

## TROY HIGH SCHOOL

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A National Blue Ribbon School

A New America High School

A California Distinguished High School

2200 E. Dorothy Lane

Fullerton, CA 92831

714-626-4400

### UPCOMING CALENDAR

PTSA Meeting	Mar 2
Drama Production	Mar 5, 6, 12, 13
Local Parent Info Night	Mar 11
Festival of the Arts Week	Mar 16-20
Open House/Spring Awards	Mar 26
Instrumental Music	Mar 27
Sadie's Dance	Mar 28
International Show	Mar 30
International Week	Mar 30 - April 3
District Dodgeball Tournament	Apr 1
Choir Concert	Apr 2
Blood Drive	Apr 3
Spring Break	Apr 6-10
PTSA Meeting	Apr 13
Drama Production	Apr 30, May 1, 7, 8

see website for times and details—  
all events are subject to change

To report or clear  
absences, you may call...  
Attendance Office:  
(714) 626-4438  
or  
Leave a message at  
24 Hour Attendance Line:  
(714) 626-4407

## Principal's Message-Maggie Buchan

Dear Parents,

Testing season will soon be here. The testing dates for 2009 begin with the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on March 17th and 18th ; Student Testing And Reporting (STAR) testing dates are April 20th - May 8th ; Advanced Placement (AP) testing dates are May 4th - May 15th and International Baccalaureate (IB) test dates are May 1st - May 22nd.

I would like to ask for your assistance as our students enter the season of "high stakes" testing for Troy High School. Successful performance on these tests help students qualify for graduation, earn entrance into college, and be awarded advanced standing in college. The Academic Performance Index (API) rankings for Troy High School, which are used for school comparisons, are based on student performance on the California Standards Tests, the California High School Exit Exam and graduation rates.

We recognize that this is an incredibly stressful time for our students, staff and families. It will be helpful to ensure that your student is getting proper nutrition and rest. Both should be seen as vital to student achievement. Proper nutrition should be seen as very important because it fuels our body's systems everyday. When the body is working efficiently and is in proper working condition, stress levels will be lessened and

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## PTSA President's Message- Vicky Hodge

Spring is a busy time for Troy families. Our seniors and their parents have completed the dreaded FAFSA forms and soon our kids will be selecting the paths they will travel after graduation. The rest of us have turned in our class selections for next year hardly able to believe that we've made it half way through the school year already.

Your PTSA is busy preparing for next year as we assemble our slate of officers for the 2009/2010 school year. Elections will be held in April. I encourage you to stay involved just as you have been in elementary and junior high. Our teens continue to need our time and support. There are many opportunities for you at Troy either directly or behind the scenes.

We have also been busy advocating for our children. During these tough economic times PTSA is representing parents at budget study committee meetings, contacting our government representatives and advocating for student safety. As a PTSA we are thrilled that the construction changes have opened up a new traffic pattern that brings kids safely into our

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## COUNSELING CORNER

### SENIOR INFORMATION

#### **Community College Applications, Placement Exams**

Community colleges will accept online applications beginning in late January and February.

This year, Fullerton College will continue to give their Placement Exam to high school seniors on the Fullerton College campus. Further information will be provided in the spring. Fullerton College requests that students complete their application for admission **before** taking the Placement Exam. Students interested in attending Fullerton College in the fall have an excellent opportunity to sign-up for the Fullerton College's Counseling 50 class. This class is required for all incoming freshmen and can be taken on the Fullerton College campus in February and March. By taking this class as a current senior, you will be given continuing student status and therefore be eligible for priority registration in the fall.

#### **Senior Letters**

Seniors: If you receive a letter from your Counselor in February, please be certain that you take the appropriate steps to complete the coursework necessary to meet graduation requirements. If you are attending Adult Education or the District Program at La Sierra, you must attend regularly in order to complete your units. You are now on the "home stretch." Watch your attendance carefully, because it is very difficult and often impossible to make up lost units late in the school year.

