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Class of '18 savages spirit week



PHOTO/ Stephanie Shih

#Sophomoresavages: After the sophomores started to make a comeback on the second and third day of spirit week, they coined the term "Sophomore Savages" to represent their wild and spirited class.

By Stephanie Shih
News Editor

Cheers erupted as Seniors Sarah Tomason and Jacob Tran riled up the crowd with a spirit check during the Fall Assembly on Sept. 18. Two days later, ASBL erroneously announced that the seniors had won the spirit week competition. In actuality, the sophomore class had risen to the top at the last minute, beating the senior class by two points.

"We decided to do what we thought would be best for the whole school, but we now realize that what we did was wrong," ASBL Vice President Senior Sandra Ngo said. "In retrospect, we had no right to do what we did and we had very poor judgement."

ASBL revealed the truth via Facebook on Sept. 26, and formally apologized for changing the scores and misleading the student

body. Their post received mixed reactions. Responses ranged from those that expressed clear disapproval to those of disappointment to those of plain confusion.

"It was kind of disappointing to know that seniors lost spirit week, but I feel like ASBL should've been more responsible about the scores," Senior Ryan Lau said. "Even though they show that we lost, it would have been better to just say the real winner in the first place because not doing so brings up the hype for those who thought that they won, which will end in disappointment."

In regards to the Sophomores, some were apathetic about the victory.

"Knowing that we won was definitely exciting, but it shouldn't be about winning; it should be about having spirit in general," Sophomore Desiree Caldera said. "If ASBL continues to give it to the seniors, I personally wouldn't mind. I mean, it is their year."

On the contrary, others feel that what ASBL had done was unfathomable, and have doubts about being represented by it.

"I'm not sure if I would trust ASBL to represent our class in the future," Sophomore Vivian Do said. "I know everyone makes mistakes and hopefully they learn from them, but they should've just kept it real with everyone else."

Regardless, the year's first spirit week encouraged students to show their spirit, and #doitforthespirit.

"Everyone should be proud of how spirited they were because they've come a long way," Ngo said. "I'm very sorry if we hurt anybody and lost their trust. However, I hope people can understand that even we make mistakes too."

For the time being, ASBL Advisor Mr. Michael Kidd has suspended the assemblies committee from planning future spirit weeks.

October Ram Calendar

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Oct. 2: End of the grading period
- Oct. 3: SAT
- Oct. 9: Fun Food Friday
- Oct. 14: PSAT
- Oct. 20: Talent Show at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21: Musical Audition Meeting
- Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27: Parent Conference, Min. Day
- Oct. 31: Halloween

Library finds "lost" books

By Max Clark
Exchange Editor

Junior Kyle Mac was pleasantly surprised after receiving a notice from the library regarding a missing book that he had already paid for. During the first six weeks of school, the new library staff, Media Technician Ms. Anne Kosanovich and IRC Specialist Ms. Joanne Wang, discovered a number of books previously declared lost or missing.

"It felt pretty good knowing that I didn't actually lose my book," Mac said. "I just had to turn in my receipt and I got a full refund."

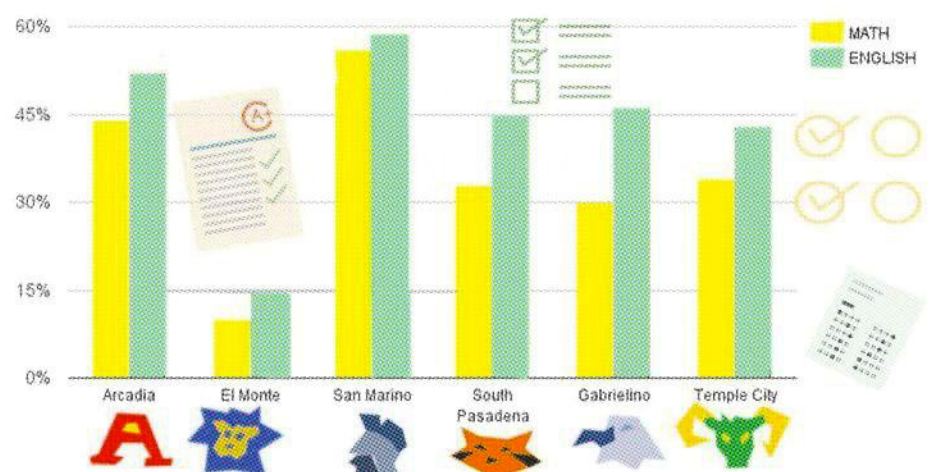
After registration, the staff began organizing the library and dealing with a number of issues regarding textbooks. Ms. Kosanovich and Ms. Wang

found out that in prior years, employees did not scan all books correctly, and charged students for mistakes. From early on in the year, one of their first priorities was to fix this ongoing issue, and they have found more than 50 books so far.

"We are making a lot of changes this year," Ms. Kosanovich said. "We want to get the textbook situation figured out."

In order to resolve the issue of missing textbooks, student aides are rescanning every single textbook and class set of reading books, ensuring that all loose ends are tied up before the year ends.

Students and their parents who have doubts about missing books are allowed to go to the back of the library and look for themselves.



2015 CAASPP Test results

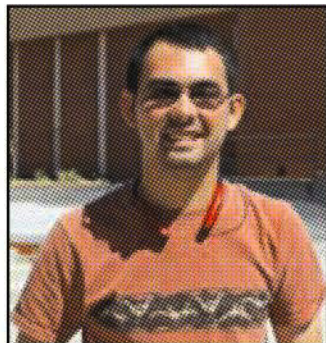
By Charlie Dodge
Staff Writer

Juniors in high schools across California took the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) via computer from May 18 through June 1. The graph above shows the percentage of students who exceeded the standard in each subject.

Straying from the status quo

By Elizabeth Liu, Melody Lo & Jason Xie
Staff Writers

Temple City High School prides itself on being an accepting community and has students who enjoy many different trends Rampage set out to find students who have unique cultural interests and stray from the mainstream.

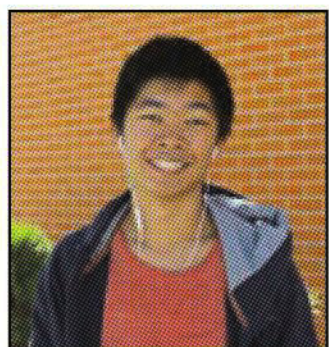


"I got interested in the Japanese live action super hero shows while working on my book saga. American shows just didn't stand out to me as much as Japanese ones like Kamen Rider, Super Sentai and Garo. Most people don't really know about these shows since they mostly aired in Japan."

— Senior Ian McDermott

"Everyone I know has seen 'Titanic', but I never had the urge to see it. I knew what was going to happen in the end anyway and the love story wasn't appealing and didn't convince me to see it either. I'm more interested in movies with more happy endings such as most of the Disney movies."

— Junior Brittany Phan



"After ending my Yu-Gi-Oh phase, I started playing a different card game called Vanguard. It's probably not the most popular and is a bit nerdy. But what makes the game interesting is the fact that it implements strategy and predictive analytics, not something I see in other games these days."

— Senior Jerry Leong

"I've never seen or read 'The Fault in Our Stars', 'The Hunger Games', 'Divergent' and the 'Harry Potter' series. I just feel like it's unnecessary since I haven't really accomplished anything after finishing a book. Sometimes I wanted to continue a book but deep down I know that I can't because it's the end for some reason."

— Senior Jasmine Sun



PHOTOS/ Jason Xie

Tranwreck Racial Bias In the Media Jacob Tran Entertainment Editor



As she was accepting her moonman for the VMA's Best Hip Hop Video of the Year, Nicki Minaj interrupted herself and directed the attention to Miley Cyrus by saying "Now back to this bitch that had a lot to say about me in the press the other day. Miley, what's good?" With just a few words on live television, she instantly became the face that launched a thousand memes.

The next morning, I found that virtually every media outlet had the feud as the top story. Wading through the countless posts I noticed a trend. The words used to describe Nicki were always "livid", "aggressive" or some other variation of the word angry. Miley Cyrus' name, on the other hand, was accompanied with the phrases like "former Disney star" or "former child star."

Nicki Minaj was consistently being portrayed as the angry black woman stereotype while Miley Cyrus was painted as the innocent bystander despite the fact that the entire feud started the week before when she bad-mouthed Nicki in an interview with The New York Times.

Nicki's statement was entertaining and made for good television, but the racially biased backlash from the media revealed a dark side of the entertainment industry that is usually well-hidden. People of color, especially blacks, are villainized and seen as the aggressor in the majority of situations in the media.

We are force-fed harmful stereotypes and inaccurate depictions that are too often masked by comedy in order to be more easily adopted by the public. The result is a subconscious attitude that these labels are not only accurate, but also acceptable. Black men, no matter their profession are now seen as the hard thug and outspoken black women such as Nicki Minaj are easily aligned with the sassy black woman stereotype.

Although this instance probably didn't affect Nicki Minaj's life or even music sales in any real way, not every person of color has the perks and luxuries a celebrity like her has.

Strip the security guards, celebrity status and millions of viewers away and suddenly the racism is amplified. People of color experience racial bias as part of their everyday lives. I can't even begin to tell you how many times store managers have followed me around convenience stores for fear of me stealing something while there were at least two other customers in the store.

I am fortunate enough to live in a place with a relatively high level of diversity where a store manager following me is pretty much the upper limit of the racism I experience. Racism also poses little to no threat to my life, but I recognize that not everyone has the same opportunity to live in the safe comfortable bubble that is Temple City.

While most of us do a good job at speaking out against the larger, more violent acts of racism, we should also make it our responsibility to combat the attitudes and social norms that promote it.

Oak is across the street and they want their clothes back

By Michelle Zhang
Staff Writer

Here at the high school, we have the students that are fashionistas who keep up with latest styles but we also have a handful of students that need to step up their fashion game because they're making us look like the bottom of the style barrel.

Let go of Oak

When you wear your old Oak t-shirts, it not only makes you unfashionable, but it also makes you appear like someone that just can't let go of the past. If Elsa was to break down this matter, she would tell you to let it go and that the past is in the past.

We don't care which former team you were on, which clubs you joined at Oak, and if you were in orchestra or band. Everyone wants to see something new and appealing, and without a doubt, your Oak team t-shirt is not on that list.

No one cares what team you were on last year or the year before that. They either know already or it doesn't matter.

What happens in Oak, stays in Oak. Your Oak shirts had their moments back then now just leave them there.

The only acceptable days to wear your former Oak t-shirts is when we have Throw-back Thursdays for spirit weeks.

However, when you wear your Oak t-shirts almost every day, it completely destroys the purpose of it. No one can possibly have Throw-back Thursdays every single day of the week. Plus, there's only one Thursday every week if you haven't noticed yet.

Getting with the times

Instead of constantly promoting former extracurricular activities and clubs back at Oak, keep it fresh and present.

Abandon those old, shabby Oak t-shirts and replace them with current club t-shirts, sports teams offered at the high school and basically anything that occurs here at TCHS.

Changing up the t-shirts in your closet from the past to the present



will not only help you appear more like someone that is living in the present but it will also help cut down the amount of students that are attempting to resurrect their Oak t-shirt.

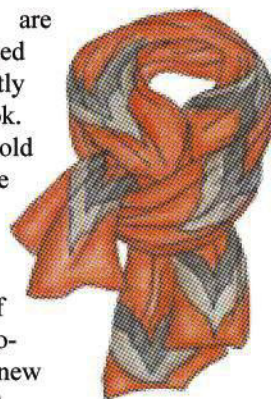
Accessorize, accessorize, accessorize

Some suggestions that could enhance your looks include but are not limited to accessories for girls, pocket tees or well-fitting polos for guys and experimenting with different textures.

Accessories are often overlooked but can instantly dress up any look.

Pairing a bold jeweled necklace with a simple t-shirt or tank will take away the simplicity of the shirt and provide a fresh, new vibe to the outfit.

When the heat ends and the fall weather finally comes around the corner, Consider investing in a scarf. Scarves are definitely the easiest and fastest way to glam up your look. Grab a printed or brightly hued scarf and watch how it can turn your outfit into a more textured and colorful look.



Guys can have style too

For guys, basketball shorts are not fashionable in any way. If you don't play sports or isn't heading for the basketball court to shot hoops, then stop wearing them everyday.

Drop those basketball shorts and in exchange, try either short or long khaki pants. Don't forget to replace those simple t-shirts with some pocket tees or even polos. Pocket tees and polos can easily be matched with a pair of jeans or khaki pants and throw on a pair of sneakers to complete that look. Make sure to experiment with colors and see what looks good on you as well.



Change up the textures

Another way to add some excitement is to mix and match different textures. Together like black leather leggings and chambray or a comfy knit with sequins is a perfect way to glam up a simple knit.

Any of these techniques will help spice up your fashion game and make you less of a fashion atrocity and more of a fashion icon on campus.

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Parachute kids can't find safe landing



Eva Baudler
Staff Writer

Six years ago, a second grader named Stanley arrived at my house from the LAX airport, about ready to burst into tears. This was my first encounter with a homestay student, commonly called parachute kids in the media.

Since then, my family has hosted more than four homestays, students who are sent to the U.S. in search of education or a better quality of life while their parents conduct business in their home nation.

As I essentially grew up with students like Stanley, who made trips back and forth between the U.S. and mainland China during vacations, I witnessed the development of behaviors trending amongst children without parental guidance.

I noticed that the longer Stanley stayed away from his mother, the more aggressive and reclusive he became. He embraced technology as a way to escape the ever-looming absence of loved ones. In reality, these isolated individuals go through a lonely upbringing in a country an ocean apart

from where they were born.

"I find that many of the younger students seek attention because of the fractured environment they grew up in," one female host student said. "It may also be because they're lonelier than the average person, as they're kept away from immediate family."

For a majority of young people earning an education overseas, there is a desperate tendency to stick with others in the same situation, which sometimes adds to their greater social isolation.

On March 30, a group of parachute kids allegedly stripped and tortured another homestay girl in a Rowland Heights park. This prompted media commentary on the world of children devoid of adults, with The Los Angeles Times showcasing the event as a dangerous display of lack of parental supervision.

Though such incidents have painted homestay students in a bad light, at the core of these issues is not a deliberate vindictive streak, but a clear message that vital chapters in the childhood and development of parachute kids are missing. Parents and guardians, especially across seas, have an obligation to nurture their children or wards until they can carry responsibilities for themselves.

The hardest part of my journey with these people has honestly not been the fees or lack of privacy or income worries, but having to watch children grow up without their parents or guardians around. The situation varies from person to person, but in the end, whether or not a child in another country succeeds is influenced by their environment and those who care for them.

"I thought that I was the only one that was here like this," one male homestay student said. "But I don't regret it at all now, because people like my first counselor here, who spoke hand language with me, and family members who I keep in contact with, guide me through anything."

"The younger students seek attention because of the fractured environment they grew up in."

-Female host student

Any person, native or not, can reach out to those who lack experience of our language and customs to make them feel a little at home, even though it's an ocean away.

Myths of the Temple City Twitterverse



By Amber Lee
Business Manager

Upon entering the home of Twitter, you immediately notice three people in the living room. The lyric-posters, the my-parents-suck-ers, and the Social Justice Warriors. You can't help but notice the excessive, hard-to-ignore yelling coming from the direction of the Social Justice Warrior. They seem to have tons to say, which is fine, but how much of their 140 character rant is research-based?

False Tweet: The school increased water prices because they want us to have heatstroke and die. They're making us broke and using our hard-earned money for the Senior Circle.

Really though: The drought is a tough situation. Thank God the school's bottled water has ALWAYS BEEN \$1. Anyway, it would be horrible if students had to drink from the water fountains. That's just disgusting! The water is HOT. If only our school had water cooling systems—that would be a dream. Phew, good thing Sam's Club sells packs of twenty four bottles for seven dollars. Why is the money even going to the Senior Circle? Honestly, the school should really have separate accounts for district and administrative projects and lunch money. Geez, don't they know anything? My dollars are NOT for these frilly remodels.

False Tweet: The dress code limits my freedom as a woman!

Really though: The dress code is ap-

plied to both girls and boys, it is not sexist. If there are situations in which the code is not enforced equally to both sexes, then the blame lies in the enforcement of the code, not the code itself.

Hating the dress code does not make you a feminist.

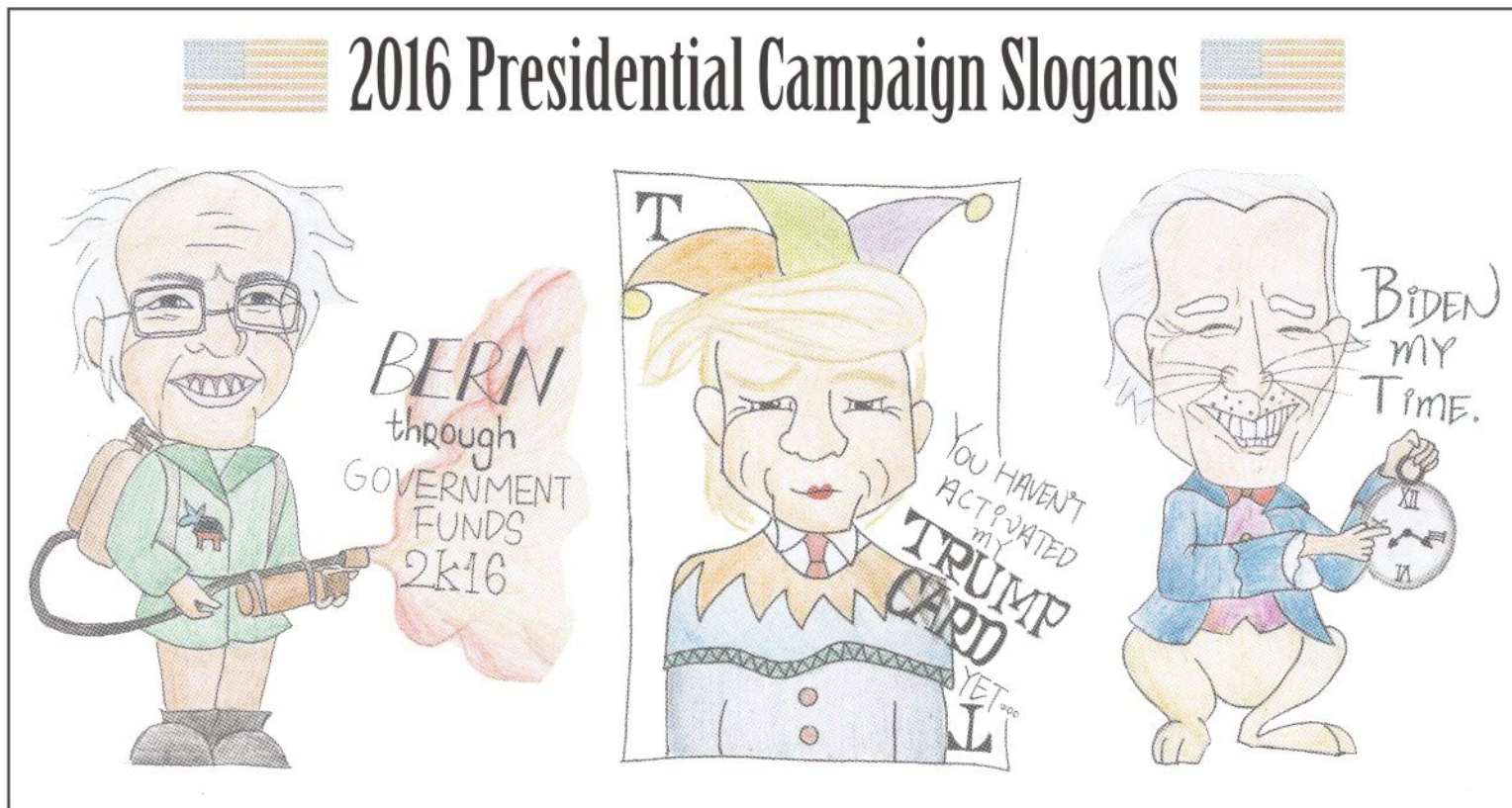
When you go to specific parks—public facilities—you're not allowed to ride your bike. Does this limit your freedom as a civic commuter? No, it's just a rule to abide by. The whole "safety" fiasco that everyone on Twitter and their mothers got so upset about was in reference to actually dangerous apparel such as spikes, not bra straps or showing shoulders. Hating the dress code

does not make you a feminist. If you want to run around butt-naked in the streets outside of school, no one is stopping you.

False Tweet: It is so atrocious that even our buildings are being remodeled. How dare they force us to walk up to the portables?

Really though: How RUDE of them to use our tax dollars on our educational facilities. Oh, no! An extra TWENTY steps? We might as well be training for the Olympics. And it's not like the statistics show no difference in tardies ever since the portables were installed (except Wednesday mornings—weird).

Although there is great support for every Twitter warrior's burning will to make a change, it's probably best to do a little research first.



CARTOON/ Pamela Pan

For The Record:

News: Last issue, we wrote that Superintendent Ms. Kathy Perini funded all of the new campus improvements. However, Principal Ms. Mary Jo Fosselman King funded the repainting of the buildings and the gym floor renovations through leftover senior gift money. Also, half of the new mural inside the gym was a gift from the senior class of 2014, and the other half was funded by supplementary gift money. In addition, the Baseball Boosters sponsored the baseball snack shack.

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Aussies bring share of outback

By Janeth Inatomi
Staff Writer

We all know it's that time of year again, when Australian voices suddenly appear in our bulletin to signal the arrival of our classmates from the land down under. Though we speak a common language—literally—there's a lot that separates us from them. Rampage is taking the opportunity to show some of these differences, from their music and snack tastes to their slang.

