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The New Normal

Aaman Sheth and Natalie Horvath

Remember when 2020 started? Since then, things have changed drastically, as well as school and its schedule. We all have missed the normality of seeing our friends and teachers every day at school. We have gone from distance learning, to online, and finally, as of September 30th, we have started the hybrid model. The hybrid model demonstrates students going to school on two days of the week and staying online three days. We decided to ask students,



Source: Aaman Sheth

teachers, and even parents, what their thoughts are.

We interviewed 8 students at Unami about what they think about school this year. 75% of the kids interviewed felt that learning 100% online is much harder to do than in-person. Online 7th grader Emily says that, "online stresses me out too much and sometimes I don't

even feel like I'm learning. More like just submitting before 11:59pm." Since online prevents hands-on student-teacher interaction, the kids at Unami feel like they are watching from afar in their own education. In addition to this, trying to be in a class at home is hard, especially when other people in your home are also working online. As 7th grader Gabby says, "Online is more difficult to learn

in since there are always distractions, like having a sibling work at the same time as you online, or as simple as someone mowing their lawn." 75% of students, we found, preferred hybrid versus an online environment. Hybrid is viewed as a break from online by some, a small period of days when they can be with their friends and teachers at school. Interviewees think that hybrid is easier to learn in, so this makes sense. Hybrid isn't all perfect though, because some students say hybrid is preferred, but learning and concentrating with a mask is difficult. Overall, this transition is tough for everyone, particularly the new 7th graders, but it is nice to be somewhat back to school.

What do teachers think about hybrid? Well, to answer this question, we interviewed 5 teachers about what their thoughts are for the hybrid model. Teachers say that with an in-school/online model, teaching takes longer and requires much more work to do. Also, most say they prefer the hybrid model because they can interact and get to know their students better. 7th grade science teacher Mrs. Caldwell says, "I like seeing the students in the hybrid model, but it is a lot to juggle as a teacher when I have students in the classroom and online at the same time." Out of the 5 teachers interviewed, 80% of teachers felt that hybrid is harder to focus in. But for the most part, teachers argue that hybrid is better. Band teacher Mr. Myers says that "having the ability to connect with kids at home and getting the energy that students bring to my class is amazing." Between technology and having to adjust their plans to an online environment, teachers say teaching is harder with teams and connection issues. With all that is going on, this is how the Unami teachers feel. (continued on pg. 2)

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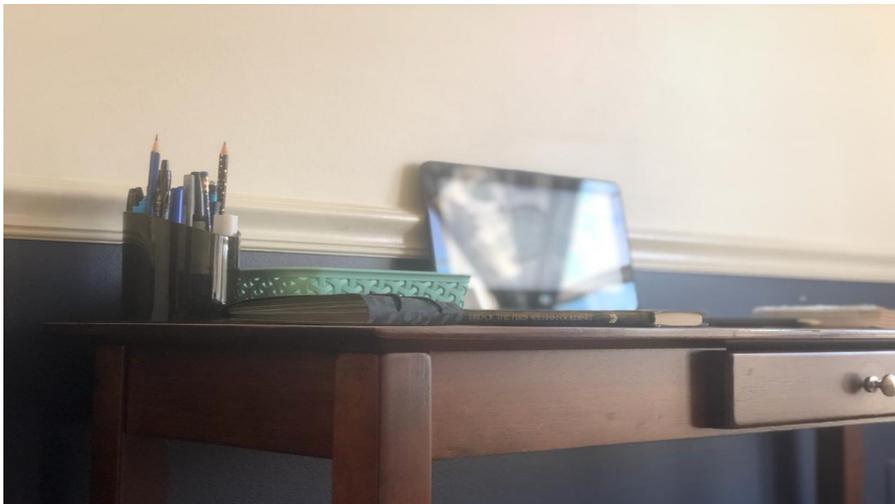
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change weekly rather than daily. Homerooms divide students based on which learning option they have chosen. That is, a hybrid student will never be in the same class as a traditional student. Elementary students do have a lunch period, and just like middle school, the food is free. Elementary students' days may vary based on their A-B-C school system, but all schools' hours begin between 9 and 9:30 and end between 2:15 and 2:45. Overall, elementary schools' transition into in-person learning has slightly varied from middle school's transition into hybrid learning.



Source: Roshni Srikant

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We even took this article to the parents to find out what their thoughts are in this learning environment. Parent/guardian Shannon Lim states, "I feel that hybrid schooling isn't the best choice because it doesn't ensure 100% safety." 50% of the parents interviewed stated that hybrid schooling is safe for students to attend. Interviewee Milan Sheth claims, "Hybrid is a more difficult place to work because the schedule and routine changes, plus to be safe, I have to drop-off and pickup my kids from school as I don't want them taking the bus due to the spread of COVID-19."

This transition has been difficult since the start of the year for students, teachers, and parents. As many people agree, Noah, an interviewee, stated that "this type of learning is all over the place, and it is definitely taking a toll on everyone." Even though this is difficult for everyone, we can persevere through together. We have to get adjusted to this new normal. Stay safe, Warriors.

Elementary vs. Middle School in Hybrid

Roshni Srikant

Central Bucks started offering in-person instruction on September 30 for elementary schools and October 2nd for secondary. Secondary students who were going to school in-person were split up into Hybrid 1 and Hybrid 2 and returned on October 2 and October 5. But how does the in-person instruction at the elementary schools work? Well, there's a few significant differences and some not-so-significant differences. The first difference is that elementary students had the option to return to traditional learning. That may have been because there is less movement. After all, they are always in one classroom with one teacher. Also, this year specials teachers travel to students' rooms. Specials

Unami and Community News

The New Principals at Unami

Ritvik Sindia

Entering the 2020-2021 school year, we welcome the two new principals that will be running the school, which are Mr. Pustay (assistant principal) and Mr. Davis (principal). Although they know this year will be different, they are looking forward to having a great year at Unami! Both have had at least ten years of experience in the educational system.

Over the past 18 years, Mr. Pustay has been a teacher, coach, athletic director, and assistant principal in Central Bucks. Having two kids of his own, he is willing to create a comfortable learning space (virtual or hybrid) in which he would send his children. Mr. Pustay will also be constantly in classrooms, hallways, and other places in the building, as he will not be staying in his office much.

Mr. Davis has spent over 20 years as a teacher and school principal. He was the principal of Harry S. Truman High School before coming here to Unami. His goal is to help students enjoy learning in whatever form they are doing this year and have them build positive relationships with the teachers and their fellow peers. Mr. