TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



April 19, 2024

Drawn by Mrs. Shannon Cogswell, 2024.

Warriors, it has been an exciting week for Troy students who have continued to perform when it matters and had another fantastic week! It has also been an important week for education in the State of California. More on that later... \odot .

Last Thursday our FBLA left for the State Leadership Conference competition in Anaheim. To say they had a successful competition would be an understatement. From our Business Teachers and FBLA club advisor, Mr. Luke Laubhan, here are the details! Last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 67 Troy High School students competed at the FBLA State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Anaheim. These conferences are always very competitive, with over 2,000 students from across California competing this weekend. Overall, our students did FANTASTIC: Five students won a total of six state championships, seven were state runnersup, 32 placed as Top-10 Finalists, and 24 qualified for Nationals in June.



A few more are right on the Nationals qualifying cut-off line and may still be able to attend.

State Champs (1st)

- Bianca Dong Graphic Design
- Mindy Huynh Healthcare Administration
- Daniel Kim Insurance & Risk Management
- Soham Kulkarni Computer Problem-Solving, Cybersecurity
- Haeun Rho Future Business Educator

Runners-Up (2nd)

- Shangeli Cole Agribusiness
- Eric Feng Securities & Investments
- Dhriti Mangaraju Database Design & Applications
- Martin Orea, Emily Oh, Yiqing You Marketing
- Ryan Qi Personal Finance
- Haeun Rho Electronic Career Portfolio

- Eddie Zhang - Networking Infrastructures

... and a whole bunch more Finalists!



On top of that, this year, <u>Troy High School placed</u> <u>3rd</u> in State Sweepstakes, which is the award for overall conference performance as a Chapter. That's the highest Sweepstakes result in several years. It represents the students' strong collective effort, as well as the organization and leadership of our FBLA Officers: <u>Jessie Wang, Shreiyaa Magesh Kumar, Haeun Rho, Soham Kulkarni, and Victoria Cho.</u>

Next up: NLC in Orlando in June. (If anyone wants to chaperone, let me know! It may be humid, but it's nice to get away, and all expenses are paid.). Thank you again for your support of Troy Business and FBLA, especially during this busy season! Warriors, this was awesome! ©.



Also, last weekend our Troy Speech and Debate Team qualified once again for the California High School Speech Association State Championship in Clovis, just outside of Fresno, California. This is a team that has worked hard all year, and getting back to the



Championship is very much the reward for their efforts. Troy's Speech Coach, Ms. Caroline Fung, has more details on this event! This past weekend the Speech and Debate team traveled to Clovis, CA to compete in the California High School Speech Association State Championship. This year we had 11 students representing Troy. For most of the students, this was their first time competing at the state tournament. It was a great learning and bonding experience for our students. I have seen how hard they have worked all year long to get to this tournament and I am incredibly proud of all they have accomplished. This is a young team and I am excited to witness their continued growth. A special thank you to Mr. Choi for chaperoning and to all the parents who traveled to support our students in Clovis. If you see the following students, please congratulate them on their tremendous efforts and dedication: Noemi Maciel, Helen Fang, Reva Sobti, Kamila Rivera, Chloe Bulyaba, Reanne Del Valle, Samantha Luo, Sydney Wang, Anastasia Efremova, Luca Lopez, and Jason Shi.

We are all very proud of all our students, and will be looking forward to their continued successes next year! Great job, 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.



Warriors, this is the QR code for all the FJUHSD social media. There are many, many, awesome events, activities, athletics, and recognitions happening in FJUHSD and Troy High School! Additionally, for even more information for the happenings in FJUHSD here is the link to the April, 2024 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! https://conta.cc/49ijXbT



Last Saturday night, we had one of the best Prom's I can recall, and I have seen a lot of Proms in numerous school districts. Troy's was held in *The Artic*, the Orange County Train Depot in Anaheim. You may not think this would be a great place for this event, but everything about it was top notch! The lights, music, food, location, parking, security, Anaheim and Fullerton PD, everything was in place for our students to have a wonderful time, and they did. The dance was from 7-11PM, and there were not too many students that left early. Congratulations to our ASB and all our teachers and classified staff who also attended as chaperones and made this a fantastic night for everyone!