#### **Transcripts**

Colleges and universities will notify you, if needed, when to send a copy of your seventh semester transcript. Please ask Mrs. Montoya, the Registrar, to send your transcript **after** the first semester grades have been posted. If you applied to a private school requiring a **mid-year report**, make sure that you have given us the form to complete and send with your transcript.

#### **College Selection**

Many colleges and universities send student acceptances in March. However, you have until May 1 to let the college of your choice know that you intend to enroll. Please make sure that you have also notified the institutions that you do not plan to attend of your final decision as soon as possible. Your thoughtfulness will then allow a student on the wait list to gain admission to that campus.

#### **ELM/EPT/Entry Level Writing Requirement**

Additional entrance tests are required of students who have been admitted to the UC and Cal State campuses. The University of California requires the Entry Level

Writing Requirement, an English test. The California State University system requires the ELM and EPT, a math and an English placement test. Information regarding tests will be sent to you directly from the university. Plan to take these placement exams at the earliest possible date in the spring.

#### **College Visitations**

If you did not have an opportunity to visit a campus in the fall, spring is an excellent time to schedule an appointment either for an initial visit or to revisit a specific campus before making your final decision. Please call the Office of Admissions or the Office of Relations with Schools to schedule your appointment and campus visit.

### JUNIOR INFORMATION

If you have not already done so, this is an ideal time to register and prepare for the **SAT Reasoning Test, the ACT with Writing Test, and/or the SAT Subject Tests** given in May or June. By testing this spring, subject matter will be current. You may then retake the test or tests in the fall of your senior year if you would like to improve your scores. Remember that colleges and universities will accept your highest **set of scores** regardless of the order in which you take the tests. Many students choose to enroll in an SAT preparation program to learn effective test taking strategies. Please ensure that a prep program does not impact your study time and grades if you plan to attend during the school year. Many SAT prep programs offer summer sessions as well to accommodate busy student schedules.

### **REMINDER OF UPCOMING COUNSELING ACTIVITIES**

#### Junior Counseling

Counselors have completed all junior conferences. We thank all parents for their participation and support.

#### Sophomore Counseling

Counselors will begin meeting with sophomores during the months of April, May, and June. Topics to discuss will include re-visiting a four-year plan, high school graduation requirements, tutoring, and college preparation.

#### **Registration for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors**

Registration for current Troy students will begin the week of February 23rd and continue until the second week in March. Members of the Counseling Department will distribute registration cards, summer school data, and current copies of student transcripts in World History, English 2, and U.S. History classes respectively. We appreciate your assistance in making sure that your

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## GRAD NITE – JUNE 11, 2009

Grad Night Permission Slips will be distributed the week of April 13-17.  
You must have a completed permission slip to attend Grad Night. No exceptions!

Also, Grad Night scholarships are still available.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please e-mail Hayval2@aol.com.

Approximately 110 Grad Night tickets are left to sell, so SENIORS don't be left out of this great event!

### JUST ONE LAST CHANCE!

Yes, just one last chance exists for you all to be together, just for one last time. Why not spend this one last time, this one last night together at Dave and Buster's, having a blast?

Spend the night of June 11th, 2009 laughing, singing, making a video, playing fun games and billiards, picture-taking, jousting (yes, jousting), playing Guitar Hero and Rock Band, getting Henna tattoos, eating, and more eating, until you're stuffed, and ending the night and beginning the morning watching a hilarious hypnotist.



You'll also have the chance to win, win, *win* fabulous prizes:

*Starbucks cards, itunes cards, Target gift cards, iPods,  
Guitar Hero and Rock Band unit and possibly a Wii.*



This night is going to be like one of those dreams you've had, when you wake up and say, "Oh, man. I wish that could really happen." Well, it **WILL** really happen if you attend Troy High School's Grad Night 2009.

**Grad Night is a FUN and SAFE all-night party held on graduation night.** The event is held after graduates have had a chance to spend the afternoon and early evening with family and relatives. This evening provides our students with one last night with their classmates making many special memories that will last a lifetime. Back by popular demand, we will be holding our Grad Night at an undisclosed Dave and Busters location. Grad Night has something for everyone: games, prizes, entertainment, and food.

