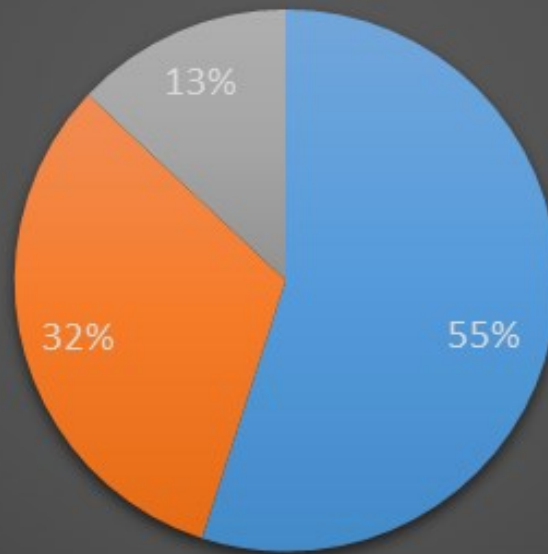


# Titan Echo

THE STUDENT PUBLICATION OF GRAND TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

## NO STORY, JUST NUMBERS

How would you feel if you had to continue distance learning for the rest of the school year? **109 RESPONSES**



■ I would be devastated. ■ I would be ok with it. ■ I don't care.

OUR METHODOLOGY: Using the poll feature in the Google Meets platform, 146 students of mixed grades and genders were asked the poll question from Oct. 30 2020 to Nov. 2, 2020. One hundred and nine responded.

# MORE POLL RESULTS ON PG. 15

@gthstitanecho



# FAMILY CAN DRIVE US CRAZY DURING LOCKDOWN

HOME- Mandatory social distancing and isolation has become the new norm. For some, it has always been the norm, (e.g. Mr. Morales), but that is besides the point. Young adults unable to gain self growth and their independence from families is making our mental health go wonky. Not everyone gets the pleasure of going home to a healthy, sane, and pleasurable environment. And, us teens do look forward to escape from school, singing our hearts out at sleepovers, play in a band with our buddies, and just all that fun stuff that allows us to decompress. Coping with the new norms related to COVID has been difficult for us. We have come to realize that all we can really do is hope for the end and find peace all in our own way.

Not all of us have open-minded families like the ones you see on TV, who are there emotionally and physically, a family who doesn't make us want to punch a wall. We struggle to find peace and liberty because we feel confined, fear of judgment or a reprimand if we are expressive. We had an outlet for that in school and other social activities before COVID. Finding serenity is simply becoming more difficult to achieve.

Though we might be struggling, some have managed to find something to keep us occupied. "I've been playing a lot of video games to keep myself distracted from everything including my family. I feel like I've been changing for the worse because I can't leave my house and get away from my family. My family drives me crazy so it sucks being stuck with them 24-7," said a GTHS senior who wanted to keep her identity anonymous to prevent her parents from giving her flak.

So, it is true. Many of us have been feeling a sense of hopelessness, loneliness, and a desire to live our young lives before we can't. We feel that the best times of our teen years are slipping away from us day after day.

"I think at first I've been changing for the better, working on my mental health and ready to move forward from things that were holding me back from growing, but now it feels like quarantine is the thing that's holding me back. Staying in the house all day has been difficult because I have so much idle time and it's easier to revert back to old ways," said another GT senior.

Although some teens are struggling, some are actually finding peace and are learning to adjust. Isolation is giving teens a whole new arena for a chance of self growth and reflection.

Some teens have enjoyed staying home and spend time with themselves. "Sometimes it's exactly what you need. "I've been watching a bunch of shows, drawing, reading, and exercising a lot more. I honestly think I've been changing for the better during this outbreak because I've had a lot of time to self reflect and understand who I want to associate with. I've also been able to spend more time with my pets which is honestly better than spending time with some people," said Erin Martinez (2021).

My point here is that many teens need to be able to have a safe space where they can feel comfortable with themselves. We are not puppies you can leave in a kennel so long as she has food and water. Parents have to understand that. Teens cannot help the way they feel. They cannot fully control their home environment, only parents can do that.

***"We feel that the best times of our teen years are slipping away from us day after day."***

THE TITAN ECHO

Established in 2012

Vol. 9 No.1

Editor-in-Chief

*Claudia Ruvacalba*

Assistant Editor

*Anthony Cervantez*

Campus Editor

*Candace Wyatt*

Sports Editor

*Eric Bustamante*

Campus Writer

*Carolina Sanchez Morales*

A&E Writer

*Desiree Ramirez*

Sports Writer

*Eveangelina Sandoval*

Faculty Advisor

*Victor Morales*

The Titan Echo is published periodically by the Journalism class of Grand Terrace High School, 21810 Main Street, Grand Terrace, CA 92313. Opinions expressed in the Titan Echo are those of the reporter and not necessarily those of the faculty, administration, school board, or school district and are not to be construed to endorse or promote activities reported upon.

All photos of school related activities are taken by staff photographers unless otherwise indicated. Some stories were originally published in the Titan Echo Web site and are republished here. The Titan Echo welcomes letters to the editor but they will be printed according to space availability and may be edited for content. Please submit all letters to [victor\\_morales@cjuds.net](mailto:victor_morales@cjuds.net).