To all our graduating seniors in Troy's Class of 2024! First and foremost, congratulations on your accomplishments at Troy! As Troy has done for a number of years, I am again asking for interested seniors consider writing a graduation speech. Each year, several graduating seniors are given the opportunity to recite their speech at Graduation or Reflections. If you are interested keep in mind that your work must adhere to the following guidelines:

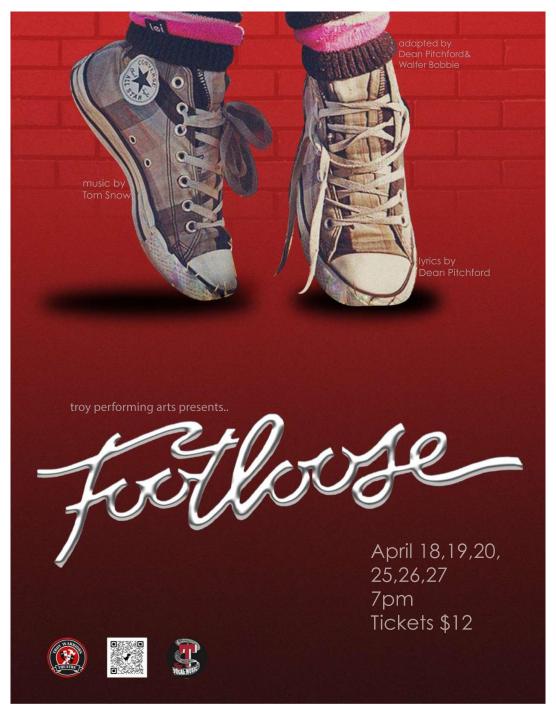
- 1. Must be your own original work, not written or assisted by Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).
- 2. 2-3 minutes in length.
- 3. A positive message for your fellow Class of 2024 Troy High School graduates.
- 4. A positive message about your time at Troy High School.
- 5. A written or typed copy of your speech.

All graduation speeches must be emailed to <u>jpadgett@fjuhsd.org</u> and <u>wmynster@fjuhsd.org</u> by 4:00pm on Friday April 26, 2024. I look forward to reading your thoughtful submissions.



Our Spring musical has opened in our Performing Arts, and if you needed another reason to attend beyond our tremendously talented actors and singers taking the stage, how about additional affirmation of our Theatre Instructor, Mr. Joe Hufferd? This award, dated, late February, did not show up in the mail until a week ago but the timing is good. Mr. Hufferd is being recognized by the Orange County Music and Arts Administrators as a recipient of their 2024 Orange County Outstanding Arts Educator Award. Indeed, having watched Mr. Hufferd coach, guide, and instruct the students in all facets of theatre and stagecraft, there are many fine points to a successful production that go beyond what we all see as the final product on the stage. The very construction of the set, lighting, music, costumes, script, actors, singers, everything that is part of being a patron immersed in the performance is intertwined, and crucial to the success of the performance. It is no surprise to me or anyone else whom has ever attended any theatrical or musical performance at Troy High School that Mr. Joseph Hufferd has been recognized for excellence, as this is a much-deserved recognition. Tonight is the second performance of Troy's

Spring Musical, *Footloose* so if you are looking for a fun date night, use the QR code on the next page and come out to see this musical!



Step into the electrifying world of Troy High School's Spring Musical, Footloose! With infectious music and exhilarating dance numbers, Footloose is a high-energy journey of freedom, friendship, and the power of youth to defy the odds. Join us for an unforgettable evening of toe-tapping tunes and heart-pounding excitement as Troy High School brings this

beloved story to life on stage! Show dates are April 19, 20 & April 25, 26, 27. Tickets are on sale now! Opening night was last night, and it was awesome! Do not miss this show!





This is a night view our California State Capital building. I had the good fortune of being invited with our Superintendent, Dr. McLaughlin at the invitation of State Senator, Josh Newman

to speak to the California Legislature's Committee on Education in regard to the Cambridge program's merits as addressed in Senate Bill 1171 brought forth by Senator Newman.





