



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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Sunrise at Troy, 1-8-21

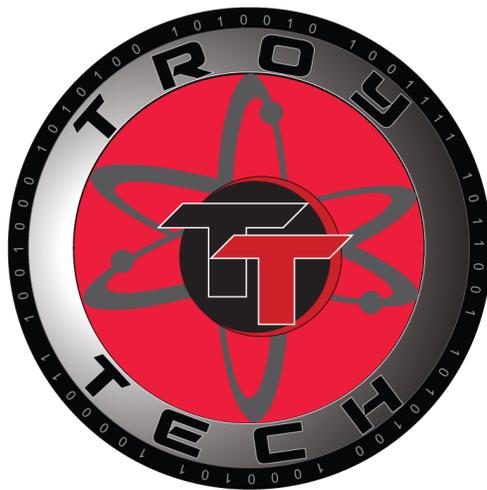
Warriors,

We have made it, and are wrapping up the end of the week following the MLK Jr. holiday weekend! It seems hard to believe we are already at this point in the school year. It is even more difficult to believe we are still mired in the grip of this pandemic, but that is the truth of our current situation. Let me take this moment to say “Thank you”. None of what we are currently going through is easy, and everyone has been doing their very best to deal with...everything. Our entire Troy and FJUHSD community has been going well above and beyond for each other since March 13, 2020 and we are tired. It is important to stop for a moment to recognize that it is understandable that we are tired and we have all suffered loss. This recognition is helpful, at least for me, as it helps me continue to move forward with resolve.

I will say this again, I do believe the end of this pandemic is in sight and we need to hold on just a little longer. Yesterday, Dr. Anthony Fauci had some encouraging words concerning late summer and fall, and what our lives could look like if 75-80% of Americans were vaccinated by that time. Additionally, President Biden spoke about the pandemic yesterday on January 21st, and did not pull any punches.

“Let me be very clear. Things are going to continue to get worse before they get better. The Memorial we held two nights ago will not be our last one, unfortunately. The death toll will likely top 500,000 next month. The cases will continue to mount. We didn’t get into this mess overnight. That’s going to take months for us to turn things around. But let me be equally clear, we will get through this.”

Fortunately, the vaccine is here but unfortunately there is not enough of it in the hands of local health officials yet. More vaccine is on the way, and production of the vaccine is about to exponentially ramp up through the use of the *Defense Production Act* for this specific purpose. For U.S. History buffs, it was this ramp up capability that had Ford Motor Company building all kinds of things during WWII they would not normally have been building... things like tanks and airplanes. Let's go America and let's go Warriors! We will get through this!

The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a red border. At the top left is the Troy High School logo with the motto 'Fight Strong Like a Warrior'. To the right is a small photo of a person in a yellow costume. Below this is a white box with the text: 'Join us for our Virtual Open House Wednesday, January 20, 2021'. This is followed by two small photos: one of a school building and one of a group of people. Below these is a black box with white text: 'Go to www.troyhigh.com to join sessions and view presentations and videos. (Links will be activated prior to the event)'. The next section contains three small photos: a football game, a group of people, and a person in a red costume. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'Pre-Open House Sessions (5:00PM-6:00PM)' with a bulleted list of topics, and 'Open House Sessions (6:00PM-7:30PM)' with a bulleted list of topics.

Potential Warriors! (current 8th graders) Hopefully, on Wednesday you had the opportunity to join the sessions and hear the Pre-Open House session on the Troy Tech Magnet, International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Cambridge AICE program at Troy High School. If you would like to see a recording of the meeting, it has been uploaded by our Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnett, and can be found here at applicants.troyhigh.com It is important to note, **this is the LAST WEEK to submit online applications for Troy Tech/IB/Cambridge/Honors for incoming 9th grade students!**