# Seniors and Parents Resume Senior Sunrise Tradition

By Carolina Sanchez Morales (2021), Campus Writer

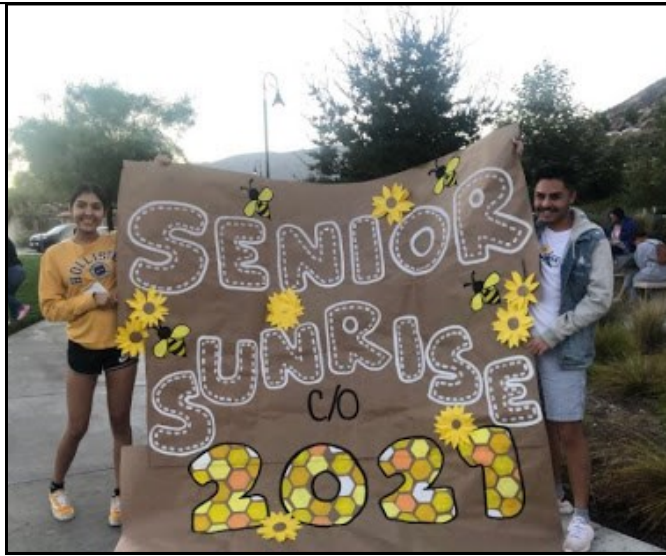
RIVERSIDE, CA—Due to the pandemic, district schools were closed and classes moved to online for at least the first semester of the 2020-21 school year. Most events, including campus and sports have been cancelled. This resulted in seniors at Grand Terrace High School and others around the country, missing out in making traditional memories. However, GT seniors, with the help of parents, organized their own version of a GT tradition, the Senior Sunrise.

The event was held Aug. 8 at Spring Mountain Ranch Community Park in Riverside. To be clear school administration did not organize the event, which would have violated district guidelines for Covid-19. However, parents and students acting independently to organize the event did not violate district guidelines.

Senior Sunrise usually happens in the early morning of the first rally day of the school year, a tradition going back at least five years. There is usually teachers and parents at the event cooking and handing out breakfast — pancakes, bacon, and eggs. Students are given balloons to write messages on and eventually they let them go into the morning sky as symbol of their eminent soul flights that will take them to college, work experience, military or travel.

But this Senior Sunrise was a first. For starters, it wasn't held at the school, obviously as organizers opted to hold it at Spring Mountain Ranch Community Park in Riverside. Students were six feet apart and had their balloons in hand. They took their lawn chairs and blankets to lay on the grass. When the first signs sunlight appeared just over Blue Mountain, they let go of the balloons in the symbolic event.

"It (felt) good. I felt they did a really good job, with Corona going on right now," said senior **Adai Fernández**,



Seniors **Adai Fernández** and **Luis Ramirez** at the student and parent-organized Senior Sunrise on Aug. 8, 2020.

# WITH INSTAGRAM, ASB KEEPS SPIRIT ALIVE DURING COVID

By Candace Wyatt (2021), Campus Writer

HOME — The GTHS ASB page on Instagram continues to announce student activities, albeit modified. The campaign to keep the spirit alive started off with "Sprit Week 2020." Posted in August, the week included, "Meet My Pet Monday," Say Hi to My Homies Tuesday," Workout from Home Wednesday," "Homerun Sports Day Thursday," and "There's No Place Like Home Friday."

The following week, a post encouraged students to wear their class colors and share a photo while tagging the GTHS ASB page. Club Rush got underway on Instagram Sept. 23, which received some support. "Can't wait to see all the presentations," one subscriber commented.

ASB Officer **Samille Otis (2021)** said more events are being planned and the periodic Lightning News is underway, she said. "Starting the (Lightning News) will help keep everyone updated on new information, and trying to add a little normalcy to distance learning."

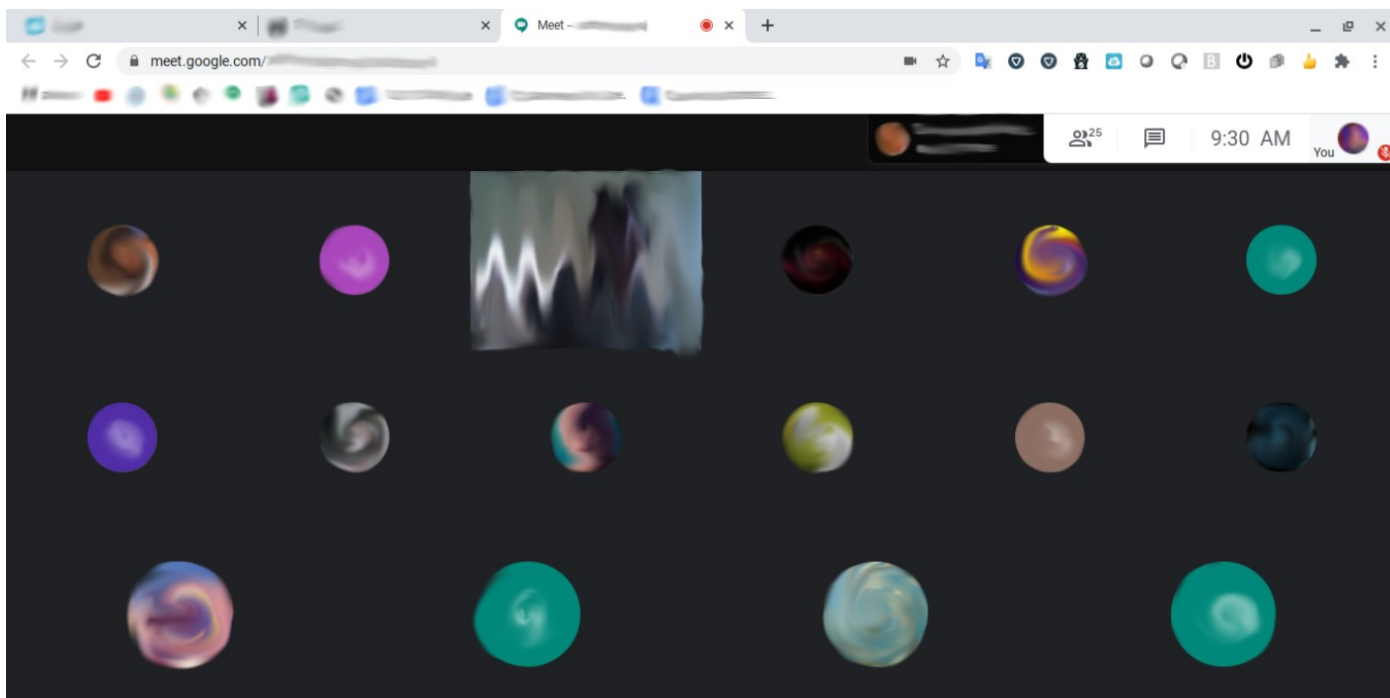
However, some students that were asked said Distance Learning and lockdown was too much to overcome.

"I wasn't really amused, but my favorite one was being able to show off my football team. I saw a lot of my friends post the events too," said **Mathew Wyatt (2024)**. **Andrea Gutierrez (2023)** said she noticed that most students are "50/50" with the idea of everything being virtual, and probably prefer it to be at an event that is actually happening in school.

Follow the ASB @gthsasb to be more informed.







*All participants except for the teacher (center) at this GTHS Google Meet show only their icons. Identifying markers have been blurred out for privacy.*

## CAMERAS ON OR CAMERAS OFF?

*By Carolina Sanchez Morales (2021), Campus Writer*

**HOME** – Distance learning is the new norm for most of the nation's schools. Part of this new norm is live-meeting with your classes on platforms such as Google Meets, Cisco WebEx or Zoom. At Titan Town, the expectation is that students show their faces. A Distance Learning Expectations slideshow shared by the Administration specifically said, "Show your face for the entire class meeting."

But some students said that exposing their faces and surroundings is weird. An informal survey on social media netted the following anecdotes. **Octavio Camez** (2021) said that if he had to show his face during his classes, he would feel more self-conscious. **Kassandra Rodriguez** (2021) said showing her face was weird at first, but soon got used to it. However, **Kyah Croose** (2023) said she did not find it weird.

Another reason students might find it strange, is that they do not like the idea of showing people their surroundings at home. For example, Rodriguez said one day during her class, she leaned back. When she did, she ended up hitting her head on a picture frame behind her. After impact, she quickly checked to see if anyone had seen her. She noticed some her peers giggling.

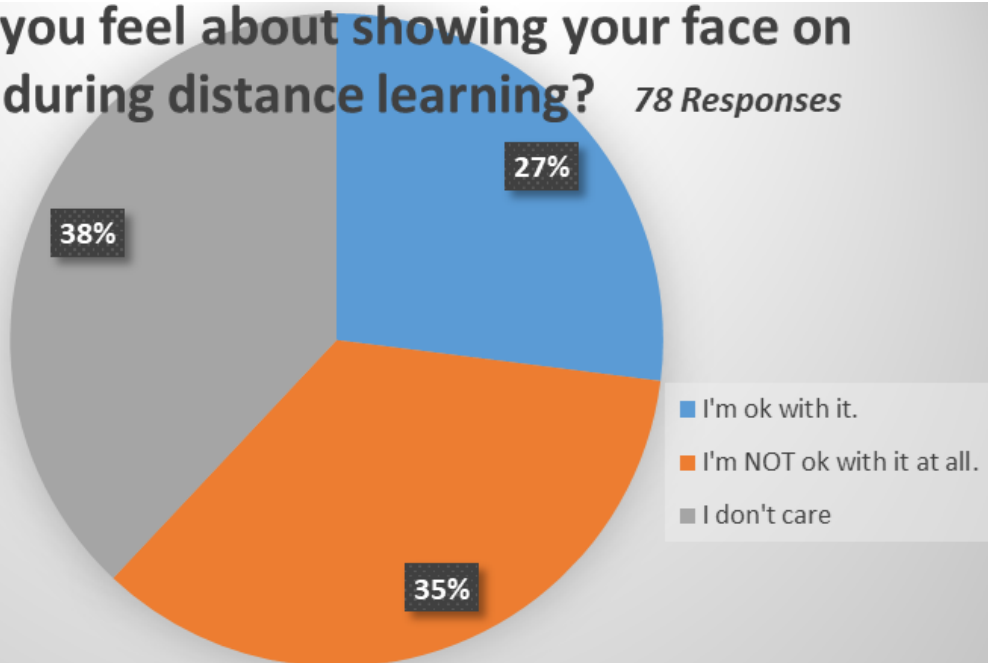
Mr. **Victor Morales** (English) said mandating showing faces may be difficult for some students. "Some disadvantaged students may feel like they are being outed if they begin to compare surroundings. They may not have their own private workspace, air-conditioning, or even a home," he said. "It doesn't quite make sense to mandate it and expect a safe learning environment for all."

There are some measures to help. Google Meets for example recently added a feature to blur out the background and only illuminate the user. And, not showing your face takes away from the learning experience for the teachers, Morales said. "I am used to studying the faces of students, looking for gestures that tell me they get it or don't get it and I bend my delivery according to those signals. I don't have those signals anymore, only icons."

Its unknown how many teachers are enforcing the cameras-on expectation. The camera expectation is a touchy subject. A more formal survey on the issue was optioned that would have shared a survey with every student in the school with the assistance of the school administration. That idea was shot down by Administration, saying it was controversial. Our informal survey was open to 111 known current GTHS students on Instagram. We asked if they were required by at least one class to show their faces. Twenty-seven responded and only three said they have to show their faces.

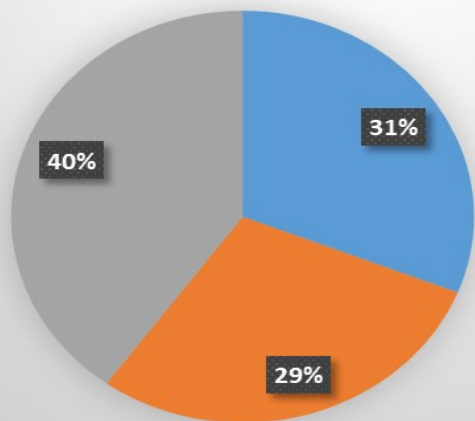
A poll with a larger sample was taken using the Google Meets platform. See the next page for results.

