



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



March 19, 2021

Warriors,

Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to help end this worldwide pandemic. This past Sunday, Orange County entered the Red Tier! With COVID-19 conditions improving each day, we are seeing students return to in school learning, and sports are back and up and running! Below are today's COVID-19 statistics from the Orange County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard. Remember, a county has to stay in a tier for three weeks before they can move to a less restrictive tier, which would be next be the orange tier. I have also included the web link if you would like to look at the data on this webpage, as it is very informative.

Adjusted Daily Case Rate per 100,000 is 4 (7-Day Average with 7-Day Lag)

Test Positivity Rate is 2.2%(7-Day Average with 7-Day Lag)

Health Equity Quartile Positivity Rate is 3.5%(7-Day Average with 7-Day Lag)

Tests per 100,000 is 312.9(7-Day Average with 7-Day Lag)

<https://ochca.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/cc4859c8c522496b9f21c451de2fedae>

The Troy school atmosphere is starting to regain some of the old feel all of us know and love. This school year will never fully get back to normal, but we are going to do the best we can with the tools and options available!

Last week I included our FJUHSD March COVID Newsletter and here it is again as the information contained therein regarding State and County guidance, vaccines, frequently asked questions, and links to other relevant sites is a very useful.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zrCFVjG6Pyv7iXsSqTKligmO0kVkPzIh4w_FJ2h_m8A/edit?ts=604a8b30



Of course this next statement is redundant, but after a year of COVID-19 I enjoy making it...“It has been a very, very, busy week. All our sports seasons are running and today we have the end of the Water Polo season, Baseball, Boys’ Soccer (pictured above in their game against La Mirada High School. We unfortunately lost 0-1, but they will rebound today), and last but not least, our first home Freeway League Football game vs. Sonora High School is tonight at 7:00pm! Admission to the game may not be purchased at the stadium and is very limited. We will be livestreaming two events today and here are the links!

03-19-2021	Friday	03:00PM - 04:00PM	Buena Park	Water Polo, Girls	https://youtu.be/jaCj89bZuV4
03-19-2021	Friday	07:00PM - 10:00PM	Sonora	Football (11 man)	https://youtu.be/7_uw4vm_fao

Go Warriors!

Warriors! Troy High School Community Red Cross Blood Drive is today and blood donations are still needed! The opportunity for you to donate is next today from **1:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at the **First Evangelical Church**, located at 2801 Brea Blvd, Fullerton CA 92835.

If you are over 17 years old, willing, and able, you may still **Sign up here:**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TROYfullerton>

Also, make your experience even better by using [Rapid Pass](#) the day of our drive to check in and get through the process more quickly. All COVID safety precautions will be in place!

Advanced Placement Students! This is Very Important

AP Examination Information!! Also more info is on the way!

AP Students! I am including from last week the following information on AP Exams and my thoughts on improving your chances of success on the exams. Please know that more information will also be coming from our Troy Counseling Department and Troy Counselor, and AP Testing Coordinator, Ms. Lisa Avila shortly upon our return from Spring Break, so keep your eye open for upcoming information!

AP Exams are coming and exams have been ordered for any AP students that desire to take the AP examinations this spring. Troy AP Coordinator and Counselor, Ms. Lisa Avila confirmed that we ordered 3280 exams for our students effective yesterday, March 11th.

While schools throughout the world are still in varying degrees of in-person, hybrid, and distance learning, with the improving pandemic conditions College Board has issued testing dates and options for students around the world who would like to take the AP Exams this year.

