



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



March 29, 2024

Drawn by Mrs. Shannon Cogswell, 2024.

Warriors, one week back from Spring Break! I hope everyone came back well rested and ready for the final sprint for the last quarter of the year. While it is true many of us may have taken vacation, some of us went on college visits, or worked around the house, or in the case of our NJROTC, they were busy travelling around the country participating in various events. In this edition of the *Warrior Weekly*, there are many events involving our cadets as they were competing in Orienteering and CyberPatriot events over Spring Break.

There is a fun International Baccalaureate event next week after school. From Troy IB Teacher, Ms. Laurelin Varieur, “Next week on **Tuesday (April 2)**, the Philosophy/T.O.K. junior class will be hosting the *Theory of Knowledge Community Exhibition* in the 500 Building hallway from 3:30-5:30. It will be like a mini Troy Tech fair, and we have one student who is going to provide live background piano music!

We're partnering with the T.O.K. class at Sunny Hills, so we'll have about 60 kids contributing to this exhibition. Parents are also invited!" If you have not seen this display in the past, it is interesting and speaking with our students and asking questions about what they learned is always worthwhile. Come check it out!

CAASPP TESTING SCHEDULE APRIL 2024				
1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday
(Science)	(Science)	(0 per only) (CAT*)	(0 per only) (PT*) (science**)	English/Math Day 1 (CAT)
		0: 7:28 - 9:28*	0: 7:28 - 9:28/**	0: 7:28 - 8:25
1: 8:30- 10:30	2: 8:30- 10:30	1: 9:33 - 10:20	1: 9:33 - 10:20	1: 8:30- 10:30
break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45	2: 10:25 - 11:12	2: 10:25 - 11:12	break: 10:30 - 10:45
3: 10:50 - 12:50	4: 10:50 - 12:50	break 11:12-11:27	break 11:12-11:27	3: 10:50 - 12:50
lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	3: 11:32 - 12:19	3: 11:32 - 12:19	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25
5: 1:30 - 3:30	6: 1:30 - 3:30	4: 12:24 - 1:11	4: 12:24 - 1:11	5: 1:30 - 3:30
		lunch 1:11-1:46	lunch 1:11-1:46	
		5: 1:51 - 2:38	5: 1:51 - 2:38	
		6: 2:43 - 3:30	6: 2:43 - 3:30	
8 Monday	9 Tuesday	10 Wednesday	11 Thursday	12 Friday
English/Math Day 1 (CAT)	English/Math Day 2 (PT)	English/Math Day 2 (PT)		
0: 7:28 - 8:25	0: 7:28 - 8:25	0: 7:28 - 8:25	LATE START	REGULAR
2: 8:30- 10:30	1: 8:30- 10:30	2: 8:30- 10:30	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45	break: 10:30 - 10:45		
4: 10:50 - 12:50	3: 10:50 - 12:50	4: 10:50 - 12:50		
lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25	lunch: 12:50 - 1:25		
6: 1:30 - 3:30	5: 1:30 - 3:30	6: 1:30 - 3:30		
15 Monday	16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday (LATE START)	19 Friday
22	23	24	25 IB Testing Starts	26 IB Testing
29 IB/CAM Testing	30 IB/CAM Testing	1 IB/CAM Testing	2 IB/CAM Testing	3 AP/IB/CAM Testing
6 AP/IB/CAM Testing	7 AP/IB/CAM Testing	8 AP/IB/CAM Testing	9 AP/IB/CAM Testing	10 AP/IB/CAM Testing
13 AP/IB/CAM Testing	14 AP/IB/CAM Testing	15 AP/IB/CAM Testing	16 AP/IB/CAM Testing	17 AP/IB/CAM Testing
20 CAM Testing Starts	21 CAM Testing Starts	22 CAM Testing Starts	23 CAM Testing Starts	24
If students are absent and miss any CAASPP test, they will be pulled the following day to make up their test. So students, do your best to attend each day during the testing season because it will impact your other classes if you are absent.				

Troy High School! Next the week and a half we move into CAASPP testing for our 11th graders in English, Math, and Science. For all students, we are in an odd and even class Block Schedules on April 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, & 10th. On April 3, and 4, zero period is in block and the rest the periods, 1 through 6 are shorter than normal. Regular CAASPP testing ends on April 10th, and on April 11th we have a Late Start Schedule and then we return to our regular schedule on April 12th.

To our 11th graders who are taking the CAASPP exams, these California State exams are not testing you on new material. Instead, it is material you have learned over your time in high school. The best preparation for you is to get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast either at home

or at school, and come to school ready to do your best! Our 11th graders typically perform well on these assessments, and I believe this year will be a great year for our students. These exams are also a big deal, as they are reflected in the California School Dashboard which ranks schools on the basis almost entirely on how students in each demographic perform on the CAASPP exams. Subsequently, how students do is a reflection upon our school and the overall combined student performance is categorized, calculated and put into colors ranging from blue to red with percentages indicating increasing or decreasing scores. These scoring results by students as a school, can be seen by everyone, including colleges and universities, which gives a snapshot of what our students know not just from letter grades in classes, but from an independent metric, not unlike AP, IB, or Cambridge AS / A level examinations. 11th graders, give it your best effort, and show what you know in Math, English, and Science! Let's go Warriors!

