



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



April 16, 2021

Resident Artist-Ms. Shannon Cogswell

Warriors,

It has been a very busy week for everyone! We have a little more than a month left in the 2020-21 school year and graduation right around the corner on May 27th @ 7:00pm! Our A/B cohort students are coming back to in person school four days a week beginning this coming Monday! Yaaaaay! ☺ This truly is a fantastic opportunity for students as we wrap up the year and especially for those students preparing for their AP exams, which begin the first week of May. Thank you to our Board of Education and Superintendent for making this possible!



Tuesday night at the FJUSD Board of Trustees Meeting, our CyberPatriot National Championship All Service Division championship team, ***Runtime Terror*** and coaches were recognized in the first in-person recognitions since the beginning of the pandemic. Pictured on

the prior page is the hardware won by CyberPatriot Champions, *Runtime Terror* and also a picture taken by the proud parents of Brian Ni, featuring the team, coaches, principal, and our Superintendent. ☺ Again congratulations to team *Runtime Terror* members, 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), and coaches, Mr. Stubblefield, Mr. David Kim, and Mr. Christian Nguyen! Team *Runtime Terror* is a young team and they are going to do their best to defend and attempt to repeat their championship next year!


From Commander Lauper, other members of Troy's NJROTC have also been busy. On March 27th, Troy team took 1st in the Area 11 Brain Brawl and won the State Championship. They will be going to the Virtual Nationals on April 24th. "On Saturday, April 3, our West Coast Warriors drill team competed virtually at the 2021 NJROTC Nationals Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship." The awards ceremony for Nationals is today, and we will know more about how Troy did in this particular NJROTC Virtual National Championship soon. Last but not least, Lt. Roger Fronek reported our NJROTC Marksmanship team competed in a remote competition two weeks ago and finished 7th and 10th out of 89 teams competing from all around the country. This team has really stepped it up over the past couple years and they have become a competitive force in Troy's NJROTC! Great job, Warriors!



From Troy eSports Coach, Mr. David Kim, "After another successful six-week regular season this semester in NASEF, all three of our Rocket League teams have advanced to regional playoffs! Congratulations to Kyle Son, Riley Donn, Jordan Moses, and Ajay Liu from Troy Warriors Red who went 5-1; William Rowley, Johny Eskandar, Joseph Nguyen, and Avaneesh Nagarkar from Troy Warriors Black who went 4-2; and Ryan Breslin, Brandon Ballon, Noah Blanding, and William Barrett from Troy Warriors White who went 3-3! Playoffs will be this


Saturday, so be sure to follow our teams at <https://nasef.leaguespot.gg> as they aim to qualify for nationals!”

Nothing can replace in-person learning. However, for those wanting an online learning experience, FJUHSd does offer an online learning option. The iSierra Online Academy has existed since 2010 and is fully accredited to serve the needs of students wishing to be online!

The graphic features a dark background with glowing blue lines that resemble a network or circuitry. At the top, the title "FJUHSd - ISIERRA ONLINE ACADEMY 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR" is displayed in bold white text. Below this, a white text box contains the following information: "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." A QR code is positioned in the center of the graphic. At the bottom, another white text box provides contact information: "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".

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Troy Students, our *Student Advocates for Mental Health (SAMH)* committee and their advisor Ms. Alexandria Williamson Gillespie, also our ASB Advisor and English Language Arts teacher is hosting another special event! *Today, FRIDAY, April 16th, at 2:00 PM, SAMH will be hosting a 45 minute interactive webinar, where they will be discussing tips on how to decrease stress and anxiety as well as equipping you with helpful language to assist you in identifying the various emotions you may be feeling. If you attend this webinar, you will receive a certificate that will confirm your participation! Register for the event using this link: <https://fjuhsd-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsce6tpzgpHNB6jdLr0SG1RgnJf81te> SU*

Hope to see you there!

Warrior Family, I have included the FJUHSD COVID Newsletter and with all the changes as we clearly see the “light at the end of the tunnel.” This is a great month to take a closer look. There is much information from a variety of vetted sources. Here is the link!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VVJIJ4Vu-XTk-kw2jhvrzAR2gX2rK7zakd8Daf1IcY/edit?ts=6074d2a2>



This fantastic event is finally here! On Saturday 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. Our TSO President, Mr. Daryl Bowman wrote, *“Troy Supporters please join The Troy Support Organization (TSO) in supporting Troy High School and its many amazing programs. TSO is hosting our first ever virtual Gala ‘Warrior Showcase’ this Saturday April 17th from 5 till 6:30. Please visit <https://www.thetroydifference.org> for more information and to purchase a ticket for only \$20. 90% of Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly back to the Troy partner program that you choose to support when you purchase a ticket. The virtual gala is being produced by our very own Troy Tech Media pathways students and will be livestreamed to your computer or mobile device. Please show your support for Troy and its many amazing programs.”* This is an amazing event, and while we have been fortunate to hold it at the Nixon Library and Summit House, with the pandemic winding down we are in

this Virtual world. Next year we will be having this as a live event once again, however for this year, come out and enjoy this event from your computer or mobile device and then plan on attending in person, our 2022 TSO Warrior Gala!