**Our next Grad Night Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th at 7 PM in the staff lounge.**

Ticket purchases or deposits can be dropped in the Grad Night box in the attendance office, or mailed to Grad Night, 2200 E Dorothy Lane, Fullerton, CA 92831

Please make check out to **Troy Grad Night** and submit with this form.

**Put student's name and ID on check**

Grad Night Tickets and Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troy Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

T - Shirt Size: (circle one)    Small        Medium        Large        X-Large

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$125

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** (Balance to be paid BEFORE March 1)

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student completes **all required materials** and **returns his or her card on the appropriate date**. Your signature on the registration card indicates to us that you have reviewed and approved the choice of courses that your student has made. The careful selection of courses is important to ensure appropriate progress toward graduation and future educational and vocational goals.

### Registration for Incoming Ninth Graders

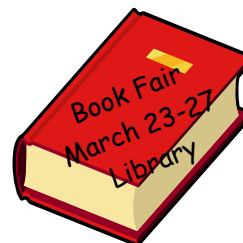
Parents of eighth graders are invited to attend our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Troy High School Lecture Hall. This meeting will provide information regarding course offerings and registration procedures. We will visit Ladera Vista and Parks Junior High Schools on Monday, March 9, and Beechwood on Tuesday, March 10 to distribute registration materials. We will return to Beechwood on Thursday, March 12, and Ladera Vista and Parks Junior High Schools on Friday, March 13, to collect all of the completed registration materials. Students from Fisler and Nicolas Junior High School will be seen by appointment only. We thank all parents for encouraging and assisting your students to complete the registration process carefully and in a timely manner.

### 10 Questions to Ask Before a College Visit (FastWeb.com)

1. What different financial aid packages does the school offer? Remember to factor in costs such as transportation home, long distance calls, etc.
2. Is the program you're interested in offered?
3. How many graduates find jobs in their field of study?
4. How does the school help graduates find jobs?
5. How easy is it to get the courses you want at the times that are convenient for you?
6. How much does housing cost, and is finding off-campus housing difficult?
7. What is the quality of academic resources (library, research facilities, computer labs, etc.)? Are they up-to-date and accessible?
8. What is the retention rate (how many students come back after their freshman year)?
9. What student organizations are on campus?
10. What sort of career planning and job placement services are available?

### Troy PTSA Officer Slate for 2009-2010

President	Vicky Hodge
Executive VP	Linda Choi
1st VP Communications	
2nd VP Membership	Helen Rodgers
3rd VP \$20 for Troy	Luz Howchin
Recording Secretary	Melinda Rathmell
Treasurer	Trisha Lively
Financial Secretary	Karen Storey
Auditor	Rick Zellman
Historian	Kelli Dougan



## Principal's Message

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student performance enhanced. Proper rest and sound nutrition are essential not only for good test performance but also for optimum everyday learning.

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to attend our annual **Troy High School Open House on Thursday, March 26, 2009**. We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit your student's teachers as well as other classes that interest you. Watch your mail for a postcard with more information.

Finally, I want to encourage parents to encourage their student to work hard on every test and perform to their best ability. Successful performance on these mandated tests will not only improve our students' opportunities to achieve their goals but will also improve the schools API ranking as well.

Sincerely,

Maggie Buchan  
Principal

## Educator of the Year Nominations

Parents, students and Troy faculty:

For the past few years, Troy PTSA has recognized one of the Troy faculty members as “Troy Educator of the Year.” Please help in the selection of this year’s winner by taking a few minutes to complete this nomination form. Your input is necessary in making the best possible selection, and your responses are greatly appreciated.

### Educator of the Year Nomination

All nominations must be received by April 24, 2009

Mail form to: TROY PTSA - Educator of the Year

2200 Dorothy Lane \* Fullerton CA 92831

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Interaction with students, activities, teaching skills, motivation techniques, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional reasons for this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you need additional space, attach a separate piece of paper)

### PTSA President’s Message

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school with a much improved drop off zone. It is not an easy task to coordinate the arrival of two thousand kids to one location. Thanks to all the traffic study committee members for giving up many nights of their time over these past two years!

