



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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(Mt. Baldy, San Bernardino Mountains 11-29-19)

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, and the break last week. If there were any doubt we left the fall season and moved straight to winter it was erased with the multiple feet of snow our local mountains received the day before and through Thanksgiving. I think we have more snow coming this weekend! That being said, at Troy we are back at it this week and there are only two weeks left before Winter Break! Students, talk to your teachers as next week is the last regular week of school, which unofficially ends with the Elf Dance on Friday the 13th! ☺. The following week December 17-19th we are on our Final Exam schedule and the end of the Fall Semester! Do everything possible to raise or keep up your grades and be prepared for your final exams. This is the finish line for the semester! Go Warriors, I know you will get the job done!

Speaking of students getting the job done, already we are getting reports of students being accepted to colleges! Stanford, Northwestern, Duke, Air Force Academy are a few that have already started to come back to us! Also I was notified this week that we have three students from Troy that have made the highly selective Coca Cola Scholarship Semifinalist list! Only 1,928 students out of over 93,000 applicants have made it this far! Our three Semifinalists are Megan Loh, Raymond Mo, and Aishwarya Sitaraman! Best wishes upon becoming a finalist!



Here is something you don't see everyday, a Blackhawk helicopter landing on Troy's soccer field and the U.S. Army Ranger special forces unit, The Black Daggers jumping out from 6,000 feet and landing on the same soccer field! This event happened yesterday during lunch and was thrilling for our students, staff, and local neighbors to see this display of our elite U.S. Special Forces. Troy High School attracts a lot of attention mainly because of our outstanding students, especially those in the STEM disciplines and of which colleges, businesses, and our armed forces covet. If it takes landing a helicopter and special forces on our field to interest and attract our students to think about becoming pilots, aeronautical engineers, cyber specialist, or other fields of interest to them, the U.S. Army is willing to do it! Thank you to the U.S. Army, the Black Daggers, Mr. Mario Guerra the Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (he was in attendance), our own Guidance Tech, Mr. Carlos Aldaco, Mr. Mike Silzer (he was very understanding for us using his soccer field on game day), and Commander Lauper. Go, Army! But don't beat Navy. ☺

<https://www.soc.mil/blackdaggers/blackdaggers.html>

Class of 2016, Troy High School graduate, Ms. Leanne K.M. Ho was recently announced as one of only 32 college students in the nation to be recently named a Rhodes Scholar! Leanne

is in some great company with this recognition of her work and I have attached a link from the Orange County Office of Education and County Superintendent, Dr. Al Mijares with the announcement. Congratulations Ms. Leanne K.M. Ho!

<https://newsroom.ocde.us/troy-high-school-grad-named-a-rhodes-scholar/>

Today beginning from 9-10:00am Troy is hosting our annual Ladera Vista 8th grade visit. As some may be aware, within the district boundaries Troy only has one middle school that feeds directly to us, and it is Ladera Vista. While it is true through Open Enrollment any student in district boundaries may come to Troy, these are our immediately local kids. Many of them will be AVID, IB, Athletes, AP, Cambridge, and/or Troy Tech, but unlike students from outside our district boundaries, they are not required to be Troy Tech. As a result, this is always an opportunity to show off our school and all our programs to students that can truly take advantage of everything we have to offer! Welcome Ladera Vista, and hopefully many of you will join our family in summer, 2020-21!

In the last Warrior Weekly before Thanksgiving, I included a write-up on the new Cambridge International Diploma Program Troy will begin in 2020-21. It is a tremendous opportunity and Troy is the only high school in Orange County, and the second in California to offer this program. Check it out, and if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask. As it is just beginning, many of the pathways leading to the Cambridge AICE Diploma will be open in 2020-21 to 10th graders, with all the options open for 9th graders. If think you are interested, make sure you let your school counselor know!

I have attached a link to the Cambridge AICE Diploma page if you wish to read more information. Be forewarned, there is a lot of information here and likely to result in more questions. That is ok. Feel free to email me and I will answer your questions as they come. ☺



**Cambridge Assessment
International Education**

Cambridge International School

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-aice-diploma/>



Troy Vocal Music is in the full holiday spirit and is making the rounds during the school day with their impromptu holiday music performances. If you are interested in seeing their full concert, they will be performing on December 12th at 7:00pm in their annual Vocal Music Winter Concert at the Wilshire Auditorium at Fullerton College! This is not a holiday event to be missed and is coming up fast, as this event is next Thursday! Spoiler alert, they sound terrific and you will not be disappointed! This is a wonderful event for a dinner date event as well. 😊



During Thanksgiving vacation, a few of our cadets chaperoned by Commander Lauper and Troy Teacher, Mr. Equitz to enjoy the wonderful opportunity to have an overnight voyage

upon the USS Boxer. To meet the ship which was underway and out at sea, our Troy team departed from the Camp Pendleton Marine Corp base on a hovercraft landing vehicle and met up with the ship at sea. The rest of the trip continued on to San Diego where the USS Boxer made port the following day. I spoke with Mr. Equitz about the trip and having berthed in the very small quarters on a U.S. Navy ship. It was something he was glad he experienced, but he does not feel he will be signing up anytime soon. ☺ Thank you to our US Navy and Commander Lauper for providing this opportunity to our students and staff! Go Warriors!



It is pre-league basketball season and Troy has been hosting its annual December Invitational Girls' Basketball tournament all week. Our team has played well, and keeping in mind it is still the preseason, despite a loss last night to Mater Dei, we look pretty good! It is going to be a great year and our team is always a lot of fun to watch! Also, when you go and



enjoy a basketball game, check out our new Hall of Fame! The retired jerseys that used to be inside the seating area in our gym, and frequently hit with balls, have been moved inside the new hallway in our renovated North Gym. We still have space for more honorees in the future!

Like many, my home is decorated for the holiday season and our Christmas tree is up for the season. So here is my Christmas story that happened last night. Luna decided to undecorate my tree. The object of her interest was a Hallmark ornament known as a Tribble.



Tribbles are famous because of an old Captain Kirk and Spock Star Trek episode known as *The Trouble With Tribbles*. Well, I can tell you the trouble with them, Luna likes them. Fortunately,



no Tribbles were harmed during the filming of this Christmas story. However, the Tribble might have to find a new home...



It is the weekend and we busy at Troy with the end of the semester, but we are also in full holiday spirit mode! Have a great weekend, hopefully spending time getting rest and relaxation. If you are attending any holiday gatherings with family and friends, have fun and be safe! I will see everyone back here on Monday, and remember it is also a Late-Start!

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