At Troy High School we will be holding the traditional in-person examinations in the **AP Testing Administration 1 from May 3-7, 10-12, 14, & 17.** *“Traditional, full-length paper and pencil exams, administered in school, for all subjects.”*

AP Testing Administration 2 from May 18-21, 24-28. *“Half of the subjects are paper and pencil, administered in school, and half are full-length digital exams, administered in school or taken at home due to coronavirus precautions.”*

AP Testing Administration 3 from June 1-4, 7-11. *“Most subjects are full-length digital exams only, administered in school or taken at home due to coronavirus precautions.”*

For AP students, it is important to realize that not all testing administrations are the same and there are distinct advantages to the first exam administration and why I believe **AP Exam Administration 1** is the best chance for a student to do well on the AP Exams. College Board also writes, *“Schools that can safely administer paper and pencil exams or digital exams in school buildings or at other school-proctored locations should do so.”*

“Students are more likely to face fewer disruptions than when attempting to take a test at home.”

“Not all courses have an at-home digital exam option due to fairness and security concerns.”

AP Testing Administration 1 from May 3-7, 10-12, 14, & 17 is the preferred testing option for students at Troy High School, as this is the only testing administration with which your teachers have any familiarity. It is also the only AP examination administration with which students have been practicing the AP testing format as part of the routine class assessments in your AP classes. In terms of exam day safety, all staff and students will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and our exams will be held in safe testing conditions.

In AP Testing Administrations 2 and 3 the exams, even for the few that are written exams, they are totally different from the exams in Administration 1. In both subsequent testing administrations Troy students will take the digital versions of the AP Exam at home except in subjects in which they **must** take either the written or digital version at school.

College Board allows schools to pick the student testing options that work best for the school. In our case with the number of students and exams being taken, Administration 2 falls during Senior Finals, Troy High School Finals, and Graduation Week. We don't have enough classrooms to handle in school digital AP Exams. In Administration 3 we are in Summer School, and have far fewer staff on hand, so students would also be taking the digital versions of the AP Exams at home, except in cases where paper and pencil or in school-computer based exams must be taken.

One last thought on AP Exam Administrations 2 & 3, for students taking the digital exams, they lose the ability to go back and forth between questions on the exam. This means that the first time a student looks at the question they need to answer that question at that time. The student cannot skip that question and go back later, which as we know, on a paper pencil exam, this is a strategy which helps a student gain confidence as they answer the questions they know and then go to the questions with which they feel less confident.

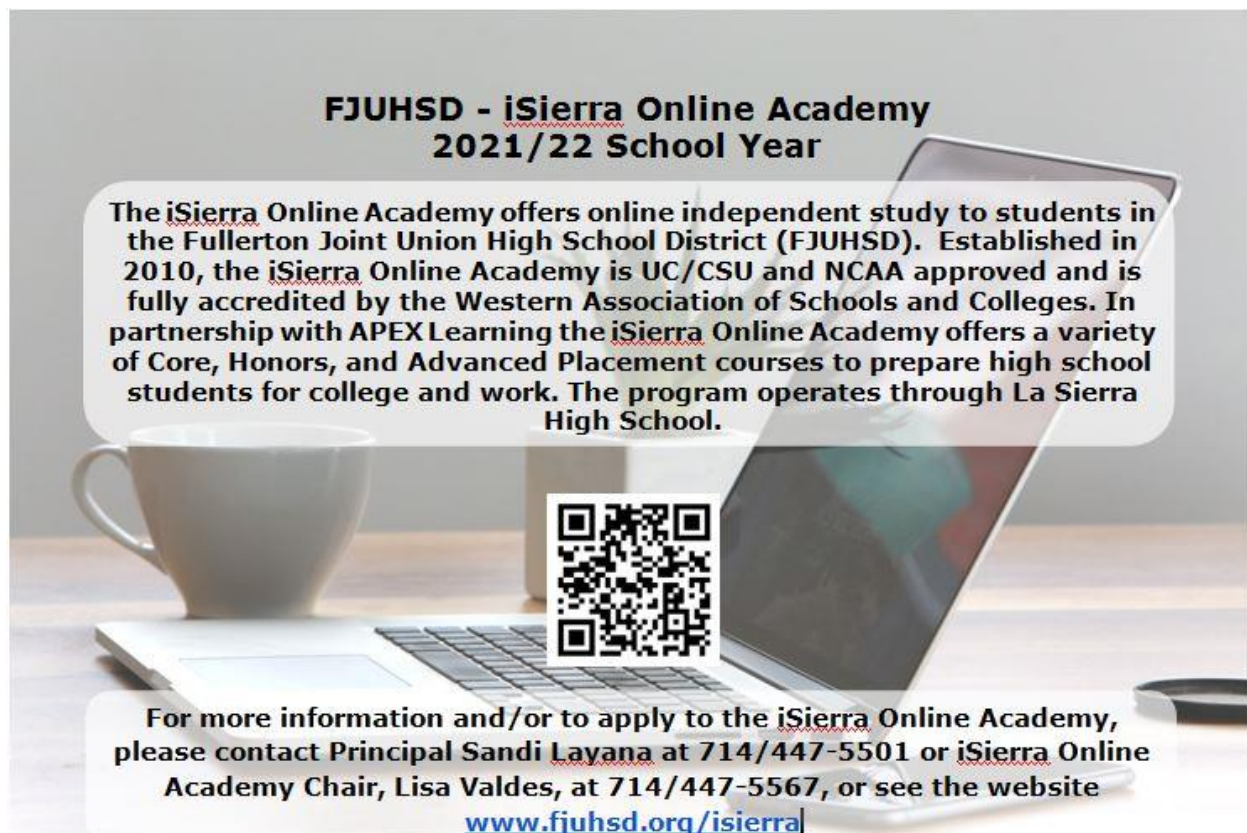
Troy's AP Teachers have prepared their students to the best of their ability and their students have learned to the best of their ability in these COVID circumstances. College Board is giving the full AP length examinations in Testing Administrations 1, 2, & 3 with the full knowledge that this has not been a normal year for students anywhere on the planet. I am certain Troy's students will do well this year and I look forward to the results later this summer. Go Warriors!