< Australian Slang: Amy Fradd and Fergus Ryan

"Australian Slang is basically shorter versions of words said here. I think the colloquialisms really depend on where you're from, for example, I've heard people use abbreviations out loud like 'TBH' or 'TTYL' here. Although, I know I say 'like' a lot."
—Amy Fradd

Sickie (Chucking a Sickie) refers to the time when someone takes a sick day off or skips a day off of work

Arvo is another word for "afternoon"

Snackers means McDonald's

Spag-Bol means Spaghetti and Meatballs

Chuckies stands for track suit pants



Guest DJ: Tom Smithers

"Scar Tissue" — Red Hot Chili Peppers

Smithers enjoys listening to this song whilst relaxing and chilling at home. One of his favorite tunes, he loves its calming vibes and how he can listen to it no matter what mood he's in.

"The Funeral"

— Band of Horses
With its overdriven Rock n Roll tempo, Smithers loves how this song brings Rock to another level by mixing in Country.

"Liquorlip Loaded Gun" — Sticky Fingers

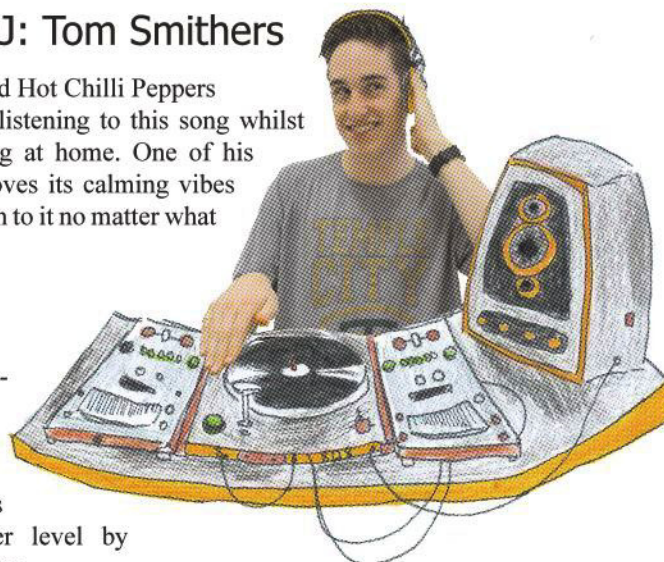
Smithers enjoys how this Australian band mixes reggae and punk together to create the ultimate song to listen to while studying or relaxing at home.

"Everlong" — Foo Fighters

The Foo Fighters are one of Smithers' favorite bands and with this song's Alternative Rock beats and nostalgic lyrics, it means the most to him. After seeing them live, he loves reminiscing about how music can bring strangers together, connecting them through a shared interest.

"Sultans of Swing" — Dire Straits

As a guitarist himself, Smithers finds this song absolutely amazing. However, what he appreciates most is the meaning it holds. Being able to share a love of the same band and similar music interests with his father makes this song one of Smithers' top favorites.



American Snacks Taste Test



"Honestly these are terrible, I really hate spicy foods. I've had one of those Hot Cheetos before and I could barely handle that, this is just a whole 'nother level of spicy. The closest thing to the Takis back home would have to be these Roulette Doritos."
—Brooke Gibson



"Yummy. This chocolate is definitely different from the Twix, it just melts nicely in your mouth. Honestly, once you get to the middle all I can taste is peanut butter but I love this."
—Alyssa Micallef



"Oh! These were discontinued a while back. The creme looked a little too artificial and when I took a bite, it tasted more like butter. I didn't really enjoy this one especially because of the aftertaste."
—Amy Schultz

PHOTOS/ April Zhou

Students dig into new Gardening Club

By Kimberly Calderon
Staff Writer

Another year blooms as the Gardening Club becomes a new addition to the school. The club hopes to give students the chance to appreciate gardening as an art, rather than a chore.

Club Advisor Mr. Scott Randles originally planned for a horticulture class, but it was canceled due to a lack of sign-ups. He then proposed a club, which plenty of his AP Environmental Science students volunteered to be a part of, be it as a member or a part of cabinet.

The club has hopes of teaching others about the study of botany and useful, organic gardening techniques to help them develop a deeper appreciation for the practice.

"We wanted people to be more aware about the origin of their food—as a species, we've gardened for over 1,000 years," Mr. Randles said. "It was the primary way of living and it's a great way to procure healthy food. It gets people

to appreciate the growing process when gardens are something that are taken for granted."

Many of the new club members already have an appreciation for gardening through their experiences growing up. In most of these households, relatives encouraged them to plant fruits and vegetables as children. Students believe that the club will provide a meaningful yet nostalgic experience.