This following story ran in the *EdSource Newsletter* on April 6th and indicates the direction Governor Newsom is taking California and Public Education as the pandemic winds to a close.

Gov. Newsom expects full in-person fall return to school after state scraps color-coded tiers

Gov. Gavin Newsom and state health officials said Tuesday they [expect all schools](#) and higher education institutions to open for full-time in-person instruction in the fall, following the announcement that California intends to [retire](#) its “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” color-coded tier system on June 15.

Some believe the announcement will set the tone for debate with the Legislature during the annual “May Revision” of the state budget about whether schools will be mandated to offer in-person instruction in the fall. Derick Lennox, director of Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs for the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, also predicts a debate over whether districts will be allowed or required to offer distance learning as an exception to full in-person instruction for those families that request.

Since August 2020, [the tier system has guided](#) when schools can or can’t reopen for in-person instruction, requiring them to be out of the most restrictive “purple” tier for at least two weeks in order to bring students back into the classroom.

After reaching a milestone of more than 20 million vaccine doses administered in California, including 4 million to the state’s low-income communities hardest hit by the pandemic, state officials promised to move toward ending the tier system. However, the state must continue to have enough vaccine supply to meet the demand and Covid-related hospitalizations must remain low.

Newsom said he “expects” all K-12 schools and community colleges to offer in-person instruction after the state eliminates the tier system, though it’s unclear what individual school districts will decide to do after most end the traditional school year by June 15.

“I want kids back in school safely for in-person instruction,” Newsom said. “On June 15, we anticipate there will be no barrier to getting all of our kids safely back, not just K-12, community colleges, including institutions of higher learning.”

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said he also sees a way for schools to return safely in the fall.

“I share Governor Newsom’s optimism that as conditions continue to improve, and as all Californians continue common-sense measures, such as continuing to wear a mask and getting vaccinated, there is a clear pathway to a safe and full return to in-person teaching and learning this fall,” Thurmond said in a statement.

Still, Thurmond urged the state to “proceed with caution” as there are still many unknowns about the Covid variants and their spread among youth. He’s “heartened,” however, by early research on vaccine effectiveness in adolescents.

Thurmond said the state “must prepare for the possibility” that some families may not be prepared to send their students back to school campuses in the fall, and that schools may need the flexibility to offer some form of remote learning.

California Teachers Association spokeswoman Claudia Briggs did not directly comment on the plan to drop the tier system. However, in a statement, she cautioned not to loosen safety measures already in place when returning to school and to continue to closely monitor community infection rates.

“As students and educators continue to return to classrooms for in-person teaching and learning, we must all keep our eyes on safety ensuring that all the safety protocols are in place to protect our students, their families, educators and staff,” Briggs said.

California Department of Public Health officials did not specifically say what safety protocols would remain in place for schools after the tier system goes away, but that schools would have to remain “in compliance with [Cal/OSHA emergency temporary standards and public health guidelines](#).” Masks will continue to be a requirement at schools and businesses, said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly.

Edgar Zazueta, senior director of policy and government relations for the [Association of California School Administrators](#), said the expectation of in-person instruction in the fall could throw a wrench into many educators’ current plans for a distance or hybrid model.

“The takeaway is that full-person instruction should be the expectation; there would be no justification for hybrid in the coming year,” Zazueta said.

Between now and June 15, while the color tiers still apply, the California Department of Public Health is implementing further changes in the criteria determining tiers, which have pushed more counties from tiers with the most restrictions — purple and red — into tiers with the least restrictions, orange and yellow.

As of Tuesday, [32 of 58 counties](#), covering 81% of the state’s population, including Los Angeles, are in orange, indicating a moderate rate of Covid infection. Only two counties with less than 1% of the population remain in purple: Inyo and Merced, and 22 counties are in red, indicating a substantial rate of infection. Two of the least populated counties, Sierra and Alpine, are in yellow.”

This brings me to the next *Warrior Weekly* story which I have run the past two weeks, and it is another layer on our full return to school in August.

Our current Hybrid and Online Learning Model goes away with the end of SB98 on June 30, 2021. California schools will return to regular comprehensive school education for five days each week this upcoming 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>

Mobile Hot Spots

Dear Troy Students and Parents, if you or your student received a WiFi hot spot at some point in the last year and no longer needs it, please make sure you return the hot spot to school as soon as possible. While they are free for our students use, they incur significant costs to our school district, which if they are needed by the student is perfectly ok. However, if they are not still being used, it is a waste of resources. If you are still using the hotspot, you may keep it through the end of the school year and summer if you are a student taking summer school. These hotspots were checked out under each student's school account, and just like textbooks show up as a fee if not returned. For seniors, like textbooks, a non-returned WiFi hotspot might put a

hold on the check-out process at the end of the year. If you have any questions regarding how and when to return your hotspot, please give us a call.