Last week as I was writing about some awards received by our students I miswrote which awards were received by our two Kumar family sisters at Troy High School. Here is the correction. Ashmita Kumar received the NCWIT Regional Winner Award and Amisha Kumar received the Regional Honorable Mention award from NCWIT. Whew! Both of these Troy students are involved in quite a bit at Troy and it is difficult to keep up with them. Here is an event they are running this weekend through their G-TEC club! "Join the G-TEC club at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 20th, for beginner HTML and CSS lessons! Anyone can come, but we especially encourage girls to listen in. All you need is a functioning Chromebook. The Zoom link is:

<https://fjuhsdorg.zoom.us/j/6544089513?pwd=ZTNLWm1hQW44TVlrY1QzN3BGU0VzUT09>,

the meeting ID is 654 408 9513, and the password is 407084. Please RSVP at this link:

<https://forms.gle/mBt5CcfbqpgjFYJBA>."



**FJUHSD - iSierra Online Academy
2021/22 School Year**

The iSierra Online Academy offers online independent study to students in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD). Established in 2010, the iSierra Online Academy is UC/CSU and NCAA approved and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In partnership with APEX Learning the iSierra Online Academy offers a variety of Core, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses to prepare high school students for college and work. The program operates through La Sierra High School.

For more information and/or to apply to the iSierra Online Academy, please contact Principal Sandi Layana at 714/447-5501 or iSierra Online Academy Chair, Lisa Valdes, at 714/447-5567, or see the website www.fjuhsd.org/isierra

You may be wondering why I am including this information on the FJUHSD iSierra Online Academy? iSierra has existed since 2010 and is a fully accredited online school which is unlike the current instruction that was authorized by California Legislation, SB98 which created the current Hybrid and Online Learning models that have existed because of the pandemic. Our

current Hybrid and Online Learning Model goes away with the end SB98 which ends on June 30, 2021 and California schools will return to regular comprehensive school education five days a week Fall, 2021. *“The distance learning and Principal Apportionment statutes established in SB 98 and SB 820 will become inoperative on June 30, 2021. All of the instructional time and attendance accounting requirements in place prior to FY 2020–21 will be back in effect for FY 2021–22 (California Department of Education).”*

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/pafaqs.asp#:~:text=When%20does%20SB%2098%20become,effect%20for%20FY%202021%E2%80%9322>.