A huge “Thank you!” to all our teachers for doing a great job with the very surreal Virtual Open House event we held on Wednesday night. I know I enjoyed going from session to session and hearing the wonderful opportunities presented in each of the subject areas presented by the people that teach the content. I know if I were current or incoming parent or student, I would have been very interested in the presentations and the opportunities to interact with the actual classroom teachers. Everyone did a fantastic job, and a special thank you to all our Department Chairs and to Assistant Principal, Mr. Lance Bletscher for organizing the Virtual

Open House event and links. It was truly a wonderful event conducted in very unique circumstances. During and since our Open House event, the communication I have received from parents and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kaufman has been very complimentary of our teachers, the sessions, and the organization of our Open House event! Thank you again! ☺



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic CIF sports have been in a holding pattern and there have been no CIF competitions as of yet. I believe as pandemic conditions improve, we will have an opportunity for some of our sports to have some competitions this spring. Pictured above is our fantastic regulation soccer field being mowed by Girls' Soccer Coach, Mr. Mike Silzer. This is an amazing field and probably the best place to watch a high school soccer match in Orange County! I am praying for high school sports to begin competitions sooner than later!

I am happy to help announce some very exciting Troy High School CyberPatriot news from Troy Cyber Coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield. *“On Saturday, January 23 (tomorrow), Troy's 51 cyber defense teams and our 22 supported middle school teams will compete in the final round of the regular season for CyberPatriot. This will feature a six-hour event with teams of up to six students will try to make their Windows and Linux computers more secure and to create a virtual network that is securely configured. There are no live hackers trying to break into their systems, but it is still a nerve-wracking long day!*

Troy is hopeful of qualifying teams for the virtual CyberPatriot Nationals competition on March 20-21 in both the Open and All-Service (think NJROTC) division. While there is a live national scoreboard during the competition, it only shows about 80% of a teams score, so we will be anxiously awaiting the final results in early February.

We have competed at Nationals for the past five years and Troy teams were National Champions in 2018 and 2019.”

I looking forward to seeing our students perform in the CyberPatriot and we have evidence they have been very well prepared for this series of challenges. Way to go, Warriors and future Warriors!

This week we received some bittersweet news from our Superintendent, Dr. Scott Scambray as he announced his retirement at the end of the school year. If you have not yet seen the announcement, it is here.

January 19, 2021

Dear FJUHSD Parents/Guardians,

I would like to share with you that after 36 years of service in the public education system, I will be retiring effective June 30, 2021. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District since July 1, 2015.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve and for the support that has been provided to me and my family over the years. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented FJUHSD administrators, teachers, students, community leaders, volunteers, parents and staff.

I am making this announcement early in the year so the Board of Trustees will have ample time to find a suitable replacement. I also want you to know that I will continue to work with you during the next six months as we continue to meet the educational challenges of this pandemic head on.

It has been an honor to work with you to provide quality experiences for the Fullerton Joint Union High School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Scambray", written in a cursive style.

Scott Scambray, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Dr. Scambray has done much of significance for our school district during his tenure as our Superintendent, and his positive contributions are indelibly left upon our schools for years to come. He still has six months left to keep doing what he does best! Dr. Scambray has most certainly earned his retirement and I know we all wish him a very long and happy retirement, with success in all his future endeavors! Thank you, Dr. Scambray for your leadership and service to our FJUSHD community!



It is the weekend! Again, these four day work weeks seem to pack at least five days into them, and I certain this one may have managed seven days. The weather forecast suggests we are about to enter a period of storms that will bring us significant rain over the next couple weeks. I hope this turns out to be true because we need the rain. However, we can do without the wind. I will still be cleaning up at home after the two-day windstorm over the weekend.

Have a great weekend, and I sincerely hope everyone will get some time to rest and relax this weekend. I think I may try to catch up on some T.V. or movies from the comfort of my sofa. Of course I may have to remove a certain sofa obstruction...

I will see everyone back in our Virtual Distance Learning world on Monday!

W.V. Mynster

