



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



February 5, 2021

Warriors,

Wow! We are already in February! This weekend is the first of two long weekends with the official recognition of Lincoln's Birthday on Monday, February 8th and then next weekend is the official recognition of Washington's Birthday on Monday February 15th. Subsequently, for the next two weeks we return to school on Tuesday, so keep that in mind. There is more great news as FJUHSD schools are also returning to Hybrid Instruction on Tuesday February 16th!



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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

Return to Hybrid Schedule on Tuesday, February 16, 2021

At the February 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees made the decision to return to the Hybrid Schedule on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

As a reminder, the Hybrid Schedule provides students the opportunity to have two in-person instructional days with all of their teachers, two days of live-streaming from their home, and one day of instruction using distance learning (Cohort A or Cohort B). The expectation for Cohorts A and B is that students will physically attend class on their assigned days. Cohort A will attend class on Monday/Thursday. Cohort B will attend class on Tuesday/Friday.

In addition, this Hybrid Schedule provides parents/guardians who may not feel comfortable having their student return to the classroom an option to view the instructional lesson from home through live streaming (Cohort C).

Sincerely,

Scott Scambay, Ed.D.
Superintendent

For students in Hybrid Cohorts A & B, pay special attention to Tuesday February 16th, as that is our first day returning to the Hybrid Instructional Model. Since we are beginning on a Tuesday, Cohort B will be the first group of students to return to in-person instruction at Troy High School!

Last week I wrote about several Troy students that were recognized the *Region-at-Large program of the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers*. This organization is well known. *"Since 1923 the Scholastic Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists when they were teenagers. We are proud to count you among our esteemed group of Alumni which include, Andy Warhol, Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Kay Walkingstick. The Scholastic Awards wish you continued success in your creative endeavors as a young writer. Congratulations again on this remarkable achievement!"*

Well, there is more great news! We have a couple more students also recognized for their work this year! In Ms. Deliana Park's English class, Mark Roychowdhury: Silver Key for his essay, *Why Utilitarianism Is the Most Effective Moral Way to Articulate and A...* submitted in the Critical Essay category. I could not find the entire title of the essay, but Ms. Park responded to my inquiry regarding his work, *"Mark effectively argued that the single most effective way to address and articulate moral issues is utilitarianism, a doctrine that prescribes actions that maximizes happiness and well-being for the affected persons. In a thoughtful manner, his paper addressed the theory's strengths and implications, and he contrasted its effectiveness to those of ethical relativism and virtual theory."*

In Ms. Carrie-Anne Snipes English class, Ariana Perez: Honorable Mention, for *I Dream of Social Justice* submitted in the Poetry category. She also earned a second Honorable Mention for *The Curse of Success and Stress* submitted in the Poetry category!

Again, congratulations to these outstanding writers! I look forward to reading these submitted works! Again, thank you to our teachers for providing the guidance and knowledge to help them with reach their potential! Great job, Warriors!

This has been **National School Counseling Week!** We appreciate our counselors and each and every one of them is of tremendous value and importance to our students and our

school's ability for students to take advantage of all the tremendous opportunities at Troy but also in preparation for College and Career! In terms of providing necessary guidance for our students, I am including again the Guidance announcement from last week this timely information all Troy students need to know for the upcoming year!

2021-2022 Course Registration as well as 2021 summer school registration for our current 9-11 grade students takes place February 2-17. Counselors will conduct grade-level registration presentations as well as explain the steps to submit the registration forms. Counselors will also be hosting grade-level registration Q&A sessions for their students and the details will be posted to their Google classrooms. Selecting the appropriate amount and level of courses for students is a family endeavor and we strongly encourage you to review the information together. Parents and students may view the registration information posted on the Troy website here: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/600>.



Assistant Principal, Mr. Lance Bletscher and I were on our way out of school a couple of days ago, about 5:15pm and we noticed this blazing red sunset. I think we looked at it for a couple of minutes before I realized I should probably get a picture. We have some great sunsets here in Fullerton, and with Troy High School in the foreground it turned out to be a great shot! Now all we need is things to begin getting back to normal around here and have students, staff, parents, athletics, etc. ...all those things we took for granted not all that long ago!



We held the first athletic contest of the 2020-21 school year when Troy hosted the first Cross Country meet with Sonora High School on a version “The Old Course” which has not been used in many, many years. To complete the race meant finishing four laps. Just being able to see student athletes on campus and competing was amazing! Additionally, our Troy Media students also livestreamed the event, and pictured below are some of our student at their mobile studio!



Unfortunately, Sonora beat Troy in what was a close meet, but there will always be the next time. Congratulations to Sonora, and when Troy competes next week, I think we will come out on top. Go Warriors!



Students! Today is the last day to submit your video for a chance to participate in Troy's Valentine's Rally organized by our amazing ASB! With all our rallies being Virtual this year, thank you to our ASB for helping us stay connected and bridge that gap between straight schoolwork and the social components of high school life. With the return of Hybrid Instructional Learning we are moving in the right direction!

Valentine's Day is now only a week away! I ran this information last week, but it remains true. Also, since last week I may or may not have ordered one of these for Mrs. Mynster. ☺ What could be better than **Singing Valentines**? Here is more information from our outstanding Troy Vocal Music Director, Mr. Mark Henson!

*“With February right around the corner, the Vocal Music Program is beginning the annual **SINGING VALENTINE** sale. Grams will be delivered virtually this year, starting February 12, and can be sent to anyone. For just \$5, the purchaser can choose from six songs sung by our own Vocal Ensemble. Please check out our [30 Second Promo](#), and feel free to share with your students and others. (Can staff members purchase Singing Valentines? Of course!) Visit vocal.troyhigh.com to purchase. As always. . . thanks for your support!”*

Troy High School has one of the best Computer Science programs in the country, perhaps the world. Our teachers and students are fantastic! It is not enough to simply learn the content in the courses, it is also what our students are able to do with that knowledge. Each year the United States Congress has a competition called the Congressional App Challenge. Our Troy students compete each year and sometimes they even win it all! This year our students won the 2020 Congressional App Challenge in Rep. Gil Cisneros' (CA 39 District). Troy students, Yanni Kouloumbis, Xuyang Zhu, Viraj Jansari, and Sean Shin are the writers of this app called "FoodForAll." Here is a link with more details from our students on how their app works!

<https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/20-CA39>



Don't drop your Tupperware container if it had apples inside. Apparently Luna really loves them and unfortunately the container became a recyclable item...a hard lesson here.

It is going to be a wonderful three day weekend! The Super Bowl is Sunday, so please responsibly enjoy the game. This year with COVID-19 responsibility has an additional layer of meaning. I don't know who I prefer to win, I just want to see a good game! I hope all of us are able to take advantage of what will be some fantastic SoCal weather! Have a BBQ and enjoy some snacks during the Super Bowl, and may your team win! I will see everyone back in our Virtual Distance Learning world on Tuesday, February 9th!

W.V. Mynster