

IN THE Teachers find virtual learning more tiring than before but easier to learn about their students.

DIGITAL CLASSROOM

By Isabel Chen and Rachael Kim



Whose workspace is this?

- A. MR. HANNUM
- B. DR. PHILLIPS
- C. DR. JIRARI SCAVOTTO

PRO:

safer and reduces risks

"It's still a safe environment, as far as not being exposed to [the pandemic] because we can't control what other people do, but you can control what you do." Mrs. Robin Taylor

mirrors traditional classroom

"The format this year is far superior than that of the spring. The schedule [is similar], and more students are showing their faces, raising their hands, and asking questions, so that's encouraging." Mrs. Terry Hamrick

know students more easily

"[My] students make virtual desks in my [digital classroom]. It was fun to see what students tell me about themselves. I learned some things that normally would take longer to find out." Ms. Karilee Schmitt

CONS:

missing interactions with students

"You're not with your students. I think most teachers feel this way, if not all teachers. You enjoy your students [and] the given click back and forth. I really missed that." Mr. Vinny Pollet

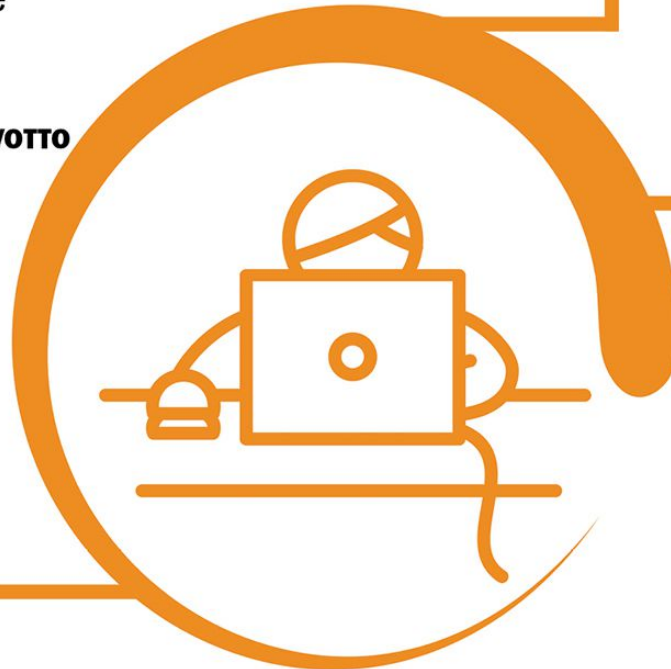
longer working hours

"I work long in the building, but I work even longer at home because it's always in front of you. You have to make an effort to walk away, and when you [do], it's like, 'Oh, I gotta get back.'" Mrs. Robin Taylor

tired of computer screens

"I don't know if it's a younger generation thing, but I don't spend that much time on the computer. On [red days], I'm on the computer for more than eight hours, and [at] the end, I'm tired." Mr. Vinny Pollet

Correct Answer: 1. B, 2. A, 3. C



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Niyathi Vadlapatta

List 3 facts about yourself

1. Love baking
2. I sing and dance
3. Over the break, I developed an interest in wild plants.

WHEN IT RAINS LOOK FOR RAINBOWS WHEN IT'S DARK LOOK FOR STARS

Karthik Bhargav

1. I play chess
2. I like playing Video Games (Valorant, and Minecraft)
3. I like sleeping

Favorite Show: Grey's Anatomy

"Sky is the limit and you know that you can have what you want, be what you want."

Notorious B.I.G.

HI, MY NAME IS SHE SAID: IS

By Marian Qian

SHE SAID: IS

"We don't get to see each other's faces because [many] people aren't comfortable turning on their cameras. [The intro slides are] a good way to know who you're learning with." Niyathi Vadlapatta, 10

HE SAID:

"There was [someone] named Andrew, and I didn't know if he liked anime. After he talked about how he's interested in it [on his intro slide], it started a conversation about which anime [and] TV shows we like, so that [was] pretty cool." Karthik Bhargav, 10

Introduction slides open an avenue of conversation for students meeting new classmates.

By Marian Qian

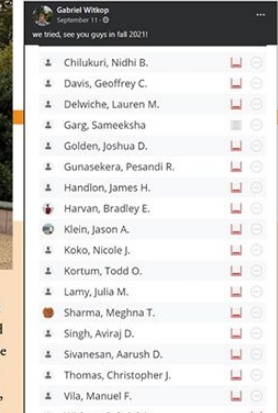
BLACKBOARD HUMOR

photo from g. witkop



I posted [the meme] because I thought it would be kind of funny. When we started online distance learning last year in April, there were also problems with it. Then when it started, there were crashes and the rooms were insecure because they didn't have specific links for each student. I posted that because they kind of harken back to [what happened in April]. [Blackboard going down] happened

a little bit less than I expected [it to]. I figured that now people are required to come to classes, the load would be a bit higher on the system. It's only happened once, so it's been pretty good. I do wish that you could see more than three people on the screen at once.



Junior Gabriel Witkop posted a picture of Blackboard Collaborate Ultra "breaking down" in the Facebook group TJ Memers.