## How do you feel about showing your face on camera during distance learning? *78 Responses*

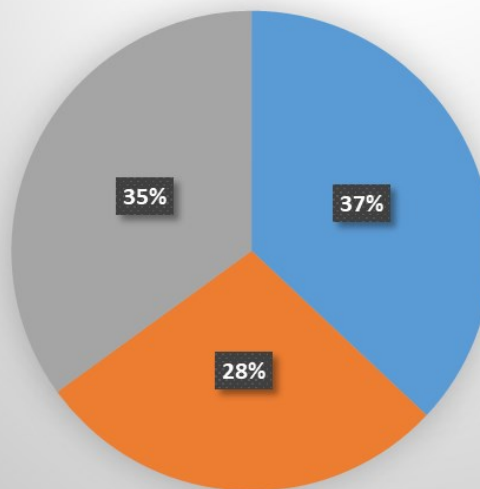


OUR METHODOLOGY: Using the poll feature in the Google Meets platform, 123 students of mixed grades and genders were asked the poll question from Oct. 21 2020 to Oct. 22, 2020. Seventy-eight responded.

### BOYS *35 Responses*



### GIRLS *43 Responses*



■ I'm ok with it. ■ I'm NOT ok with it. ■ I don't care

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT SHOWING FACES OR SOMETHING ELSE? SUBMIT YOUR OPINION TO THE TITAN ECHO AND GET PUBLISHED. SUBMIT ALL OPINIONS TO [VICTOR\\_MORALES@CJUSD.NET](mailto:VICTOR_MORALES@CJUSD.NET)**

The Titan Echo welcomes letters to the editor but they will be printed according to space availability and may be edited for content.

# Who was RBG and What Now?

By Desiree Ramirez (2022)



On Sep. 18, 2020, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the justice on the Supreme Court passed away. She was a justice on the Supreme Court that fought for gender equality.

Ginsburg (also known as RBG) had a lot of impact in advocating for gender equality with her opinions and votes in The Court. What laid the foundation for the modern day women's rights movement were some of her cases that took place in the seventies. She argued in The Court for prohibiting employers from discriminating against employees based on gender or reproductive choices. She is one reason why women can't get fired for being pregnant. She led the ruling that mandated that publicly funded schools, like UCLA and CSUSB must admit women. She is the reason why women must be admitted to predominately male programs, like ROTC. In 1974, she worked for the passing of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act that allowed women to open their own bank accounts without a male co-signer. She is the reason why women can open up their own bank and credit card accounts and business.

But her work was based on equality for both genders. As an attorney for the ACLU. She argued the cases *Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld*, 1975, and *Frontiero v.*

*Richardson*, 1973 in front of the Supreme Court. These cases secured that both widows and widowers can collect social security benefits, not just widows.

With her passing, a new judge must be put in place. Amy Coney Barrett was nominated by President Donald Trump. On Oct. 26, 2020, she was confirmed to the Supreme Court. She has already taken her first oath.

In the Guardian it suggests, "the confirmation gives the conservative justices the upper hand on such hot-button issues as abortion, same-sex marriage and the climate crisis – areas where public opinion is firmly in favor of progressive change."



Supreme Court Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett is the fifth woman to serve on The Bench.

## Q&A with Ms. Camille Butts, Social Science Teacher



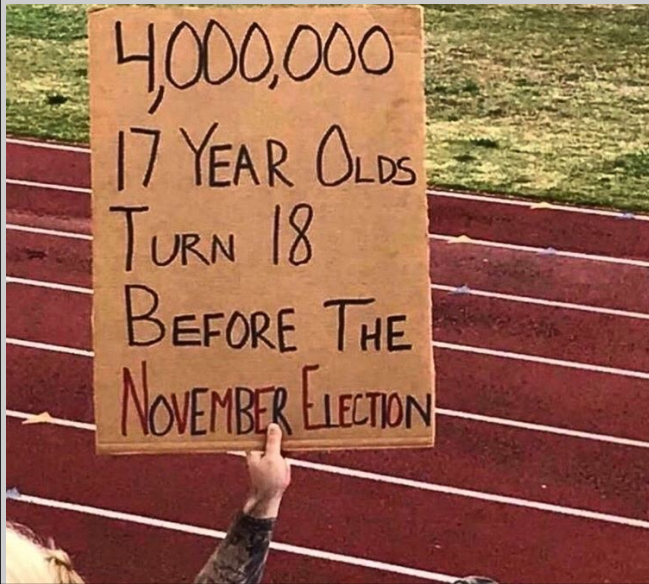
TE: How do you feel about RBG's impact on women's rights?

CB: Justice Ginsberg was a perennial champion for women's rights. Her progressive work paved the way for all Americans, but especially women, to have equal protection under the Constitution. Before becoming a Supreme Court Justice, RBG used immense intelligence to bring about increased gender equality in areas where the government has influence. In my U.S. History classes I often stress the importance of the 14th Amendment because it ensures equal protection under the laws. RBG as co-founder of the Women's Rights Project at the ACLU worked to make the 14th amendment's equal protection clause actually equally protect people and make it so discrimination cannot happen because of your sex. In doing so, she helped overturn a statute that preferred men over women, she helped get equal housing and benefits for members of the military, she argued that laws discriminating based on pregnancy must be reevaluated, she argued for equality in social security benefits, tirelessly fought for equal pay for equal jobs, amongst many other things. To say that a vocal and successful champion of gender equality is now gone is an understatement. The items listed above were all from before she was a justice. Her life's work is the reason why she is the Notorious RBG. Her enduring quotes, "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made" and "When there are nine" will be long lasting quotes that propel women to take their rightful positions in the public sphere

TE: How do you feel about her passing?

CB: We cannot physically live forever. RBG will now be a great hero that once lived.

# Presidential Debates & Gen Z's POV



The 2020 presidential debates in a nutshell:



Above are some memes circulating in Gen-X social media feeds.