Here is the text of a message regarding our schools reopening in the Fall sent on March 18, 2021 by our Superintendent in a emailed communication to our FJUHSD community.

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

The District is considering instructional models for the 2021/22 school year. While it is too soon to determine exactly what those will look like under the current conditions, the District is planning to safely transition to a traditional instructional model of in-classroom instruction five days/week when the school year begins in August. There will also be a distance learning option through the iSierra Online Academy.

It is very encouraging that for the first time since November, Orange County is back in the less restrictive Red Tier of the state’s COVID-19 monitoring system. Red indicates substantial transmission rather than widespread. With our county falling below the three major thresholds of the California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, Orange County officially moved to the red tier on Sunday, March 14, 2021, two days earlier than expected.

We will send additional information as plans are developed. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,

Scott Scambray, Ed.D.

Superintendent

From Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum-Bonnett is this updated information for students in Troy Tech! *“This past Tuesday evening, the Troy Tech Internship Advisors hosted the annual meeting for Troy Tech Juniors planning for summer internships on Zoom. Between the different meeting times, we had 484 join. It is exciting to see this class prepare for their summer internships which can be virtual or in-person as decided by the student and site. If*

you are a Troy Tech Junior or Junior parent and you missed this important meeting, please review the recording that was emailed to parents and posted on Google classroom. Thank you.”



The Troy Support Organization (TSO) is proud to present “Warrior Showcase” a virtual gala to celebrate and raise money for the many amazing programs/teams/clubs at Troy. The virtual event is being produced by our own Troy Tech Media Pathways students with content provided by our partner groups. The virtual Gala will be livestreamed to Troy supporters on Saturday April 17th from 5:00-6:30 PM. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.thetroydifference.org/> The following campus groups/clubs/teams have already signed-up to partner with us: Aquatics, Band, Boys Basketball, Boys Soccer, Cheer, Choir, Cyber Defense, Dance, Football, NJROTC, Red Cross Club, Science Olympiad, Theatre, Girls Volleyball. It’s not too late to add your club/team or campus group to the list but we need to hear from you before the end of March. For more information or to contact us visit <https://www.thetroydifference.org/> or email us at TSO@thetroydifference.org We look forward to celebrating with all of you on April 17th.

Troy NJROTC qualifies for another National academic tournament!

Our NJROTC program at Troy High School is outstanding, and each year our cadets improve. Here is some news from Commander Lauper regarding our cadets! *It gives me great pleasure to announce that Troy High School NJROTC has qualified as one of eight Navy JROTC teams to compete in the College Options Foundation Joint Leadership and Academic Bowl. This is a Quizbowl type format that normally takes place at Catholic University in Washington, DC at the end of June. Congratulations to the Fullerton Army JROTC, who will be representing the Army at the competition.*

Our CyberPatriot teams are competing in the National Finals this weekend. Our Drill Team is preparing for the virtual nationals. We expect to have our SeaPerch underwater robots conduct in pool runs next week in preparation for the International SeaPerch competition. Go Troy NJROTC!!! Here is the link to our latest NJROTC newsletter:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mk2iR2GxVQ5wANXwFKDo760sUww4Hkgg/view>



Here we go again! Two Troy teams have qualified for the CyberPatriot National Finals this weekend! Here is more information from Cyber Defense Teacher and Coach, Mr. Allen Stubblefield! *Troy Cyber started the year in August with 300 Troy HS students filling 51 teams*

split between the Open Division (open to all students @ Troy) and the All-Service Division (open to only Troy NJROTC cadets). We are thrilled to see TWO Troy Cyber teams advance to the virtual CyberPatriot Nationals, the 19th and 20th teams to qualify, a record for the CyberPatriot competition.