"I used to grow lots of vegetables. My first were carrots and I was so excited to pull them out of the ground," Junior Sarah Sun said. "I have a very big backyard, so my family made use of the space by planting crops. It's a great way to eat healthy food with guaranteed freshness."

As for now, Gardening Club is working on a project to plant a variety of vegetables on the Temple City Boulevard side of the two-story buildings. They aim to give a portion of the goods to Ms. Allen's class for cooking, or to sell at a local farmer's market as a school fundraiser. Future plans also include collab-

orating with Environmental Club and Interactive Club to volunteer at local parks to clean up.

"We plan to bring awareness to students the importance of protecting the environment, no matter how minimal the

task is. Through agriculture we can reach that goal," Co-President Junior Nancy Lee said. "In an environment-friendly way, we can share healthy produce and collaborate with the small business class to make such things possible."



PHOTO/ Kimberly Calderon
During their first meeting, club members prepared the soil for their upcoming growing project. The cabinet has already ordered pak choy, radish and various other vegetable seeds.

Football scores first win

By Samuel Kim
Staff Writer

The Varsity Football team started off its season with an overall record of 1-3, with losses to Arroyo, Alhambra and La Salle, and a victory against San Gabriel. With the progressing season and current record, the players think some improvements can be made to their style, technique and fluidity as a team.

"Things didn't go as we expected them to," Sophomore Isaiah Cassillas said. "We could have won the first few games, but we're still learning and getting better, both in offense and defense."

During the home game against San Gabriel High School on Sept. 25, the Rams scored their first win with a score of 21-7. The team scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, followed by a touchdown from the Matadors in the second quarter. The Rams secured their victory with a final touchdown in the third quarter, and neither the Matadors nor the Rams were able to make any touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

At the away game at La Salle on Sept. 18, the Rams lost to the Lancers 63-7. The Lancers scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, four touchdowns in the second quarter and two touchdowns in the third quarter, while the Rams gained one touchdown in the final quarter. Throughout the game, the Rams were prone to a series of incomplete passes, many of which could have resulted in multiple touchdowns in their favor.

This season, the team trained extensively, practicing in the summer, and continuing to do so during school days. During these practices, the team watches footage of the



PHOTO/ Katie Burke

After catching a pass from Senior Paul Kosanovich, Senior Matthew Gravel attempts to juke an Alhambra Moor to gain some extra yards. The Rams will face the Azusa Aztecs on Oct. 2 and the San Marino Titans on Oct. 9.

opposing team for the upcoming game, and the players visualize where their positions are on the field. As they visualize their positions, the players anticipate how a scene would unfold, and try to aim for the best possible scenario during the footage.

"We do practice a lot, but it's mostly in separated, small groups," Junior Melvyn Hsu said. "But I think that with how our games are turning out so far, we can practice a little bit more as one unit, as one team."

At the moment, the team has a couple of injured players, among those being Seniors Max Clark and Justin Li-

ang, so the team has had to put in substitutes for them and adjust to the addition of new players during practices.

The Rams have many expectations for this season. They hope to learn from previous games and make more use of techniques learned during practice. Many players also hope to make it to the C.I.F. playoffs this season.

"I personally want to make C.I.F. playoffs this year," Cassillas said. "And I also hope to get better both individually and as a team at every game we play."

The Rams will face Azusa at Citrus College on Oct. 2 and San Marino in an away game on Oct. 9.

Heat burns up game time and practice

By Johnson Pham
Photo Editor

Living in Southern California, intense heat can negatively affect many fall sports. This season, many games, meets, scrimmages and practices were postponed or cancelled due to excessive heat.

"The longer I'm out in the sun, the faster I am out of energy," Senior Emily Quan said. "I feel like dying after 30 minutes into a run."

To escape the heat, many cross country practices are pushed back into the evening from 5-7 p.m. Meets like the Rosemead Invitational were postponed 30 minutes.

The Varsity Girls Tennis team has also struggled to beat the heat and were forced to cancel matches at Pasadena Polytechnic, Schurr, South Hills and Arroyo. The team had to postpone one practice and cancel three.

