrolled in at least 5 classes. As long as there is room in the lower level course and it will work with your student's schedule we can accommodate the request to change course levels. **Students must see their counselor in person for either of these requests; no phone or email requests will be taken.***

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is the second of three Saturdays (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>) during which Troy conducts the annual Troy Tech / Honors Testing 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, 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!



Despite the rain it has been a very productive week in Freeway League athletics. Beginning last Friday night, a huge crowd turned out in force for the Girls' and Boys' Basketball home games and our teams did not disappoint! Varsity victories over Sunny Hills are always nice. ☺ Tonight we have another big basketball night with our teams facing off with Sonora High School at Sonora High School. We had wins over Fullerton earlier this week so we continue to do well in the Freeway League! It won't be raining, but it will be on the cool side and damp, which to me sounds like a great night to be inside watching a basketball game. Come on out and see some great basketball at Sonora High School. Go Troy!



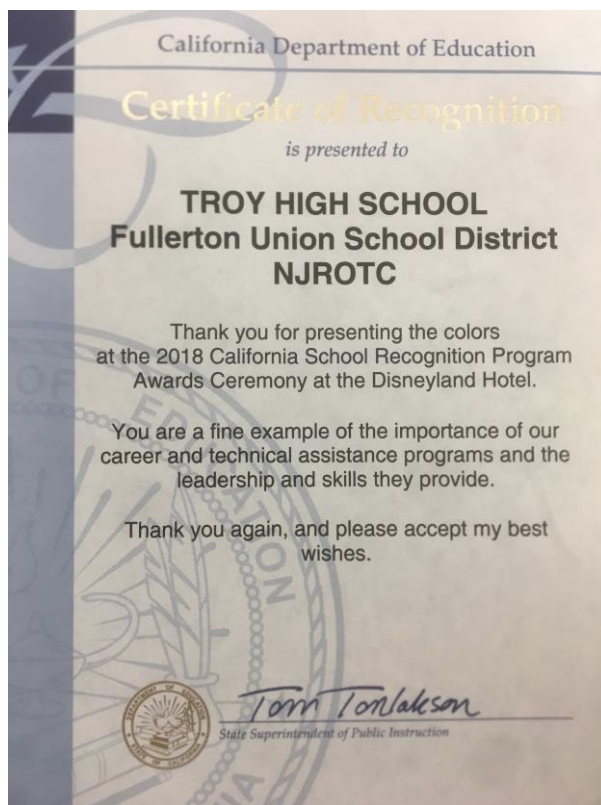
Last weekend, Troy Wrestling held a large tournament here with nineteen of the local surrounding schools in attendance. Our team took 9<sup>th</sup> place, which is likely lower than they would have hoped, but they were facing some very tough competition. This is a view of our North Gym completely covered with wrestling mats for the tournament. In the spirit of the wrestling weekend, Luna was trapped in a super difficult wrestling hold but refused to give up.



It was a big week for Girls' Soccer with convincing wins over La Habra and Sonora High Schools. Due to the inclement weather the games were played on the new turf fields at Fullerton High School and La Habra High School. Soon we will have a third turf field when the newest one opens at Buena Park! Rain will not stop us from playing, but lightning still does. Fortunately, there was no lightning. ☺ This also holds true for our Girls' Water Polo when they play in the rain. On Wednesday night our girls lost a very close match in overtime to Sunny Hills at home. All season Troy and Sunny Hills have traded victories and losses. They are very evenly matched and no lead is safe.

On that note, in Boys' Soccer no lead is ever safe when the margin of victory or loss has often been only one goal. Unfortunately, our Boys' team lost to Fullerton High School earlier this week by more than one goal. We were scheduled to play Sonora today, but I believe that game is being rescheduled due to the condition of the field. This game will be big as far as its implications in the Freeway League! Go Warriors!