Campus parking has always been limited at Troy. Over the past year parents and students have been urging the school to open up more parking to our students so that they can be safely on campus instead of in our neighborhoods. At the February meeting the PTSA board voted to support the proposal to open up the remaining parking spaces in the back parking lot and issue additional permits to students. Now that the construction is nearly complete, we are thankful that the school is able to provide more parking permits for students.

I’d like to send a shout out and thank you to

Valerie Shutz for coordinating the beloved “Pie Day” for the teachers on February 14<sup>th</sup>! It was also a great opportunity to thank the volunteers who quietly support our teachers every day. We’ll miss you Val!

Another shout out goes to Kate Huh for her Award of Excellence recognition in the PTA Reflections program. Her literature entry “A Song” was selected to compete at the State level. CONGRATULATIONS KATE!

The dedication of our parents, teachers and students to education, advocacy and the arts is what makes Troy so special and I am honored to be a part of it. I invite you and encourage you to attend our PTSA meetings the first Monday of the month at 8:15 where we will discuss budget, safety and programs.

Vicky Hodge  
[vmhodge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vmhodge@sbcglobal.net)

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Attention Parents—Drop Off Procedures

Beginning March 2, 2009 there will be additional staff access and student drop off/pick up to Troy High School. The new entrance will be via La Vista High School at Arts Way from State College Boulevard. The hours will be between 6:30-7:15 and 3:00-3:30. Parents will enter the La Vista campus, drop off their student(s), execute a circular turn and exit onto State College Blvd. Parents are not to drive onto the Troy campus!

Students can be dropped off/picked up in four locations: Dorothy Lane, Hale Avenue, Arts Way and in front of the North Gymnasium. Following is a description of drop off/pick up procedures. Please read the instructions carefully:

The frontage drive in front of the school on Dorothy Lane is a drop off/pick up area for students. **Please pull forward and do not block the crosswalk. No parking is allowed and do not leave your vehicle unattended.**

The front of the north gymnasium is designated as student drop off/pick up zone.

Hale Avenue curbside is designated as student drop off/pick up zone.

Arts Way/State College Blvd. via the La Vista High School campus is designated as students drop off/pick up zone. **No parking is allowed and do not leave your vehicle unattended.**

**The west entrance off Dorothy Lane is the entrance and exit to the back parking lots—not a student drop off/pick up area.**

The parking area west of the campus as well as the parking area in back of the school is staff only parking. **There is NO student drop-off in either of these lots.**

Thank you very much for your cooperation with the traffic patterns and student parking.

### Special Ed news:

Thanks to all who participated in our two fundraisers in February. The Battle of the Bands was a great success - a special thanks to John Easdale and DRAMARAMA for a phenomenal performance! The Best Buddy car wash was a blast

(or maybe a splash)! Thanks to all of those who braved the rain for our great cause.

Watch for the date for the Best Buddy Movie Day in March.

### Six More Weeks of Winter Weather? Or Spring Just Around the Corner?

Did the legendary groundhog see his shadow on February 2nd? Not to worry! Whether it is 50 degrees or 80 degrees, windy, rainy, cloudy or sunny outdoors, the Warrior Logo Store can outfit you perfectly for the remainder of winter and the upcoming spring season.

We've got polo shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, windbreakers, Aloha wear, baseball caps, visors, and a huge stock of PE clothing in sizes ranging from small to XXL. Our brand new Warrior flip-flops are just what you need for water sports or cooling your feet after a hard workout in the gym or on the field. We also have an assortment of fun logo merchandise including tattoos, car decals, and lanyards.

If you're just getting started in a new spring sport you could probably use a sports bag. Come take a look at our Warrior duffel bags featuring two new designs. We also have new tote bags in two sizes and two colors. Our new Warrior cinch sack is just the right size for a change of clothes, pair of sneakers, pair of cleats, or your brand new Warrior flip-flops.

The Warrior Logo Store is located across from the north gym next to the cafeteria, and we are open for business at lunchtime on Mondays and after school on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your continued support! See you soon!

