



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



April 24, 2020

Photo: Mt. Baldy 4-11-20

Here we are again with another Friday almost in the books! We are fortunate to live in Southern California, where it is nice and sunny much of the year. The picture of the snowy mountain peaks from last week is almost inaccurate—at least by the end of today there will be no more snow. Keeping in mind that we are still following the Stay at Home order enacted to keep us safe, but if you are able to get outside and enjoy a little sunshine and some heat, it is a great weekend to do so! Again, remember to keep up the Social Distancing and do your best to Stay at Home. We are getting closer to being able to reopen our State, but if there is a sudden spike in COVID-19 cases, it will no doubt delay our ability to even begin to have a semblance of normal life. Stay strong, Warriors!

Troy Family, as many of you already know our Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting yesterday afternoon, and enacted some temporary uniform grading procedures. Later last evening, Superintendent, Dr. V. Scott Scambray also sent this email out to all FJUHSD stakeholders. I have included a copy of the body of Dr. Scambray's email.

Fullerton Joint Union High School District

Temporary Modified Uniform Grading Procedures

Effective March 18, 2020 through the Conclusion of Distance Learning

Due to Emergency School Closures

School sites in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) have been closed since March 16, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the executive order, and

because of the deep commitment FJUHSD has for its students and families, all schools in FJUHSD have transitioned to, and will continue to, provide distance learning utilizing electronic platforms through the end of this academic school year.

The sudden physical school closures in response to COVID-19 and the shift to distance learning have created challenges in many areas, including student grading. With student well-being at the forefront, FJUHSD Administration collaborated with the Fullerton Secondary Teachers Organization (FSTO) to develop modified uniform grading procedures to be used during these uncertain times. This recommendation was then presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

After thorough discussions and deliberation, at a Special Board Meeting held on April 23, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2019/20 #37 on Grading during Emergency School Closures. The modified uniform grading procedures will be effective immediately; these procedures will be implemented on the 4th quarter progress report, as well as final grades of the 2020 Spring Semester, and will continue until the end of required school site closures. The modified uniform grading procedures will suspend the traditional grading scale of "A-F" and replace it with grades of "A-C" or "No Credit" for all students for all grading periods during these physical school closures. The Board's decision includes guidance from the State Board of Education that requires districts to implement grading procedures for students during emergency distance learning. This decision also includes guidance from the Orange County Department of Education, and legal counsel.

The modified uniform grading procedure for this period of time will be as follows: Students will receive letter grades of "A-C," or "No Credit"

- Any earned "D" grade will be posted as a "C" grade*
- Any student who earns less than 55% in a class may receive a "No Credit"*
- No "D" or "F" grades will be posted*
- "A-C" grades will be calculated into GPA; "No Credit" will not impact GPA*

While determining these modified uniform grading practices, considerable thought was applied in determining the best way to support students in light of school closures, and enable them to demonstrate further learning in ways that are appropriate to specific course content. While continuing to address the state standards, teachers have had to consider their students' overall learning goals, develop alternative means of administering tests, projects, and other assessments, adapt assignments, revise weighting in individual teacher grade books, and prioritize the assessment of student mastery of essential standards.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities are demonstrating flexibility while attempting to eliminate the inevitable inequalities that may present themselves through distance learning. The message from higher education institutions is clear: students will NOT be penalized for grading changes enacted by school districts in response to COVID-19.

These modified uniform grading procedures meet the guidelines from the California Department of Education, Orange County Department of Education, and legal counsel in regards to equity and access, and focus on the primary goal to do no harm to students. Teachers, staff, and administrators will remain focused on keeping our students highly engaged, connected, and invested in their learning. Teachers continue to interact with students daily to provide instruction, assign work, provide feedback on the work, have online interaction discussions when possible, and to provide resources in order to ensure that students have a variety of opportunities to expand and strengthen their understanding of the content. FJUHSD remains committed to preparing students to be successful at the next level.

Colleges and Universities:

- *CSU Chancellor's Office - 03/31/20 Fall 2020 First-Time First-Year Students*
o <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/csuaadmissioncovid19impact.pdf>
- *University of California - UC Office of the President - 04/01/20*
o <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-eases-admissions-requirements-help-students-families-wake-covid-19>
o <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/ucadmissionscovid19.pdf>
- *Private Colleges*
o <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/aiccuhsjuniorsseniors>
- *Joint Letter - UC/CSU/AICCU/CA Community Colleges - 04/01/20*
o <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/jointk12highereducation.pdf>

Emergency Resources:

- *Crisis Text Line: text "home" to 741-741*
- *National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255*
- *Crisis Prevention Hotline 24-Hour, Immediate, Confidential Over-the-Phone Suicide Prevention Services: 1-877-7-CRISIS or 1-877- 724-4747*
- *Warmline Network Services 8:00 a.m. to Midnight M-F Call 1-877- 910-WARM or 1-877-910-9276*
- *Centralized Assessment Team (if a child in a danger to self or others) 714-517-6353 or 1-866-830-6011*

Mental Health Apps

- *Coping Skills for Kids Apps*
- *PsychCentral: Top 10 mental health apps*

Helpful Information:

- *CDC: Coping with Anxiety for kids and parents*
- *Helping kids manage stress during distance learning*
- *Be Calm: Resources for adults and youth (OCDE)*
- *Teens helping teens*

During this unprecedented time, it has been all too evident in our partnerships with students, families, staff members, local agencies, colleges, universities, and county and state offices of education that “community” is the key aspect of our shared endeavors. Our motto, “Excellence in Education” will continue to guide our thoughts and actions throughout this pandemic and beyond. Stay healthy, keep others safe.