We have many fantastic students at Troy High School doing amazing things both inside and outside of school. One such student, 11<sup>th</sup> grader Megan Loh, was nominated to be an OC Whiz Kid. She will be featured in the March edition of the Orange County Family magazine! Yesterday, in a great two minute segment, Megan was featured on ABC 7 Cool Kids segment. <https://abc7.com/science/cool-kid-megan-loh-sparks-girls-interest-in-science/5094675/> Congratulations to Megan on the fantastic work she is doing with kids as she gets them excited about computers, and technology!



Right after we returned from Winter Break this certificate from the California Department of Education (CDE) arrived. Last spring, the CDE asked Troy High School if our award winning, championship NJROTC could provide the colors for the 2018 California School Recognition Program. Of course, Commander Lauper jumped at the opportunity for our NJROTC to represent the U.S. Navy, FJUSHD, CTE, and Troy High School! Thank you to our NJROTC and to the California Department of Education for this honor.

In another example of the extraordinary students at Troy, an email sent out to staff earlier this week by ASB director, Ms. Alexandria Williamson. In the email she discussed an activity conceived and run by her ASB students on the question of leadership. They discussed a number of components on this topic during this conversation and in the end settled upon this definition for leadership:

*Leadership is a mindset that involves the willingness to know who you truly are, the attitude that you can succeed, the determination to continue in the face of failure, the acknowledgement that you will not always get it right, and the grace to adopt this mindset when approaching others.* I believe our students did a wonderful job with this definition and I also see

in their answer, the underpinnings of the concepts of “grit” and “grace”. Of course, further exploration of those concepts would be a whole other conversation. ☺ Great job Warriors!



As our Troy Support Organization (TSO) continues their good work for Troy High School students, they are seeking information to help them make this year’s gala tailored to the guests in attendance. To that end they have developed a survey for those that are interested in giving feedback that will help make this year’s event a success!

<https://goo.gl/forms/GhsovH7NoVuLyt7A2>

The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, February 1st. Respondents to the survey will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gift card from Amazon. For more information about what our foundation does for Troy’s students and/or to buy tickets to this year’s Casino Royale themed benefit at the Nixon Library, please visit [www.thetroydifference.org](http://www.thetroydifference.org) Again, just remember, “*Bond, James Bond...*” ☺

Earlier this week, Commander Lauper shared with the staff about competition in which five members of our NJROTC are going to San Jose to compete in the National Academic

Quizbowl Tournament qualifier. I have included the majority of his email here. *On Sunday, the Cadets will not only take the standard walking tour of Stanford University, but will get a behind the scenes look at the Center for Design Research and meet with Silicon Valley startup Geosite President and CEO, Rachel Olney. Mrs. Olney is also organizing a discussion with other Silicon Valley startups that focus on engineering, cyber, and STEM. Geosite has already been contracted by Army Cyber Command, Naval Special Warfare Command, and NSA for their expertise. Future internships and employment opportunities in Silicon Valley will be discussed. This article is perhaps the best description of the research and work that is being conducted:* <https://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/news/new-class-targets-national-security-problems-silicon-valley-style-innovation>

More information on Geosite can be found at

<https://www.geosite.io/>

The opportunity to compete in Quizbowl is awesome. Beyond this, Commander Lauper's work to create opportunity and additional experiences for our students such as the behind the scenes tour of *Geosite* with Mrs. Olney only adds to the richness of the experience and additional connections and applications of what our students learn at Troy. This will be a great trip and I am looking forward to hearing the details upon their return!

It is going to be a great weekend! We will be the envy of the nation with warm, sunny, and dry conditions. What could be better? While many of us clean up our homes from the rain, we do have a long weekend to get more of these chores done. While enjoying the extra day off, I encourage everyone to take some time to reflect upon the principles of freedom and equality as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The legacy of the Civil Rights Movement looms large, especially today.

Next week is another busy week with the addition of the Troy Open House on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>! In the meantime, enjoy a wonderful holiday weekend with friends and family, and I will see everyone back here on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

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