

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

It seems appropriate that on a week of celebrating warriors that I can begin my Weekly Eagle with a salute to our varsity football team who completed a stunning comeback in their CIF-SS first round playoff game Friday beating Arroyo High 30-29, coming back in the fourth quarter from a 29-10 deficit. They play Santa Fe High in an away game for the 2nd round of playoffs at the end of this week.

During this week, we will host our annual Veterans' Day Assemblies for each campus. I love this event as it is a chance to help our students recognize and understand the sacrifices made by so many to ensure the freedoms we enjoy as a nation.

Each event is fairly similar. Our musical ensembles (band and choir) perform the theme of each service division while a slide show plays featuring the relatives of our current students and staff who have served in the military. Some of those relatives lost their lives in service to our nation. It is always fun on the upper school that when the slides featuring Mr. Rehwald, Mr. Cole or Dr. Smith (aka Dr. Cool) are shown the students all clap in recognition.

Each division will hear from a veteran. In the lower school, a friend of mine who served in the Marine Corps will be interviewed by our student council students. It is extra special to connect our students with someone for whom I have such respect.

I find that most students learn through these events and have the sobering reminder that freedom comes with a price. Part of what has made this nation the envy of the world is the willingness of regular men and women to step up with courage when the need arises to put themselves in harm's way so that someone else can live in peace.

As a reminder, there is no school this Friday, November 10th in honor of Veterans' Day.

Did you miss our Fall Parent Society Meeting? Here is a [link](#) to a video where you can watch our principals (or me) give you updates on what is happening at the school.

Enjoy your week!

Brian