Sincerely,

V. Scott Scambray, Ed.D.

Superintendent

For those taking the AP Exams, we are that much closer! For all our students that registered for AP exams, I strongly encourage you to keep on track in your courses and take

these exams. I know the format is different and you may be worried. Keep faith that you know the material and your teachers have prepared you well. There is a reason we have an average pass rate of 90% for all taken AP exams, with many courses having higher averages! You will do well, even in an oddball year like this one.

https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule?SFMC_cid=EM298257-&rid=29613194

I posted this last week, but it bears repeating as it is coming up this week! Keep an eye out for the link to the fair on April 30th!

Troy Families:

April 30, 2020

Virtual Troy Tech Fair

featuring our 407 Troy Tech Seniors

The link will be sent to you that day.



In this year's 2020 FJUHSD Art Show these are our winners from Troy High School!

Phoebe Um - 1st place in 2-D Design

Jennifer Ho - 3rd place in Drawing , and also Honorable Mention on her 2nd drawing piece

Natalie Kim - Honorable mention 2D Design

Eugene Kim - Honorable mention on painting

Leia Jiang – Honorable mention on paintings

I will have to see if I can obtain copies of their art, which I will happily share with everyone! Congratulations to our wonderful art program, teachers, and students!

Ms. Wendy Reid, our Fullerton Council PTA president asked me to run this scholarship announcement again this week. Remember, the due date is May 1st so don't delay as that is next Friday! "Fullerton Council PTA offers scholarships to graduating seniors each year, and although the yearly luncheon at Coyote Hills where we present these scholarships is cancelled, we are still awarding them to qualified seniors. We really felt strongly about not cancelling another thing for our class of 2020. Here is the link to the application and instructions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/185k3hABt72y6m78fr2BfbSnh08SZan8V/view?usp=drivesdk>

We just want to make sure that the seniors (or their parents) know of this opportunity. In addition to the scholarship, each recipient receives some nice new swag from their new school."

This week, the *U.S. News & World Report* released their 2020 High School Rankings. Troy High School did well although I will contend the way they rank schools is like apples and oranges. That being said Troy is #213 of all high Schools nationally, and #58 nationally in Magnet High Schools. Again when looking through the schools, there are clear lines between types of schools that are lost in the metrics being calculated and used by *U.S. News & World Report*. In California Troy is #26 of all high schools, and in Orange County Troy is #2 behind Oxford Academy who was listed as #2 in California and #19 nationally. You have to go back to the metrics to understand how these rankings are being constructed, but know that Oxford is not a comprehensive high school but a test-in only magnet that runs from grades 7th to 12th with a limited Visual and Performing Arts, music, and sports program. ☺ I'll take Troy and our teachers, students, and parents! Go Warriors! I look forward to being on our campus again with you in the hopefully not too distant future!

<h1>TWO YEARS FREE!</h1> <p>@ Fullerton College</p> <p>Fullerton Partnership Family Webinar</p>  <p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promise Program benefits • How to qualify for two years free • Financial aid • Virtual onboarding support • Summer transition • Q & A <p>Details</p> <p>When: May 13th</p> <p>Time: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Webinar Access: https://tinyurl.com/FamilyWebinar or scan the QR code below</p> <p>✉ promise@fullcoll.edu 📷 efc_promise 🌐 Promise.fullcoll.edu</p>  <p>✉ outreach@fullcoll.edu 📷 efullcoll_outreach 🌐 Outreach.fullcoll.edu</p>	<h1>DOS AÑOS GRATIS!</h1> <p>en Fullerton College</p> <p>Seminario Web de Promise para Familias</p>  <p>Temas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficios del programa de Promise • Como calificar para dos años gratis • Ayuda financiera • Apoyo con ayuda virtual • Transición de verano • Preguntas de padres <p>Detalles</p> <p>Fecha: 12 de Mayo</p> <p>Hora: 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.</p> <p>Acceso al seminario: Enlace: https://tinyurl.com/FamilyWebinar o escanea el código QR</p> <p>✉ promise@fullcoll.edu 📷 efc_promise 🌐 Promise.fullcoll.edu</p>  <p>✉ outreach@fullcoll.edu 📷 efullcoll_outreach 🌐 Outreach.fullcoll.edu</p>
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Class of 2020! Many of you are thinking of college next year and the college acceptances keep coming in! For many students that have not already committed to a four year college, that date is coming on May 1st! For those that are looking at staying closer to home, and/or looking to save some tuition costs, a local school has some good options for you. If you are interested, Fullerton College has more details for you on May 13th just scan the QR code.

Speaking of college, one of our students, Aishwarya Sitaraman, has been awarded a National Honor Society Scholarship! Many students apply for these scholarships, and comparably very few are awarded. To have received this scholarship, Aishwarya demonstrated and met the criteria of the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character! Congratulations, and we are proud of you!



It is the weekend! In next week's Warrior Weekly, I will have more information for you on various questions you may have about lockers, school books, chrome books, summer school, yearbooks, graduation, etc. We have to keep an eye on the Stay at Home orders to figure out answers to many of these questions and more, but we will start getting to the answers. 😊 It looks like the weekend is going to be a hot summertime preview! Stay safe, stay well, and we will all make it through this pandemic together! Luna as pictured above is getting ready for the next show in the binge watching cue. Magnum P.I. it is! 😊 Students, keep up the good work in Online Troy High School and know that we are here to support you. Teachers, you remain awesome! Progress reports are being written, and we have five weeks left in our school year. Keep the pedal to the metal! I will see everyone back in our Online Troy High School on Monday!

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