Pictured above, is the picture of the Senate hearing room, and below is Senator Josh Newman giving his rationale for the purpose of SB 1171, in part to bring the Cambridge program to the same level of incentive and statutory recognition in the eyes of the State of California and the Department of Education as the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate. Dr. Steve McLaughlin was next to present to the California Education Committee and he gave a brief history of our district and demographics followed by the vision and philosophy of FJUSHD and why Cambridge is a natural extension of the overall FJUSHD vision. After Dr. McLaughlin, I had my opportunity to speak to the committee. It was both an exciting and nerve racking and I

stated some of the same points as Dr. McLaughlin, and then added some additional program details you would expect a high school principal to know about important school programs at Troy, such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Troy Tech, and Cambridge. The good news is our efforts were not in vain, and we helped Senator Newman get the bill through committee on a 7-0 and SB 1171 is now one more step closer to becoming law.





If you would like to watch our part of the Education Committee hearing go to www.senate.ca.gov/media-archive Then find the 4/17/2024 Senate Education Committee meeting link and go to the 1:50:15 mark in the video. You can either download the hearing or watch inside the webpage. Dr. McLaughlin and I had a total of about twelve minutes in this hearing and is something neither of us will never forget.

TROY TECH FAIR

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

5:15pm - 6:30pm Troy Tech Senior Internship Displays in Troy North & South Gyms

Troy High School 2200 E Dorothy Ln, Fullerton, CA 92831

No RSVP or parking permit is required. Parking is available in front and back lots.

From our Troy Tech Coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum Bonnett, "This Wednesday, April 24, 2024 is the Annual Troy Tech Fair which features our 397 Troy Tech Seniors and their internships. Classes will attend the fair periods 1-4 as assigned. The Troy community (parents and incoming families) are invited to Troy's North and South gyms to view senior exhibits from 5:15-6:30 p.m. followed by a ceremony in the Troy Quad to honor each Troy Tech Senior. A virtual slideshow will also be shared."

This is always a wonderful event and a key part of the Troy Tech Magnet Program for our graduating seniors. I am always astounded by the work our students have done in their Troy Tech Internships. The ability to take what they have learned at Troy and apply this knowledge to their internship is almost incalculable in terms of life lessons and the practical application of their learning. This fact is not lost upon colleges, universities, and employers alike, who do take these internships as evidence of our students being able to successfully perform in a work or higher educational institution. It will be another awesome event at Troy High School!



Any day that your doggie runs out to your car when you get home and greets you like this, is a good day. I had the car door open, but I did not even get the chance to step out. Why Luna is this excited to see me when I get home, I do not know...but it never gets old! ©

It is going to start getting really busy with end of the school year type activities, such as Spring athletic playoffs and CIF finals. I will have more to report as our teams get into the postseason. We also have year-end events such as the Wally Awards for our Film classes next week and the aforementioned Troy Tech Fair! In the next couple of weeks we will be in IB, Cambridge, and then AP testing so students, if you are a student taking these examinations, you will be ready and have the knowledge you need to be successful on these exams. The last thing students taking these exams need to do to be prepared is before the day of the exam or exams, is to make sure you have obtained successive days of adequate sleep, eaten dinner, then breakfast,

and lunch on the day of the exams, and enter the exam rested, relaxed, and confident that you know the material, and this examination is a celebration of your knowledge. I look forward to all of our students having a wonderful end to your school year, and for our seniors, the end of your high school journey enroute to college and career! Enjoy the last month of the 2023-2024 school year, and let's go Warriors!

It is going to be a beautiful springtime weekend with temperatures in the high 70's and low 80's! There is a possibility of rain mid-week, but we should not think about that yet. ③ I plan to get outside as much as possible, cook a few meals done on the grill and just enjoy the fantastic weather. I hope everyone makes time for friends and family, perhaps taking a walk around the neighborhood, bike ride, jog, or hike may be just the what the doctor ordered for a relaxing weekend. ⑤ Have a fantastic Friday and a wonderful weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

W.V. Mynster

