



Troy's PTSA Presents an Essential Tool for Freshmen Parents...
THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO TROY HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations! Welcome to Troy! Your exciting journey in a world-class school awaits! By now, you will have survived your first Troy traffic jam and will soon find yourself waking in the wee hours to make the daily trek to zero period with your teen sleeping in the seat beside you or perhaps furiously cramming for an AP Biology test. That's Troy! We're all in this together!

Troy's PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is here to support you and your student through the next four years at this fantastic school. We're your source for parent information and activity on campus. We want you to join us whether you just have time to read our PTSA newsletter or would like to run for a seat on our Board. All parents are welcomed at Troy. Here, you're family! Our first meeting is on Monday 8:30 am (or 9:15 am if late start) of week 2 of school in the Teacher's Lounge in our front office. Join us!

So, like any good family, we're here to give you the inside scoop on navigating your first year at Troy.

www.troyhigh.com is the best source for daily information at Troy. Here you'll find events, deadlines, class information, game schedules, awards, college information, contacts and calendars. Check the site daily. Be sure to read the Warrior Weekly written by our principal, Dr. William Mynster, that's delivered to your email every Friday. Also, be sure to connect with Team Troy at www.thetroydifference.org to be part of our parent groups and to find ways that you can be part of The Troy Difference.

Aeries.net is the online site that gives you and your student daily access to grading at Troy. You'll receive sign on instructions at today's orientation. Once school starts, check this site weekly to be sure your student is on track. Attendance is listed here, too. Some of us log on to this site several times a day but please, don't! Remember, Troy kids are bright and independent. They shouldn't need us to constantly hover over their work or their grades.

Support our Teams – Cheer our Warriors at a Friday night football game, catch some rays at our brand new pool while you watch water polo compete for CIF honors, or dress in Warrior gear to show our spirit at an away game. Did you know our girl's basketball team hasn't lost a league contest in more than a quarter century? More than 1000 students at Troy compete in a sport. Show your Troy spirit by packing the stands. Our brain team, Troy's Science Olympiad students, conquered all the competition this year taking an impressive first place in the nation. Go Warriors!

Support our Clubs -- Encourage your student to sign up for one of more than one hundred clubs on campus promoting international charities, local volunteer organizations, academic endeavors and even Troy spirit. It's a September tradition at Troy as we host Club Rush to attract new members. Most clubs ask for lunchtime involvement to help students balance academics and extracurriculars. Parents can help support these groups with your time and resources.

Purchase an ASB Card for your Student to give them discounts to Troy's popular dances (students should buy their tickets early as many dances sell out quickly) and sporting events. Your student won't get the most out of Troy if they spend every Friday night hitting the books. We're known as much for our extraordinary social atmosphere as we are for our national academic standing. Everyone is accepted at Troy. Encourage your student to join in! First up, MORP (Prom backwards) Troy's neon/crazy dress code, jam-packed kickoff dance on first Friday of school starting. Purchase tickets at Orientation to get the best price.

Plan for the Future -- Meet with your counselor and lay out your student's four-year goals. Visit the counseling section of troyhigh.com to understand college testing, ensure your student is meeting A-G requirements for California universities and taking advantage of the wide array of tutoring opportunities Troy provides. Take advantage of Naviance, a college planning site, a perk for Troy families. Your counselor will give you password access.

Purchase Used Textbooks for Home Use -- Many students find it useful to have a set of classroom books at home (and keep the set the school provides in their locker) to avoid carrying a heavy backpack, a lunch and a snack along with an instrument or athletic bag. Consider buying textbooks for home for as little as a few dollars a book on amazon.com.

Parking/Driving -- Troy tickets are expensive. Park only in spaces marked *Visitor* and be aware that you will be ticketed during school hours if you park in the gym parking lots or teacher lots. Obey traffic signs entering and exiting Troy as Fullerton Police patrol and ticket violators on our roads throughout the school year. Use caution as Troy and Cal State Fullerton students walk on Dorothy amidst our heavy traffic. In winter, it is often difficult to see these pedestrians when dropping off for zero period.

Essentials for the Troy Parent: Join Team Troy!

Donate at www.thetroydifference.org where your dollars directly support each of our students. Through your generous gifts, we've extended library hours so students have a safe and comfortable space to study before and after school, trained our teachers to innovate the classroom experience through technology, and established a mentor program in both Troy Tech and AVID to provide a richer experience for our students. Programs on the horizon include Link Crew, a connection program for incoming students, additional library enhancements and expanded student support services.

Join Troy's PTSA! For just \$10 + 1 Totem feel, you'll take a seat at the table with our principal and staff, make connections with Troy families and enjoy discounts and member perks. Have your voice heard. We hope to see you at our first meeting on week 2 Monday.

Volunteer at Troy. Please sign up to help as we have many opportunities throughout the year. It's a terrific way to spend time with other Troy parents (and maybe your kids, too!)