Your Warrior Logo Wear  
Sales Team:

Lori Applerose, Lanita Logan, Epiphany Fischer, and Maura Condon





## Troy Support Organization (TSO)

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Putting Your Donations to Work in the Classroom

P.O. Box 7286, Fullerton, Ca 92834 ([www.troyhigh.com](http://www.troyhigh.com))

### \$4,990 Grant! Wilson W. Phelps Foundation \$5,500 Grant! Kraft Foods Corporation

In January 2009, TSO received a \$4,990 grant from the Wilson W. Phelps Foundation for LabQuest accessory equipment for science classes. In February, TSO received an additional \$5,500 from Kraft Foods Corporation toward the library computers upgrade. These generous donations are greatly appreciated by the entire Troy community and help ensure Troy students continue to have great educational opportunities.

### Important Albertsons Community Partners Action Item

*You Must Relink Your Card to Keep Our Program Successful !*

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds. **Even if you have linked your Preferred Savings Card to Albertsons in the past, you need to re-link your card number in order for us to continue earning funds.** Link (or re-link) your Albertsons Preferred Savings card at [WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM](http://WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM)

All you need is your Preferred Savings Card Number and enter our TSO Organization ID (which is 42555701056, or you can enter Troy High, Fullerton and it will do a look-up for you). *You must relink your card at this website in order to keep earning funds for our school.*

If you do not already have a Preferred Savings card, you can get one at any Albertsons or online at Albertsons.com. Please let your friends relatives, co-workers and neighbors know so they can link their cards for us as well. This is a "painless" way to earn money for Troy! Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked card, we will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars!

### Ralphs REWARDS Card

If you are a Ralphs shopper, remember that you can also support Troy by registering your Ralphs REWARDS card:

- Log on to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com)
- Click Services; then click on School Programs
- Click on Community Contributions LEARN MORE
- Click on Participant ENROLL
- Choose "Troy Support Organization" and enter the number on the back of your Ralphs REWARDS card.

You're done! Simple and easy! If you use your phone number at the register and don't know your REWARDS card number, call 800-600-9003 to get your REWARDS Card number. If you do not have a Ralphs REWARDS Card you can enroll from the Ralphs web site.

### Library Technology Upgrade - Two Phases Complete!!!

The library is an even busier place than usual lately, with 78 new computers and new printers in use every minute of the day! We are working to obtain favorable pricing for the new laptop computer bank and expect to order and install this third phase during the spring. *Phenomenal!* Thank you for all your support!!

***Please Support Troy High School's Outstanding Academic Program through your donations.***

***Also, let us know if your company has a giving foundation or matching program.***

***Email us at [TSO@troyhigh.com](mailto:TSO@troyhigh.com) or get more info at [www.troyhigh.com/tso](http://www.troyhigh.com/tso)***

*.....Yes, I wish to support Troy High School's Outstanding Academic Program.....*

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

My employer \_\_\_\_\_ will match my gift. Please complete and enclose the necessary forms from your employer.

***Please print clearly.***

Name of Parent(s): First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Student(s)/Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to the Troy Support Organization and mail with this form to:***

***Troy Support Organization, P.O. Box 7286, Fullerton, CA 92834-7286***

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE      TAX ID NO: 41-2052114**

**“Twenty for Troy” is in the Final Stretch!  
Help Make this a Successful Year for PTSA!**

“Twenty for Troy” for the 2008-2009 School Year is the only fundraiser for PTSA. No need to sell gift wrap, candy bars, or magazines. Some of you have contributed at our “one stop shopping” during orientation and we thank you!

But if you have not had the chance just fill out the form and mail it in or have your student drop it off in the office.

PTSA would like to put 100% of your monies directly into supporting student programs and campus improvements. Last year “Twenty for Troy” was able to put some great quad tables and umbrellas on our campus and help with some Library upgrades. Your \$20 (or more) for Troy really helped.

Thank you for your support!!

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**2008-2009 Troy PTSA “Twenty for Troy” Donation**

Parent Name:

Student Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print Last, First Names)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Last, First Names)

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to: Troy PTSA*

*Mail to:*

Troy High School PTSA, 2200 Dorothy Lane, Fullerton, CA 92835

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