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Our amazing and talented Troy students who also happen to be the defending Science Olympiad National Champions, took another step towards repeating last weekend and won the California State Championship with a low score event of 88 points, and 78 points ahead of the 2nd place team North Hollywood High School! This is Troy's 27th State Science Olympiad championship. Due to COVID, this year the National Championship will be Virtual as have been all of the competitions thus far. Troy is marching forward towards a fourth consecutive National Championship with a 2020 gap year due to COVID. There is more!

Here is the official Science Olympiad write-up on Troy's Science Olympiad State victory.

Congratulation to the Troy Science Olympiad Team for winning the SoCal State Competition. This is the Troy's 27th State Championship. Troy finished 78 points ahead of the 2nd place team. The Team had many outstanding performances including first place in nine events, 2nd place in 5 events, and top six medals in 5 additions events. Ten students won at least one gold medal. Team co-captain Tim Elnitiarta was the individual star of the day winning four gold medals! The last time a student won four Golds at State was in 2005 when Mark Lewis won 4 and Sean Wahl and Kate Xie won 5. Tim actually won medals in his other two events as well, making him the only the fifth student to win six State medals. The last student to accomplish this remarkable feat was CalTech grad Justin Leong in 2013. Remarkably, James Mathews did it in consecutive years in 1996 & 1997 (including 5 golds). Stanford bound senior Jack Hung garnered three gold medals. Arjun Patel and Bella Liu both won two gold medals as well as several other awards. Co-captain Willow Huang (12), Nitin Sreekumar (12), Viraj Jansari (11), Chris John (10), Jesse Dong (11), and Kenny Ding (11) were the other gold medalists.

With their victory, the Team has qualified for the National Competition, hosted (virtually) by Arizona State University.





Last Friday night was Troy's final home football game for the season. Unfortunately we did not win the game vs. La Habra High School, but we did have a wonderful halftime show with outstanding performances by our Red Hot Dance Team and Cheer teams. Our Dance team performance was noteworthy when the music stopped mid performance. What happened next was extraordinary when our dancers never lost step with their routines despite more than half of their routine having no music! The crowd realized what was happening and began to cheer while they were still completing their routine. It was one of those moments in time when you know you are watching something amazing that you will not likely see happen again.

Dance will next perform in the Virtual realm on April 21st and 24th. If you would like to see our Cheer Team perform, they have an upcoming performance in the Fullerton School's Got Talent, Rotary & FLOCK Virtual benefit on Saturday, April 23rd from 7-8:30pm.

TROY HIGH SCHOOL
VIRTUAL
SPRING DANCE CONCERT

2021

APRIL 21ST 7PM
&
APRIL 24TH 7PM

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FULLERTON SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT

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Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Fullerton, this first-ever school district-wide talent competition features students from across the FJUHSD and benefits Rotary's programs supporting youth across North Orange County!

VIRTUAL EVENT

APRIL 23

@ 7-8:30PM

PRICE OF ADMISSION: \$10

We'll send you a virtual link to attend the show!

All proceeds benefit our local Fullerton High Schools and Youth in need.

DURING THE SHOW, VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TALENTS!
YOUR \$10 TICKET GIVES YOU 5 VOTES.
PURCHASE MORE VOTES DURING THE SHOW—\$10 FOR EVERY 5 VOTES!



For the record, our Red Hots Dance Team really is that good. Here the jackets and banner the team just won from a Virtual competition a couple weeks ago. ☺ Go Warriors!



Yesterday both our Boys' JV and Varsity Soccer won their games vs. the La Habra High School Highlanders with 2-1 victories. At the Varsity game, we scored two in the first half and could have scored three more in the second half, but the goal was not cooperating. Our teams played very well and the skill level on display was impressive! Great job Warriors!

Troy Science Teacher, Mr. Steve Gower is very proud of his daughter and Troy 2010 graduate, Stephanie Gower. In 2014 Stephanie graduated from the United States Military Academy and prior to last week had risen to the rank of Captain with service awards and decorations including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Afghanistan Campaign Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Air Assault Badge. As of last week Stephanie promoted again to become an MP Commander of the 221st and 3rd MP detachments! Congratulations to Troy our Troy family member, Commander Stephanie Gower!



You may be wondering what is happening here and you are not alone. Luna was thinking the same thing. Here is the story. I came home from Costco with a loaded SUV. I opened the door to unload the goods. Luna seeing the open door jumped in and kept going until it was clear for her to sit down. She then realized there was no easy way back until everything was unloaded, thus she was stuck which explains the look on her face...

Have a great weekend and I will see everyone back here in our A/B cohorts in person starting Monday, four days a week and the rest in C cohort in the virtual world!

W.V. Mynster