



# TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



May 8, 2020

It is the weekend, and we are almost done with another week of Online Troy High School! Yes, we will be back here someday soon and we are starting to see sunlight on the horizon as California is moving to the next phase today, slowly reopening California. Things will not look normal as we knew it for some time, but we are moving in the right direction. In the meantime, it is important to keep up with your classwork, homework, interactions with your friends, teachers, and family members—at a safe Social Distance of course, unless you live in the same house. Of course, living in the same house under Stay at Home Orders—you may also want to maintain some social distance for Movie Night 😊 Three weeks left in the 2020-21 school year and then we celebrate the Class of 2020!

As most of us know, this week has been Teacher Appreciation Week! Troy's teachers are the best I with which I have had the pleasure to work and they prove it every single day. Not only does the AP, IB, or California State Testing data show how our teachers prepare students to perform across race and demographics, but this performance is also noticed when various ranking entities look at our school such as *Niche*. Our teachers have been ranked #1 in L.A. and Orange Counties. As we made this transition to Online Troy High School effective March 16<sup>th</sup> after closing the physical school on March 13<sup>th</sup>, this task with the enormous instructional understanding and content knowledge to make that shift possible for our students was undertaken by this teaching staff. They made the shift and continue to refine their lessons, instruction, and student engagement opportunities in their courses. It is gratifying and heartwarming to see and

hear our students, parents, and Troy community, appreciate and love our teachers! They make the impossible happen! On another note, the Class of 2020 Troy High School yard signs have arrived! Troy's teachers have picked up the signs and are currently making deliveries to our students' homes! Here are a few pictures I have to share. ☺ The students have been surprised!



There will be many more pictures of Class of 2020 graduation sign deliveries coming soon!

Yesterday, our Superintendent, Dr. Scambray sent a timely update to the FJUHSD community, and in case you have not yet seen it I am including within the *Warrior Weekly*. ☺  
*May 7, 2020*

*Dear FJUHSD Staff Members and Community Members:*

*As we complete eight weeks of distance learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication of everyone in our school community. Teachers, students and parents have been working together to develop a new educational environment using online learning and video conferencing. Thank you for your trust and patience as we work together to navigate this constantly changing situation.*

*Although our buildings are physically closed, school is happening virtually at home. We know this time has been especially tough on our most needy families, including many who are living in difficult conditions. Our teachers are working more than ever to connect with students emotionally during these traumatic times while still ensuring learning takes place.*

*This has also been a difficult time for our high school seniors who have worked hard and achieved so much in their educational career. Many of us are parents and we feel the pain and disappointment in not being able to share in the celebratory events associated with a student's senior year. It is important we all recognize and congratulate*

*our seniors.*

*During a press conference on April 28, Governor Newsom discussed “with cautious optimism” the possibility of schools reopening for the 2020-21 school year starting this summer. On April 29, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond issued a statement about his intent to explore the possibility of California schools starting earlier with state and national leaders. At this time, we do not anticipate an earlier start date in FJUHSD. Currently, FJUHSD’s start date for the 2020-21 school year is August 11, 2020. This date is already early compared to many school districts. The District will continue to monitor this situation. Additional guidance for schools will be coming from the Governor’s office in the following days. As we have more information, we will provide updates to our community.*

*During the month of May, we are pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate and honor our FJUHSD employees!*

*This week, May 4 through May 8 is Teacher Appreciation Week, which recognizes teachers and certificated staff for their dedication, talent, and compassion. Our teachers and certificated staff members have gone above and beyond in helping our students shift from classroom instruction to distance learning. Please join us in thanking all of our teachers and certificated staff for their hard work during this unprecedented time, which has enabled the District to continue to serve students, families and the community.*

*During the week of May 18-23, 2020, the District will celebrate Classified School Employees Appreciation Week. Classified staff are the paraeducators who work with students, the bus drivers who help get students to and from school safely each day, the maintenance and custodial staff who work to keep our buildings in good shape and the food service workers who provide meals so students have the energy to learn. They are also the clerical and office support staff who help students and parents and the tech department that keeps our technology systems up and running. Please join us in thanking all of our classified school employees for helping make FJUHSD a great place to work and learn.*

*Thank you students, parents, and community members for your support and strength during these times. We hope you all have a great week and stay healthy.*

*Thank you!*

*Sincerely,*

*Scott Scambray, Ed.D.*

*Superintendent*

I included this next section last week, but given the AP Exams begin on Monday, it bears repeating! The first exams are on May 11<sup>th</sup> (MONDAY)! With the new testing formats here is more key info you will need! This information is also posted on our school's website.

Additional information is now available to help you through the AP® Exam day experience:

### **New Resources**

- [2020 AP Testing Guide](#) (.pdf/10.9 MB): The guide, designed for educators to walk their students through test day, provides information about:
  - The AP Exam e-ticket
  - Five steps to take before test day
  - Understanding the test day experience
  - Exam scores, credit, and placement
- [2020 AP Exam Day Checklist](#) (.pdf/526 KB): Teachers should have their students complete this checklist for each exam they take and keep it next to them while testing.
- [Explainer Videos](#): New videos are available to give students quick, easily accessible information about their test day experience, what they need to do to prepare, exam security, and more. Explore the [playlist](#).

