

May 10, 2024 (Please be advised. There are more pictures than normal in this edition!) Warriors, after today there are 13 days of school left in the school year! Two weeks of classes, then Memorial Day on May 27th, followed by Finals Week and graduation for the Class of 2024 on May 30th at 7:00pm. Despite the small number of school days left, there is still much that remains packed into each and every day, so make the most of the time to get your grades where you want them to be when your classes, and exams are completed. Again, let me remind all of you to ensure that you are getting enough rest, sleep, nutrition, and taking breaks from studying / work! You need to spend some time with friends and family in order to have balance in your life. Keep focused on the end of the year and finishing strong through the beginning days of summer. Warriors keep it going, we are almost there!

I received a letter from the Commission on Presidential Scholars within the United States Department of Education. The letter informed me that Troy senior, Ms. Anna Wu has been selected as one of 625 semifinalists to advance to the final round of the 2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars competition. The letter goes on to say, *"Regardless of the final outcome of the competition, it is a great honor and an exceptional accomplishment to have reached the semifinalist phase in this highly selective and prestigious program."* Congratulations, to Ms. Anna Wu! For all of us that know Anna and her academic accomplishments during her time at Troy High School, it is not a surprise that she is being recognized by the Department of Education for reaching the semifinalist round in the U.S. Presidential Scholars competition!

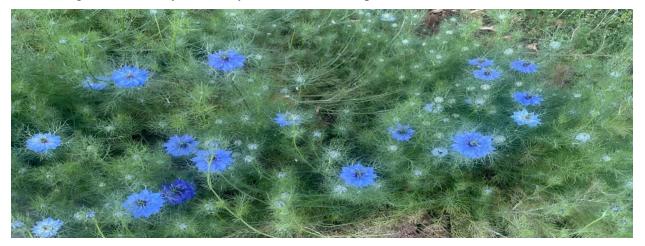


On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the 69th Annual Student Awards at the Hacienda Golf Club presented by the Los Compadres Club having been invited along with FJUHSD Principals, Mr. Steve Cazares (Sonora), Mr. Steve Garcia (La Habra), Mr. Craig Weinreich (Sunny Hills) and Superintendent, Dr. Steve McLaughlin by member and FJUHSD Board President, Dr. Chester Jeng in support of our students being honored. Nine students were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship with seven of the nine students being from FJUHSD. Pictured above from left to right are the seven students from our district and FJUSHD Administrators. Dr. Will Mynster (Troy), Ms. Emma Mason (Troy), Ms. Rella Young (Troy), Mr. Steven Cazares (Sonora) Ms. Lana Baroldi (Sonora), Mr. Cory Lam (La Habra), Mr. Steve Garcia (La Habra), Mr. Ethan Brooks (La Habra), Mr. Craig Weinreich (Sunny Hills), Ms. Ileina Hatori (Sunny Hills), Ms. Elyse Hess (Sonora), & Dr. Steve McLaughlin (FJUHSD Superintendent).

Each of the students' being honored accomplishments and future college and career plans were also shared by the Los Compadres Club members and individual presenters who sponsored each of the nine students recognized at this event. For 69 years this celebration has been the Los Compadres Club's premiere event when they honor the accomplishments of their community's high school seniors. All of the students have had wonderful careers in each of their respective high schools, and FJUHSD has been fortunate to have seven of these students in our schools.



In one of the last photos from the evening, I am pictured with Troy seniors, Ms. Emma Mason, and Ms. Rella Young, each holding their certificates and scholarship awards. It was truly a wonderful evening celebrating our students with their families and members of the La Habra Heights community! Thank you to the Los Compadres Club's members!



This has been Teachers / Certificated Staff Appreciation Week! Teachers, Counselors, School Psychologists..., there are additional Certificated positions in education, each is crucial, complex, interesting, challenging, and ultimately a very rewarding. We all need those who have chosen this career path, as teaching is the building block for all human endeavors, culture, government, business, civilization, the list goes on... Thank you to all of our Teachers and Certificated Staff! On the next pages is the email I sent our Teachers / Certificated Staff on Monday. It is also a glimpse and look back at the 2024-25 school year here at Troy!