Mental Health Resources:

FJUHSD Virtual Calming Room: <https://sites.google.com/fjuhsd.org/fjuhsd-virtual-calming-room/home>

FJUHSD Mental Health Resources: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/1476>

OC Support and Crisis Resources: <https://www.namioc.org/help-support-overview>

[Your Health Matters! March, 2024](#) This is a new, wonderful resource! Check it out!



Niche 2024 Best Schools

We love Troy High School! It is also rewarding to see when other entities that rank schools also agree, and reward the hard work of our Students, Teachers, Parents, Counselors, Staff, FJUHSD Board and Administrators! Thank you, Warrior Family!

www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/districts/fullerton-joint-union-high/troy-high-school-2247.



At the beginning of Spring Break, Troy had two teams competing in the CyberPatriot National Championship in Washington D.C.! Pictured above is Team W.A.T.T (We Are Troy Tech) who won the National Championship in the All-Services Division! This is the first time for our cadets and they are surrounded by their proud coaches! The members of W.A.T.T are: Michael Xiong (10th grade) and team Captain, Jacky Feng (9th grade), Alex Wang (10th grade), Craig Wu (10th grade), Liwei Xia (10th grade), Jacob Yu (10th grade). They performed extraordinarily well in the various cyber challenges and brought home another (our 5th?) in cyber! Looking at the age of this team, they are going to have a few chances at earning some more! Congratulations, and fantastic job, to these Warriors, their Coaches, and Parents!

Troy Parents, from our Counselors and Administrative Team, here is some important information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)!

Dear Troy High School Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to provide you with information on state legislation, AB 469. The legislation requires **all California seniors to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA)**, and FJUHSD is required to confirm the submission of either application per California Ed Code Section 51225.7. This requirement expands financial aid opportunities for students who may not have the resources to attend a two-year community college or a four-year college or university. **The next steps in this process are as follows: If your student is a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, they complete the FAFSA**

- The FAFSA is open and has a priority closing deadline of April 2, 2024.
- You and your child must create an FSA ID. Your FSA ID is a digital signature used to sign the

FAFSA application. *Create your FSA ID now at:*

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

- For informational videos, access their YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FederalStudentAid/featured>

If your student is undocumented, has or does not have DACA, has Temporary Protected Status or is a U Visa holder, they complete the CADAA

- The CADAA is open and has a priority closing deadline of April 2, 2024.
- The CADAA application as well as resources may be found here:

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

- The CADAA allows students to apply for state financial aid

The School Counseling Department will be hosting financial aid workshops to help senior students complete either application. Keep an eye on emails regarding these events. If you wish to opt out of completing either financial aid form, have your student see their school counselor during drop-in times for an opt-out form. Please note, opting out means your student will not receive potential federal or state student aid.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important part of your child's senior year.
Sincerely,

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Dear FJUHS Students, Staff, and Community,

We hope everyone is doing well and is refreshed and rejuvenated following our recent spring recess. As we prepare for the final nine weeks of the school year, we would like to provide an update pertaining to recent developments in the fiscal landscape within California, and its potential implications to the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS).

In our ongoing commitment to transparency and informed discourse, it is important to address the reports surrounding the projected budget shortfall in California for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Historically, the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) issues a preliminary forecast in the fall to the state assembly and senate, and the Governor uses the Department of Finance projections as the foundation for the Governor's budget proposal in January. This cycle informs the potential expansion or contraction of state-funded initiatives, including public education. Recent projections from both the LAO and the Governor's office indicate a projected multi-billion-dollar shortfall, which understandably raises concerns about funding for K-12 education.

The ramifications of these projections and the ongoing deliberations in Sacramento have led to some local discussions about the possibility of potential staffing and programmatic adjustments in various school districts. During our recent School Board meeting in March, our Board of Trustees and our community received an update on the overall state of our budget from our Assistant Superintendent Business Services, Mr. Ruben Hernandez. We are pleased to share the District continues its long-standing tradition of a strong financial position, a testament to the strategic foresight over the years of our Board of Trustees, effective partnerships with our certificated and classified associations, and support from our community.