*By Carolina Sanchez Morales (2021), Campus Writer*

**HOME** — There is no doubt that Generation Z (the name of the generation born between 1996 and 2010) has always had very strong opinions about the world around them. Throughout the 2020 Presidential Race, Gen Z has shared their positive and negative opinions on both presidential candidates. Why does Gen Z play a role? The answer is numbers. According to Info Please, about 4.5 million 17 year-olds will be turning 18 before the November election. This means 4.5 million Gen Z'ers —politically savvy or not— will have a chance to vote and make an impact.

Gen Z, however is often discredited as politically impactful and is still stigmatized for focusing on the smallest details. For example, there was a fly that had landed on Vice President Mike Pence's head during the debate with democratic vice present candidate Kamala Harris on Oct. 7. Within minutes a Twitter account was created for the fly, presumably by the social media-dependent Gen-Xers. But, this isn't the first time something like this has happened. During the previous presidential race, a fly had landed on the head of 2016 presidential candidate Hilary Clinton and it also got an account.

The first presidential debate on Sept. 29 was a mess and chaotic. President Donald Trump could not keep quiet, triggering democratic candidate Joe Biden to say, "Would you shut up, man." It even got to the point where the moderator, Chris Wallace, got tired of telling Donald Trump to be silent while Biden talked. The episode was described as a "dark moment" from political a commentator and both candidates and moderator got bad critiques for the mess.

The incident did not go unnoticed by Gen-Xers. Memes popped up both lampooning the event and sending a serious message about the outlook of the nation. One GTHS senior who requested to be anonymous said "It was like watching children in a play fight."



## PUMPKIN PATCH AT LIVE OAK STILL AN ATTRACTION



Photo by Candace Wyatt

*By Candace Wyatt (2021), Campus Editor LIVE OAK, CA*—For some, pumpkin patches during the fall season is the best time of the year. All the beautiful scenery, activities, rides, corn maze, food, and of course the pumpkins transitions us from the harshness of the summer months. This year, although Covid infections are still a deterrent and presently increasing, the Live Oak Pumpkin Patch in nearby Redlands was in full swing the past weeks. It is now closed and reopens Nov. 27 for the Christmas season, said its website.

Upon entering the pumpkin patch, a visitor is led to a beautiful open area with flowers and pumpkins, offering a variety of places to take pics for one's social media feeds. A petting zoo is included. There are rides, including traditional hay rides and a corn maze. Food is served in an music-filled patio. "It was a little hot, but it was very beautiful. The food was good and the corn maze was cool. It was nice going and being able to see my friends," said **Annabelle Flores** (2021).

## What's happening with Halloween this Year?

*By Candace Wyatt (2021), Campus Writer HOME-* Everyone loves Halloween. People of all ages look forward to dressing up, going trick-or-treating, handing out candy, going the Halloween parties, and getting spooked at haunted houses. Sadly, this year Halloween has some slight adjustments due to Covid restrictions.

Our local ABC news affiliate made recommendations of activities to do this year. Some carved pumpkins, watched their favorite Halloween movies, made crafts, and spent time with family while decorating their home. Halloween activities are needed students said.

"It doesn't deeply affect me, but I am tired of being at home every day," said **Irene Mortel** (2021). Another student said "It's sad to know that this year many things are cancelled and that there are many dangers either going out this year. It affects me because I would like to go out with friends like I usually do, but there's Covid still and there has been a lot about child abduction and it's scary to know this is all around." said **Lezlee Santana** (2021).





# What Have You Been Binge-watching ?

By Candace Wyatt (2021), Campus Writer

2020 has been a rough year for everyone because of COVID. Being stuck in quarantine is dreadful. One of the most popular activities that most have been doing to combat utter and complete boredom is binge-watching Netflix. Although a lot of shows have been postponed there have been a few new shows and films that debuted on the entertainment-streaming platform.



“I prefer watching shows on Netflix because I like the continuation of it , and see more character development,” said **Irene Mortel** (2021). “ I love being able to continue on with what I'm watching and not just a sudden end, and the suspense,” said **Desiree Zamora** (2021).

The most watched shows, according to Netflix, as of the date of this story was *The Umbrella Academy*. It is the show's second season. *Lucifer*, *Legend of Korra*, *Trinkets* , and *Money Heist* are on the list as well. The most watched movies, according to Netflix, are , *Jurassic Park*, *The Karate Kid*, *Remember Me*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Lady Bird*, and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Interestingly, most of these films are more than ten years old.

Every month Netflix adds and removes new shows and movies. However, debuts of the shows and films are also based on the production and studio companies that produce them, according to Quora.com.

**SOME TOP CONTENT DURING COVID LOCKDOWN:**

- Stranger Things
- Money Heist
- The Karate Kid
- Crown
- Orange is the New Black
- Riverdale
- Jurassic Park
- The Witcher

# FANS GO CRAZY FOR TRAVIS SCOTT BURGER

By Eric Bustamante (2021), Sports Writer

The artist Travis Scott has dropped his very own meal at McDonald's. The meal, a Quarter Pounder with bacon, a large fries and drink, is now known as “The Travis Scott.” Scott is the second celebrity to have his own meal since NBA legend Michael Jordan had a meal named for him in 1992, the “McJordan Burger.”

Scott showed up to a McDonald's in Downey, California (Southeast Los Angeles) to promote the meal on Sept. 8. He said he got a COVID test after being swarmed by fans at the event, according to the Entertainment Tonight website.

He also got fined for not having a permit to have over 200 people at a gathering even though it was not meant to be a gathering. More than 500 people formed a gathering.

This isn't the first collaboration that Scott has done nor is there any indication that it will

be his last. Early this year Scott collaborated with the popular game Fortnite and produced a special event in which he had a concert inside Fortnite. He's also collaborated with Reese's Puffs, and Nike, according to Bloomberg News.