### **Other Reminders**

- **AP Exam Demo (available May 4):** AP students should use the clickable exam demo to practice the different ways to submit their exam responses. The demo will help students confirm that their testing device will be able to access and run the online exam. If they can't access the demo, the final slide of the Testing Guide can help them troubleshoot. The sample content in the demo will be the same for all users and isn't a practice exam. We'll send educators and students an email to remind them when the demo is available. **Please encourage your students to take this important preparation step.**

**Information for AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish Language and Culture Exams:**

- The above exams will be administered using a new dedicated app, the **AP World Languages Exam App**. Students taking these exams **must use this app on smartphones or tablets**. This free app will be available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store the week of May 11. We'll email students and their teachers to let them know when the app is available to download. Visit [our site](#) for more details.
- A video walk-through of the test-taking experience will be available the week of May 4.
- Details on accommodations for the above exams are also [now available](#).
- If your students are unsure about accessing the app, or if they don't have a device, they can fill out [this survey](#) (or you can complete it on their behalf) as soon as possible so we can help support them (applicable to U.S. and U.S. territories).
- **Information for AP Music Theory Exams:**
  - Before exam day, students will need to print or hand-copy the 2020 Music Theory Answer Sheet and gain access to an audio recording app or software before exam day. Please see more information on the [website](#).

[https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule?SFMC\\_cid=EM298257-&rid=29613194](https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule?SFMC_cid=EM298257-&rid=29613194)

In eSports news, during Round 3 of the NASEF *League of Legends* tournament on Wednesday, Troy eSports manager, Mr. Carlos Aldaco reported that our Troy team was defeated in the tournament vs. University High School. It seems our team was a little flat and lacked a cohesive strategy to get the win. The end result was we were soundly defeated by University. However, knowing our team, they will figure out how to fix their strategy and be ready for their next match up! Go Warriors!

Last weekend the CyberPatriot National Championships were held online. It was a tough competition, but also a rewarding end to a difficult season. Here are the results!

### **Troy Awards for Cyberpatriot CP XII Nationals**

CyberPatriot Coach Mr. Allen Stubblefield let me know that our teams performed well, but there was nothing normal about this year or this competition. The fact that our kids were even able to compete at all, took the support of their coaches, parents, and FJUSHD tech support. Our kids' accomplishment being able to focus and compete was a huge accomplishment and success! For our students to be online with their teams, with each student competing from their own home and competing at a national level? This was a tall order and yet we made it happen and our students stepped up to the challenge and competed very well! Great job, Warriors!

### **Subtle Cyber Traits - 2nd in Cisco**



**Troy Tech Support**

**2nd in Cisco**

**3rd Overall**



**Charissa Kim - All-American**





Cyber Coach, Mr. Stubblefield shared more information regarding cyber here at Troy and this is the good news as shared by team member, Ashmita Kumar. *“Congratulations, your school has qualified for the National Championship! Girls Go CyberStart is a girls-only capture-the-flag competition, where girls from across the country solve challenges in areas such as reverse-engineering, cryptography, Linux, and web attacks. When solved, players get a flag, which is a string that is exchanged for points. The more points a team has, the higher ranked they are. Teams across the nation are selected for the Nationals competition based on their points. The competition will happen across two days (Wednesday, May 20-Thursdays, May 21). Our G-TEC club has qualified for the Girls Go Cyberstart Nationals! Competing for our school will be sophomores Ashmita Kumar, Shirley Jia, Amber Wang, and freshman Cheryl Wang.”* Congratulations to our Warriors! It is good to have a talented group of Troy Cyber Warriors with a few more years here at Troy in this national competition! I know this is going to be a great experience for our team. Go Warriors!

Last week I wrote of students committing to their colleges / universities of choice for next year. Here is a short list of colleges / universities to which Troy 2020 Graduates will be attending in the fall! They are listed in no particular order, and there are more to come!

UC Davis, Northwestern, Carnegie Mellon, University of Texas, Dallas., UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, UC Berkeley, La Sierra University, U.S. Air Force Academy, Baylor, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University, UC San Diego, Duke University, USC, Vanderbilt, California Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Rochester University, UCLA, CSU Dominguez Hills, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, University of Hawaii, Biola, UC Davis, Syracuse University, Gonzaga, St. Mary's College of California, University of Arizona, Washington State University, Grand Canyon University, UC Merced, Texas Christian University, Colorado University, Boulder., Fullerton College, Purdue University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fordham, USC, Drexel, George Mason, Syracuse, UC Irvine, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Boston University, NYU, CSU Bakersfield, Harvey Mudd, Azusa Pacific University, Whittier College, Cal State L.A., Northern Arizona University, Emerson, Chapman University, Emory (Oxford College), Sacramento State, Pepperdine, Ohio State University, Hope International University, Oregon State, University of Portland, Oregon Tech, Grinnel College, Montana State University, University of La Verne, University of Oregon, Wheaton College, Chico State, Cal Maritime Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, University of Rochester, Johns Hopkins University, Georgia Tech, DePaul University, Brown, Princeton, University of Massachusetts, University of Illinois, Redlands University, Boston College, UC San Francisco, Tufts University, Point Loma Nazarene University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Cal State Northridge, University of Tennessee, Northeastern, University of Wisconsin, Madison., Hamilton College, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, and the University of Michigan.



Have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy the nice slightly cooler spring weather! Rest and relax, and I will see everyone back here in our virtual Online Troy High School on Monday morning! W.V. Mynster