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Happy Teachers/Certificated Staff Appreciation Week! Schools are only buildings without students and those who instruct them. Teachers, Counselors, School Psychologists, Speech Therapists, Mental Health Specialists, Nurses, Administrators, and all Certificated, (and Classified! Their appreciation week is coming up. (2) are all the people that make a school and community the needed place of learning for our students. Troy High School is a special place for all of us. The rainbow truly does begin and end at Troy High School for our students and our community. On the next few pages, from the first days of school to present, here are a few photos of our 2023-24 school year, many of which I have taken on my phone and a few that have been sent to me. These photos are not all encompassing, but tey do show a glimpse of our school community and our teachers / certificated staff! There is no job more important than education. Everything we are and know comes from our teachers we have known throughout our lives, beginning with our parents. As a profession, this is the career from which all others are produced. Thank all of you for all you do for our students. Thank you for always doing what is best for kids and we have some great days left in our year!



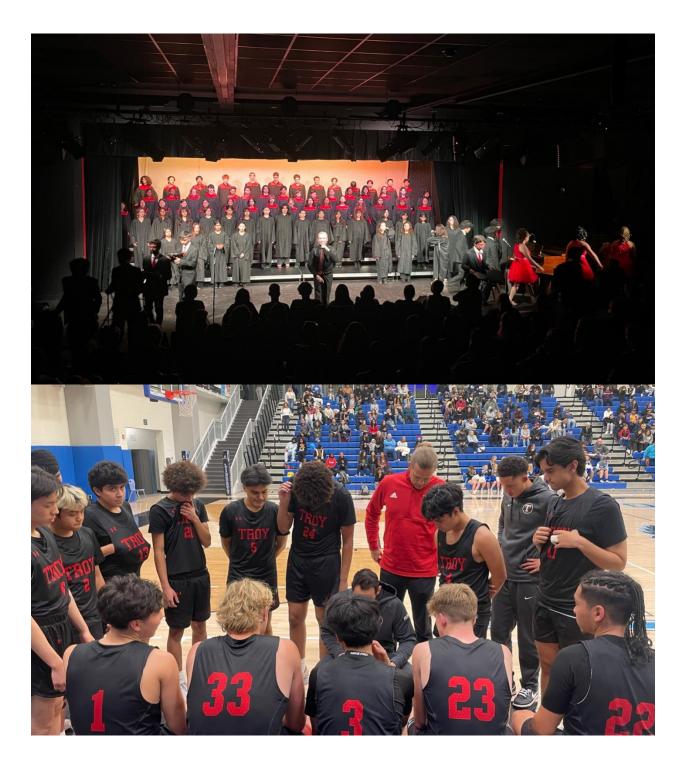




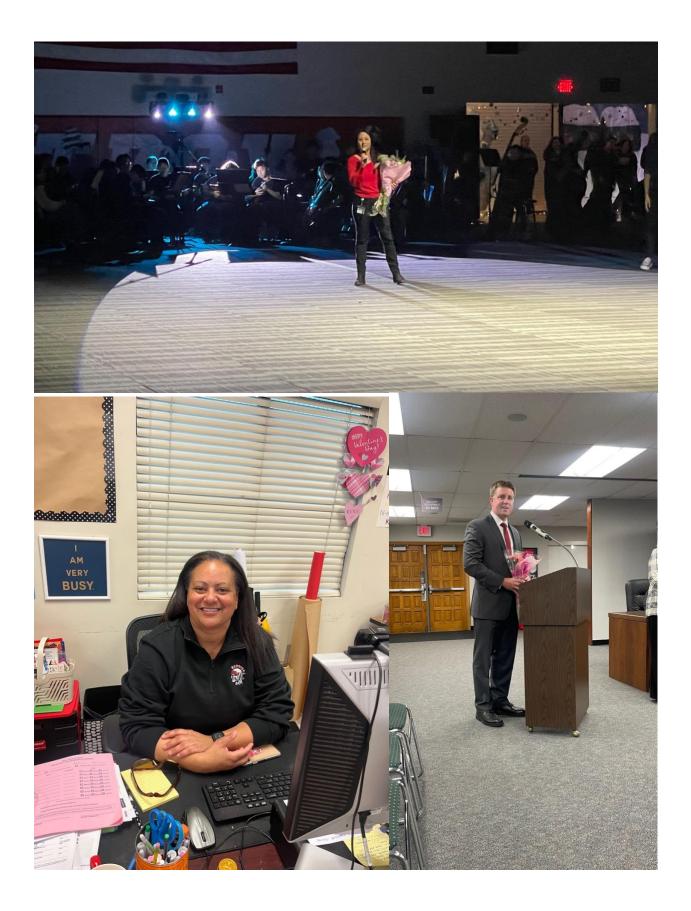


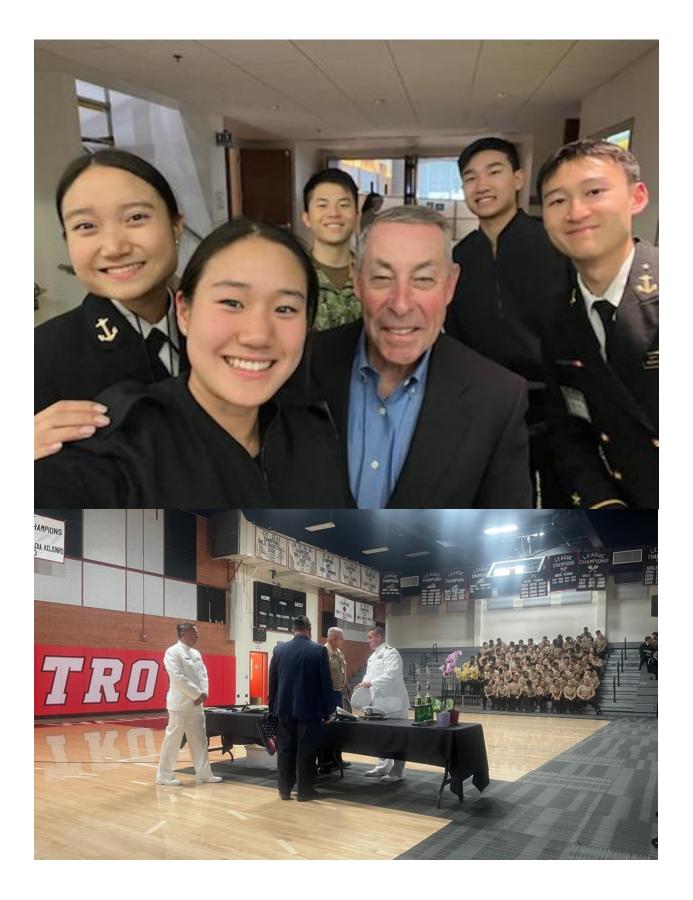


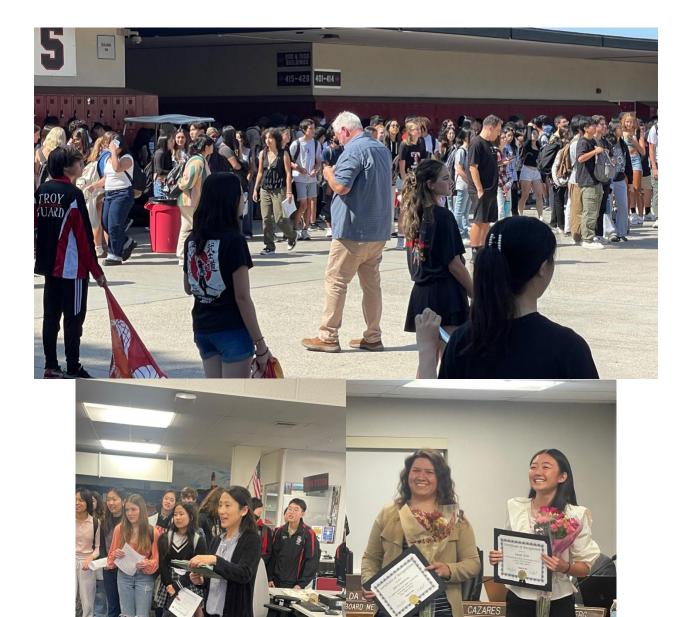


















Once again, thank you for all you do! Happy Teacher / Certificated Staff Appreciation Week! W. V. Mynster

Additionally, thank you to our Troy PTSA/TSO for the recognition, gifts, and doughnuts this week as our large extended Troy Family has been involved in the celebrations!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

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



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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!



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 May, 2024 FJUHSD Superintendent's Newsletter. This is always a great source for global FJUHSD insights, news, and events! <u>https://conta.cc/44qBwGb</u>





In Track and Field, Athletic Director Mr. Chris Blume provided results and excellent photos!