To promote his meal at McDonalds, Scott made a commercial using his infamous Travis Scott doll which he used as a cover for his first studio album, *Rodeo*.

He launched a clothing collaboration with McDonald's on his website and was scheduled to release a song with Young Thug called “Franchise” on Sept. 25.

This isn't the first time Scott fans have gotten sorta out of hand. It was reported on social media apps that many fans tried reselling their burgers online for more than \$1000. Fans are even stealing the promotional posters from local McDonald's and reselling them online.

Workers at McDonald's complained that they were flooded for the constant requests for the Travis Scott meals. Social media posts said that some customers were acting very obnoxious and playing Travis Scott's music loudly as they drove through the drive-through.

A worker, who wanted to remain anonymous, at the McDonald's in Grand Terrace said, “Customers only got crazy the first couple of days and now they don't really care because it's not special no more.”



# TIK-TOKERS TROLL TRUMP



The images above, showing empty seats, were reportedly of the Trump rally in Tulsa, according to new sources.

By Desiree Ramirez (2022), A&E Writer

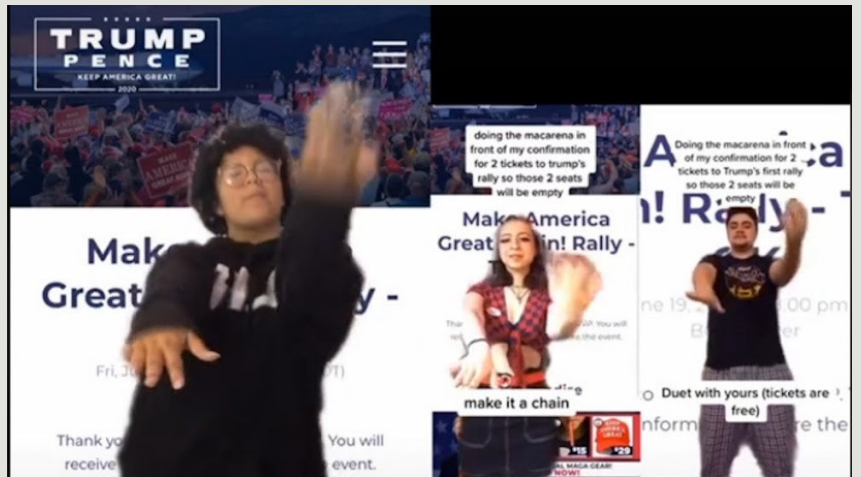
**TULSA, OKLAHOMA** — On June 20, President Donald Trump arrived at his rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma only to find out there were only 19,000 attendees out of the expected 1 million. How could that be? It was reported that hundreds of subscribers of the popular social media app, TikToc, booked seats to Trump’s rally and preplanned not to show up.

Beginning in June, people on TikTok started a chain of duets in which they were dancing in front of a screenshot that confirmed that they had just booked seats for the rally in Tulsa. That may have led Trump to tweet, “Almost One Million people requested tickets for the Saturday Night Rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma!”

When only 19,000 showed Trump and his campaign reacted to the emptiness of the rally by blaming the half-empty arena on protests in the area. The Trump Campaign said that it: “..interfered with supporters, even blocking access to the metal detectors which prevented people from entering the rally.”

Both political perspectives from students were sought to see how they felt about this and if they even knew of the occurrence. “Yes I’ve heard about it, and it wasn’t the right thing to do, but it’s humorous to the people on the outside,” said **Samantha Lovett** (2022), a democrat-leaning student. She added, “I do think it’s a waste of money by booking spots even though it is funny.”

A republican-leaning student who requested to be anonymous, told the Titan Echo “No I hadn’t heard about this, and I don’t really care much because I don’t take Tik-Tokers seriously.” The student added that it was a “childish” act.



TikTokers dance in front of the screenshots confirming seat reservation for Trump rally.



# **GAMING** *By Anthony Cervantez*

## **Call of Duty Modern Warfare is Massive Impact Despite Covid**

**HOME**— People that are not even gamers have heard of Modern Warfare. Its success transcends age, gender, and culture. With that success, it brings another game mode called War Zone. Warzone is a free-to-play game, meaning gamers can access it no matter what console they have. Modern Warfare seems to have it all — a great campaign, fun multiplayer platform and a very successful Battle Royale game mode.

The video game itself brought many new features that fans enjoy which is one of the reasons that it has so much success and as gamers are staying home due to Covid, much more people are playing the game. In the first quarter of the game's release it "sold more units and has more players than any Call of Duty title at this point after its release, according to the game's maker, Activision. The multiplayer is frequently updated with new game modes for the players to enjoy and gives the game a fresh feel. Some of the updates include but are not limited to new weapons, new game modes and new tournaments for players to enjoy. Modern Warfare surpassed 1 billion dollars in sales worldwide as of Dec. 18, 2019, according to Activision. That is only four months after its release. When asked what made Modern Warfare stand out **Jacob Fiedler (2021)** said, "What made the game stand out was the constant updates the game received. It made the game feel fresh rather than playing the same game and having to pay for new maps."

Warzone itself is a success in its own right. Warzone, the new Battle Royale for Call Of Duty Modern Warfare brought many new players as it is free to play. Warzone Dethrone is another battle royale game called Apex Legends and broke the record for the most downloads in 24-hour period. Even with Warzone being free to play the sales of Modern Warfare accelerated in March when Battle Royale came out.

One of the best features about Warzone is that all your progress from the multiplayer side of the game carries over so all of your weapons operators and other content of that sort will be carried over and it works vice-versa. Whatever a player does in Warzone will carry back to the base game of Modern Warfare.

Warzone itself was a very great choice made by Activision; it hit 15 million players within its first week. Overall Call of Duty Modern Warfare has been a ground-breaking success. It was a very refreshing feel.