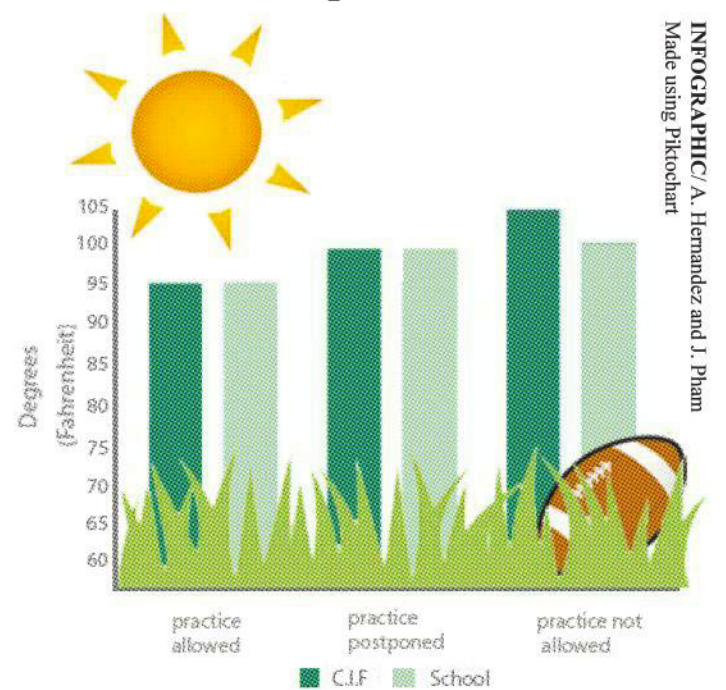
For football, both TCHS and Twentynine Palms decided to cancel their scrimmage at Twentynine Palms. C.I.F. recommends that if the temperature is above 95 degrees, players should remove helmets and body pads

to reduce the heat in their bodies during practice. At 100 degrees, C.I.F. encourages regular ten minute water breaks every 30 to 45 minutes and limiting practices to two hours or under.

Volleyball and boys water polo have not been as drastically affected by the heat since they are indoors and aquatic, though one volleyball game was moved to an away game at Mark Keppel, where there was air conditioning, since the TCHS gym does not have a cooling system.

However, heat will not be the only weather condition these teams will have to endure this season. El Niño, an irregular tropical rain storm, will hit California this fall and winter. This massive rainfall can flood the football field and track, which may force many sports like cross country to alter their practices.

If rainfall becomes too heavy, officials will decide if a game or meet should continue. For every sport, if there is lightning during practice or games, the team must wait 30 minutes before continuing. If the lightning strikes again, all sports must stop.



Boys water polo makes splash in new season

By Jennifer Siu
Staff Writer

With an overall record of 9-7, the Boys Varsity Water Polo team remains optimistic as it contends for the league title.

During the first day of the Ayala Tournament in August, the Rams won 9-8 in their

game against Rowland and 9-4 against Alta Loma, but struggled the second day, losing 16-5 and 15-7 against Vista Murrieta and Rancho Cucamonga, respectively. The team only had seven players and was missing two starters, drastically affecting its performance.

In the game against the El Dorado

Hawks on Sept. 8, the game was tied at a pressing 14-14, when Freshman Richard Fang scored the winning goal in the last few seconds, making the score 15-14.

In addition to the victories, on Sept. 15 during the game against Walnut High School, Senior Sideeq Mora tied the school record for goalies for most blocks in a single game. He made 23 saves, which let the Rams to pull forward with a 9-7 victory.

However, despite recent feats, with a new team composition, the Rams still face some challenges. Since the new members are adjusting to a Varsity rank, the team is still relatively inexperienced.

"This year's team is very strong with a lot of talent, no doubt," Senior Nathan Wong said. "We have a lot of underclassmen this year, so what we really lack is experience as a team. We all have a good number of years under our belt, but we just need to play more together so that we can move forward."

As the season progresses, the team strives to maintain effective levels of com-

munication to successfully function as a whole and finish as one of the top three teams in the Rio Hondo League. The Rams hope to emerge victorious, as they were close to victory last year.

"To win in the Rio Hondo League and progress far into the C.I.F., we show up to practice every day and work our hardest in order to improve our skills," Senior Jacob Lewis said. "The team is getting better every day and we are surely better than the other teams in our league."

To prepare for the season, the team amped its training to three hours of rigorous swimming and two hours of exercises involving ball movement and offensive and defensive plays five times a week.

"The six seniors on the team have really stepped up with their leadership skills and this has helped tremendously in our advancement," Coach Davit Gharagozyan said. "We are all a small family, but with the help of our athletic department and hard work from the boys, we are continuing to grow."



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The team competed against Brea Olinda on Sept. 24. After a strong start with a three point lead for the Rams by the end of the second quarter, the game ended with a 11-9 loss.

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