

# WE FEEL SCARED



4. Sitting with a mask on, freshman Ashwika Chandu pays attention during orientation. Although she was scared and worried about going back to school, there were also some positive aspects. "I was kind of anxious, but excited to actually see human faces again," Chandu said. photo by e. harris

Virginia Heretick, 9

## FRESHMAN FEARS

Freshmen students went to TJ for school for the first time on March 1.

By Michelle Ru, Kyra Li, Niyathi Vadiapala

"I didn't really have very many fears with the school since I knew that all the teachers and staff were prepared to make it as safe as possible." Ethan King

"It was a bit scary walking down the halls on the first day. However, with the help of the friends that I got to know over months of online school, I was able to conquer my fears and enjoy my time at TJ." Alec Riso

"I would say I had some fears, such as about making friends, but I am fortunate enough to now have a friend group." Virginia Heretick

"I wasn't really that scared to begin with since I already had a friend [from my middle school] who went in-person with me." Ashwika Chandu

"[I did not have fears because] I thought it would be exactly the same as virtual school."

Lucas Marschoun



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1. Typing on his computer, junior Albert Zeng attends hybrid learning. He thought that the schools and classrooms followed the COVID guidelines well. "TJ did a good job making sure everyone was socially distanced," Zeng said. photo by e. n 2. Outside the classroom, a sign-in/out sheet lies on a table. The purpose of the sign-in forms is for contact tracing, a precaution that the school takes in the case a community member student contracts the virus. photo by t. zheng 3. Holding a large sign, gym teacher Mr. Dave Arthur welcomes students back to school. Many students, including Ashwika Chandu, believe that the signs were comforting. "The teachers holding signs made me feel really welcome," said Chandu. photo by s. nguyen

# PREPARED NOT AFRAID

## PRECAUTIONS

"I always sanitized my hands and tried to stay socially distanced from other people." Albert Zeng, 11

## ORIENTATION

"The orientation and the TJ Rumble were really fun but they weren't much different or helpful compared to anything else." Ashwika Chandu, 9

## POSTERS

"Welcome back" signs made the transition easier. It made me feel welcomed back into school. As a senior in my last year of high school, that meant a lot to me." Daniel Zeng, 12



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## HOSTING HYBRID

English teacher Ms. Stephanie Glotfelty's main concern about hybrid teaching was receiving the vaccination.

By Anya Raval and Jessica Chen

"I think the thing that made me the most anxious was being vaccinated, so I was incredibly relieved after I was able to have both doses. We weren't starting back until after I would have been fully immune so that decreased my anxiety level. Now that they've

come out with the data that suggests that it's not likely for people who are vaccinated to transmit the virus, [I am less scared] because I think my biggest concern was I did not want to inadvertently be responsible for anybody getting sick." Ms. Stephanie Glotfelty.



photo by e. harris

TJ took many precautions to ensure that students were prepared to start school in person again.

By Ellen Zeng and Nidhi Patil

## ONE-WAY HALLWAYS

D2: "It's sometimes inconvenient to walk all the way around the school just to get to a class. I know it's a good safety precaution, it just sometimes gets annoying."

## FEELING

A2: "Honestly, I guess I didn't really feel anything special. I wasn't really nervous or excited, but I think it's nice to be back in school for a couple days."

## MOST HELPFUL

AC: "The masks, social distancing desks, and the sanitizers were extremely helpful. The outside eating is also extremely nice."