Consequently, we want to assure everyone FJUHS is well-positioned financially. The current projected state-level fiscal challenges will not necessitate lay-offs of our workforce, reduction of programs, nor cause significant budgetary constraints for the 2024-25 school year. Our commitment remains steadfast in fostering a learning environment with robust safety measures, comprehensive mental health and academic support services, continuous professional development opportunities to enrich student learning experiences, and the pursuit of innovative strategies to promote the success of ALL students.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our Board of Trustees for their visionary leadership, our dedicated staff across all sectors for their unwavering commitment to our students' welfare, and to our families and community partners for their invaluable contributions. Together, our collective efforts continue to distinguish FJUHS as a beacon of educational excellence, showing just why FJUHS is the Place to Be!

Thank you for taking the time to read this important message. We wish all of our students success in the final stretch of the school year and look forward to celebrating our Senior Class of 2024 during our upcoming graduation ceremonies.

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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24-25 COURSE REQUEST CONFIRMATION

MONDAY, MARCH 25 - FRIDAY, APRIL 5



During this window, you will be able to view your 2024-2025 course requests in Aeries. If you wish to make changes to your requested course(s), see your school counselor **in person** during drop-in times.

Please scan the QR code to ensure you meet the prerequisites on the appropriate registration presentation.

*This will be your **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to modify your 2024-2025 course requests (other than leveling down or dropping an extra class). After Friday, April 5, your courses for the fall semester will be finalized.*



All of these photos both on this page and the next represent NJROTC cadets involved in Orienteering events both in Charlotte, North Carolina and in Washington State near the Columbia River gorge. Our teams travelled and ran on challenging and exciting courses on both sides of the country. The pictures on the left are both N. Carolina, and on the right and on the following page, the photos are from Washington. In both cases our cadets performed well, and in Washington our team ended up as the Orienteering USA JROTC Varsity National Runner Up,

Interscholastic Varsity 3rd in Nation, JROTC JV 3rd in Nation, Interscholastic Intermediate (freshmen) National Runners Up. Congratulations to all our Cadets, Coaches, and Parents!



Troy's NJROTC has quickly become a force in the world of Orienteering competitions and it has been with the considerable support and knowledge of our NJROTC instructors being able to help them prepare and knock down the obstacles that prevent success! Great job, NJROTC!



There have been a few changes in the Front Office in the past month or so. Here are all the Troy Family members that are either new to Troy, or new to their positions. From left to right; Ms. Jillian Belmudez is our Senior Records Clerk taking over the role supporting Athletics, Activities, and Guidance. Ms. Belmudez comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge from La Habra High School. Ms. Julie Salazar came to us by way of Downey Unified School District and previously from La Vista / La Sierra where in both districts she worked as a Senior Records Clerk. Ms. Salazar is working in Attendance and is the first person everyone sees coming through the front doors. Ms. Amanda Rodriguez used to work as a police dispatcher for a local police department but also worked at Troy as a substitute in Attendance for much of the past year. We were excited to bring her on full time and she is now in the Registrar position. Ms. Noemi Vargas Segura vacated the role now held by Ms. Jillian Belmudez, and moved to the Senior Records Clerk position in Attendance. Ms. Courtney Shirk moved from Registrar to ASB / Activities Senior Records Clerk. On the far right, last but not least is Ms. Kati Lawson who has been with us at Troy for many years as an Instructional Aide, and has become the APSS/APPS Senior Records Clerk which is a new position in FJUHS. Whew! When you have the opportunity come on up and meet all our new and recently promoted employees! This is an outstanding group added to our staff, and we are excited to have a full compliment of team members to help our Troy Family and community be the best we can be!



Last night our Troy NJROTC held their Military Ball (Milball) 2024. For the second year in a row, it was held at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library. It is a formal event and the men were in dress uniforms and the ladies had the option to be in formal dresses. There was even ballroom dancing as demonstrated by some brave cadets, who learned how to dance through the lunchtime instruction for the past few months from Master Chief Eduardo David. All of them are braver than I would have been in high school! There were also multiple toasts, a formal dinner and then dancing until the night ended. This was the best Troy Milball that I can remember and I am looking forward to next year. Thank you to our cadets, our NJROTC Boosters and our simply outstanding NJROTC Instructional Team! Great job, Warriors!



When I get home today, this could well be the look I will receive depending upon if Luna realizes I am home before I walk through the front door. In this photo Luna is looking down from the upstairs landing, and this will quickly turn into her running downstairs and then doggie launch airborne mode into me before I set down my papers...Not a terrible way to be greeted.

11th graders, get some extra sleep and be ready for the California State Exams (CAASPP) in English, Math, and Science! This is the chance to show what you know and you want to be at your very best! Let's go, Warriors!

I hope everyone has an equally fantastic start to their weekend! If you celebrate Easter, have a wonderful Easter Sunday. No matter what, have a great weekend and try to stay dry as best you are able. It is going to be another atmospheric river type rainy weekend, which is supposed to begin sometime tonight and last until sometime on Monday. Plan accordingly and when you are out and about, give yourself some extra time to get where you are going. Have a wonderful weekend and I will see everyone back here on Monday!

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