Freeway League Champions

Zoe Mendiola - 100m and 200m, Rishabh Gowda - 1600m (pictured, top right),

Gabe Beaumont - 3200m (pictured, bottom left), Simone Stearns - Discus,

Scarlet Russell - Long Jump, Richard Feng - Long Jump, Kosi Onuigbo - Triple Jump,

Neya Jaken - 1600m and 3200m (pictured top left, with Ann Hiraki),

High Jump - Sophia Timoshuk,

4x100 Kenadi Spurgeon, Samantha Neill, Zoe Mendiola & Kosi Onuigbo (pictured bottom right)

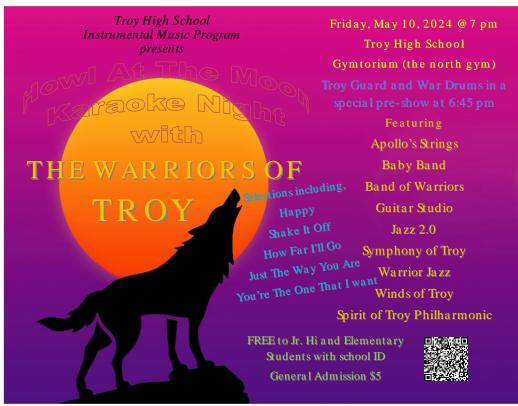
Last week CIF our Boys' Tennis team won a close match at home in Round 1 of CIF when they defeated Windward High School. Last Friday in CIF Round 2 vs. El Dorado High School our team won 11-7! Our team qualified for the Quarterfinals against Foothill High School on Monday where we unfortunately lost, 3-15. We had a great season! In Swim, the Girls' and Boys' teams had fantastic seasons, and for one swimmer, Luke Leon Gurrero, he moved up to State Finals in the 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle! Our teams were great all year, with Troy repeating, and winning the last Freeway League Championship. In CIF and we had thirteen athletes qualified, with 8 Boys in Division I and 5 girls in Division II!



In CIF Finals, Troy did well! Kevin Yum 500 Free, Celeste Flores 200 Free Relay 5th Place, Porsche Boonruang 200 Free Relay 5th Place, Ratana Miller 200 Free Relay 5th Place, Mandy Greco 50 Free 9th place & 200 Free Relay 5th Place Luke Leon Guerrero 200 Free & 500 Free 5th Place (automatic state qualifying time). He is in Clovis right now in the CIF State Swim Championship for the second year in a row!



Congratulations to our Drumline for taking 1st place in their competition on April 27th! We have one more opportunity to see them tonight as one of the instrumental performing acts.



The big night in music is finally here! Prepare to sing if you are so inclined. The music begins at 7:00pm in the North Gym, and should be lots of fun with many well-known songs which are perfect for a karaoke night sing-along. Bring your friends and join the fun!



This week the new Student Advisory Chair / Vice-Student Board Member in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District was named, and is our own Oscar Deniz! The selection process for this position included multiple interviews and students from every high school were competing for the two jobs of Student Board Member and SAC Vice Chair. Congratulations to Oscar, and I know he is going to do a fantastic job for all our schools when he takes over his new job this summer! Oscar is pictured above with Assistant Principal, Mr. Jeff Padgett and will be formally introduced in his role at the FJUHSD Board Meeting on May 14th!



In case you were wondering, these are our AP U.S. History students at 6:00am this morning for their last minute study session with AP U.S. Teacher, Mr. Ken Nicholson before the exam! I am sure they are all well prepared, but if the last minute study session / pep talk from Mr. Nicholson is what they need to raise their confidence going into the exam, then so be it! Our students are well prepared for their exams, and I expect they will perform exceptionally, as they do each year! Let's go Warriors, you have got this!





Luna is giving me the side eye in response to my question, "Are you eating another stick?" The answer was yes, upon which she promptly gave me this look and then took off...

Happy Mother's Day Weekend! For everyone gathering together, it is going to be a wonderful Spring weekend, with 80 degree temperatures, perfect for Mother's Day. I hope all of us are able to spend some time celebrating, recognizing, and / or remembering our mothers and how they have contributed to who we have become. It is also time to enjoy family and friends, taking some down time, and getting a much needed break as we rest and relax for next week. ©

Have a wonderful weekend, and I will look forward to seeing everyone back here at Troy High School, our home away from home on Monday morning!

W.V. Mynster