## **Review: Marvel's Avengers**

Marvel's Avengers is a great new game that came out August 14. It was developed by Japanese company, Square Enix, which has a great record for producing campaign games.

A user is able to play as the core Avengers team which includes Hulk, Captain America, Iron Man, Black Widow, Thor, and Kamala. It also includes an online game mode which is a post campaign and enables users to fight off evil villains. It has an RPG vibe with the armor having statistics and you could get armor in game by looting crates or finishing missions.

Square Enix has a great track record for RPG games, such as the Kingdom Hearts and Final Fantasy franchises.

Senior **Adam Cervantez** said, "I like the game Marvel Avengers because it feels like you are one of them and it is a whole new side of the avengers that no one has seen. The game really shows that even though they are super humans doesn't mean that they don't have everyday problems."

I play the game myself. I can tell it's going to be a great game. It is fun playing online with my friends and if you own the PS4 you're able to get access to Spider-Man. Spider-Man Tobey is a post-launch DLC for PS4 exclusively. If you like RPG games and the Avengers this will be a good pick up for you.



**TOP: A look at the armor and RPG sides of things.**

**Bottom: The Game look**







## What the Xbox App update brought to iOS

**HOME**— the latest Xbox app update brought the streaming of Xbox games to your Apple devices. This feature was already introduced to Android devices but finally came to iOS and Apple devices. A quote directly from the Xbox website states, “Play games installed on your Xbox console, including Xbox Game Pass titles, to any compatible Android or iOS device – no waiting for downloads.”

So, any games you currently own can be played from your phone and there is no need to wait for downloads or anything just connect it and play.

The update to the app brought tons of new features. Besides just streaming games to your phone, you can free up space by deleting games on your Xbox through your phone and downloading games when you are not at home so they can be done when you get on your Xbox.

Both play a good role in convenience. You can be at school when the new *Call of Duty* drops and you can download straight from the Xbox app and it will be ready when you're home.

Streaming from your phone is a good step to having a real streaming service where you can directly stream games via a subscription and play tons of titles. Overall, the new update to the Xbox app has been a breakthrough for Microsoft and only excites fans for what's to come in November with the new Xbox Series X.

# ASTROS CAUGHT CHEATING AGAIN?

By Eric Bustamante (2020), Sports Editor

The Houston Astros were accused of cheating in their 2017 season for using hand signals during games. They have recently been caught using the illegal hand signals again during one of their recent games and many people are angry about it. They have also been caught stealing other teams' hand signals. Apparently, this has been going on since 2017, some news reports said.

The Astros organization recently suffered consequences for the alleged cheating. They had to fire General Manager Jeff Luhnow after Major League Baseball suspended him for a year for a cheating scandal that involved stealing pitch signs from opposing catchers during their 2017 winning season. The Astros eventually beat the Dodgers in that year's World Series. According to the Washington Post, sign-stealing in baseball is when a team deciphers the hand signals from opposing teams, usually from catcher to pitcher.

According to the New York Times, "Since the 2014 season, Major League Baseball has given managers one chance per game to challenge a call on the field — but not balls and strikes — using a video replay system. Each team has a video replay review room, including the Astros, who M.L.B. investigators said he used the center-field camera feed to steal opponents' signs."

There are no indications that the Astros will forfeit their World Series win against the Los Angeles Dodgers.



Should the Astros return their 2017 Championship?

## What is sign-stealing?

Sign-stealing is a long-standing baseball practice in which one team tries to decode the signs of its opponent. Those signs could be relayed from the catcher to the pitcher, or from the dugout to the catcher, or from one infielder to another, or from a base coach to a batter or runner. There is a constant exchange of signs by both the hitting team and fielding team during a baseball game. Figuring out what even one of them means — in the Astros' case, the signs from catcher to pitcher, the most frequent target for sign-stealing — can give a team a major advantage, allowing batters to know, for example, if the next pitch will be a fastball or a breaking ball. — The Washington Post

# GT's Athletes Wait in Uncertainty

By Eveangeline Sandoval (2023), Sports Writer

COVID-19 has impacted many people all over the world. People who work, people who have children, teachers and administrators all around the world have been affected. Everything in the world has had a drastic change since Covid-19 was unleashed to the public. It has been a troublesome time for many people and their work spaces, in the grocery stores, restaurants, and schools have all changed because of the outbreak. The MLB, NFL, and NBA organizations have not been the same since the virus spread. For GTHS, all sports are delayed and at best tenuous and unsettled.

School sports are given a temporary extension going into the summer to continue CIF regional and state championship events, according to the CIF website. It has been very depressing for athletes that sports all over the world have been delayed.

CIF has had a temporary reconfiguration of bylaw 504 E. H. stating, "Each CIF Section will release their own calendar to reflect regular season starting and ending dates and Section playoffs. It is anticipated that most Section start dates will commence in December 2020 or January 2021." This means that sports may resume around that time.

Here at Grand Terrace High, many athletes' season got cut short last year and this

year's season got put off. Isabelle Avilla, a sophomore varsity softball player has been playing for ten years and said she was heartbroken when her season got cut short. She described the feeling when she plays as "unexplainable" and "perfect." She said, "I miss feeling the adrenaline during an important game. I was so very sad and just wanted to keep playing with my team but it is what it is ... ." Avilla said that she remains committed. "If something stands between you and your success, move it. Never be denied." Alijah Appleton, a sophomore varsity football player has been a player for eight years and describes the way he plays as aggressive. He quoted a Bible verse when asked what keeps his faith going. "Philippians 4:13 says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Alijah was asked what he misses most about football his response was, "I miss proving the people that doubted me and my brothers wrong. I even miss the good times we had together after our victories I just miss being on the field."