Troy's Teams:

- 1. **RunTime Terror:** Brian Ni (captain, 10th grade), Johnny Ni (10th grade), Justin Huang (11th grade), Chan Chung (10th grade), Anna Wu (9th grade), Taiyu Chen (9th grade). All-Service Division. Coached by John-Michael Linares, Troy '15 HS grad*
- 2. **A Certain Scientific Cybersecurity Team:** Roy Ren (captain, 12th grade), Junha Kim (12th grade), Sky Jung (12th grade), Kenneth Tang (12th grade), Kyle Hsu (10th grade), Sammy Hajhamid (10th grade). Coached by Allen Stubblefield*

*In the competition, teams will be spending 3.5 hours on **Saturday morning** trying to make a small company's network and computers as safe and secure as possible while trying to fend off live hackers!!! That **afternoon**, the team has 90 minutes to configure a computer network and complete a quiz.*

Saturday, 8-8:45 am PT, Opening Ceremony, streamed live at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8SpXrD2Ylw9j3g_DEZNjg

Sunday, 3:30-4:30 pm PT, Awards Ceremony, streamed live at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8SpXrD2Ylw9j3g_DEZNjg

I wanted to share this fantastic story from two soon to be graduates of Troy's 2021 senior class! I asked them for permission to share their goals and path to college.

Hey Warriors! Our names are Alyssa Wong and Trinity Nguyen, and we were recently accepted into a direct entry medical school program.

Alyssa

I have always known I wanted to enter the medical field. However, I simply figured I would follow in the pharmacy footsteps of my two older sisters. Sometime between my sophomore and junior years, I started considering other professional medical disciplines. I am blessed to have been able to complete an in-person Troy Tech internship at a medical center, where I had the opportunity to interact with and care for patients. These experiences solidified my desire to become a physician!

Applying to medical school involved countless drafts of personal statements, volunteer experiences, perspective essays, and more. The application process contained a thorough vetting of myself as an applicant, and, if granted, an interview with the board of medicine. My counselor, Mrs. Avila, supported me by helping to research the requirements for each program and supplying the necessary information and documentation. I am so thankful for the staff and student support I received from Troy.

Trinity

My junior year, I was set on becoming an engineer. When it came time for me to find a senior internship for the Troy Tech program, I tried to find something within the engineering field, but was not successful. I had to fall back on a family friend of mine, who offered me a position at a medical clinic. The simple feeling of putting on gloves and walking into exam rooms, knowing that I was helping people was what made me want to pursue a career in the medical field. I am so grateful to Troy High and the senior internship for helping find my passion for medicine.

Applying to medical school was so different from applying to undergraduate colleges. There were various rounds that each applicant had to get through in order to finally be accepted into the program. The last part of it all was an interview, which I thankfully had experience with due to the senior internship. This truly helped me be successful in my application to medical school.

Alyssa and Trinity, these are wonderful success stories and we wish you nothing but the best in the future! I think the key takeaway from anyone reading about your path to medical school is that both of you had to find your passion, learn what you need to do to reach your goal, and then put in the work and make it happen! This is true for all of us no matter what our goals or what we wish to do after high school! My brother is an Emergency Room MD. I am Principal at Troy High School (the greatest high school in the world). My brother and I took two very different paths to reach our goals, but both of us followed the aforementioned steps. There are no shortcuts! All of us Troy are here for a reason, and preparing for college and career is #1!

Go Warriors!

Warriors, tomorrow Spring Break begins! We have earned the time off for sure! Have a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable break. I plan on being here a lot, with various sporting events that

will be running all week, including another home football game next Friday night! Regardless, I know when I get home tonight or any day of the week, I will be greeted by Mrs. Mynster and Luna when I get home. Ok, so Luna may be a little over the top... she is moving fast so some of the images are a little blurry...



Have a wonderful week! Spring Break is March 20—28th and we return to school on March 29th! I look forward to seeing everyone back here after Spring Break, but if I also see you next week at some events, I look forward to that as well!

W.V. Mynster