Isabelle Avilla (2023), varsity softball. COURTESY OF Isabelle Avilla

# **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:**

**DO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?  
DO WANT TO GET PUBLISHED IN THE  
TITAN ECHO?  
DO YOU NEED A RESUME HIGHLIGHT?**

**THE TITAN ECHO IS CALLING FOR  
OPINION  
SUBMISSIONS.**

# **Titan Echo**

**STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, GET YOUR  
VOICE HEARD IN THE NEXT EDITION!**

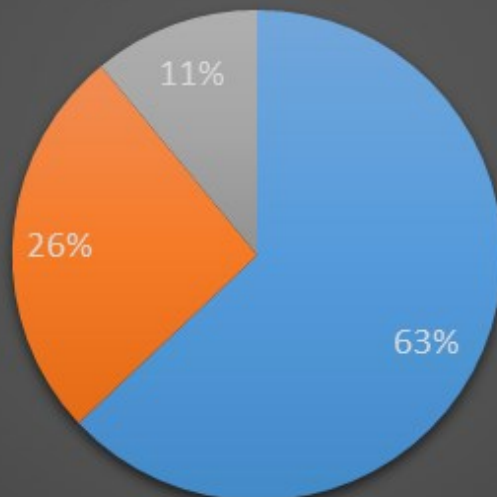
**AND, FOLLOW @gthstidanecho**



**The Titan Echo is published periodically by  
the Journalism class of Grand Terrace High  
School, 21810 Main Street, Grand Terrace, CA  
92313. The Titan Echo welcomes letters to the  
editor and opinions but they will be printed  
according to space availability and may be ed-  
ited for content. Please submit all letters to**

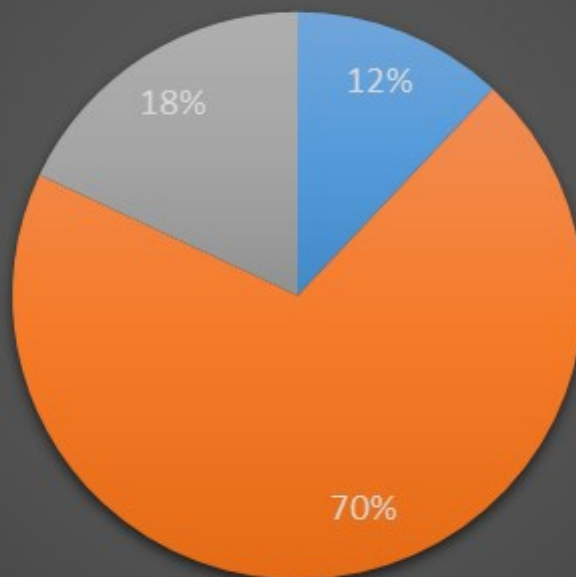


## How would you feel if you had to continue distance learning this year and NEXT year (college for seniors)?



■ I would be devastated.   ■ I would be ok with it.   ■ I don't care.

## How do you feel about your progress in distance learning?



■ I am learning.   ■ I am learning some.   ■ I am NOT learning.

# Remembering Chadwick Boseman

By Desiree Ramirez (2022), A&E Writer

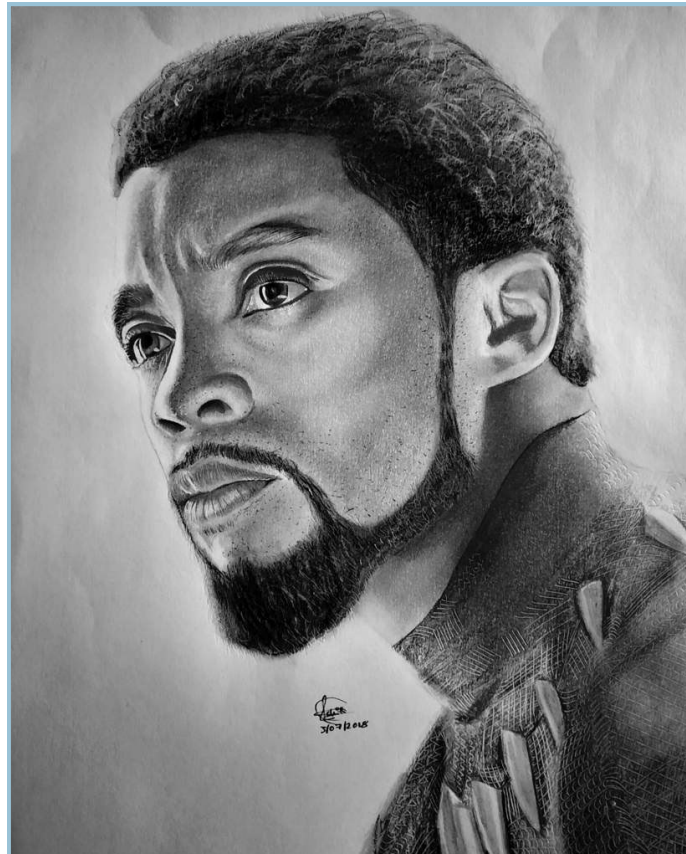
**TITAN TOWN** - On Aug 28, *Black Panther* star, Chadwick Boseman, passed away at just 43 years old. His cause of death was colon cancer that had been diagnosed back in 2016. Boseman had fought his battle with cancer in private.

The actor made his mark, says GTHS Black Student Union (BSU) President **Ryane Owens**. "When I found out that Chadwick Boseman passed I was very sad. Not only was he a positive Black man for you young black men to look up to, he was such a positive role model to all and he is and was a true superhero," Owens said.

Before his death, Boseman lived with cancer for four years. According to NBC, a big inspiration to keep his cancer private was his mother, and that she "always taught him not to have people fuss over him."

"I didn't even know that he had cancer honestly. I am happy that his family kept it a secret because he deserves privacy, but I also have even more respect for him. He was a fighter and he never gave up," Owens said.

Other movies Boseman acted in were *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (2017), *Avengers: Endgame* (2019), *Infinity War* (2018), and others. However his "big break" movie was *42* (2013), a biopic about the ground-breaking baseball player, Jackie Robinson.



Art Courtesy of AshuBangera on Amino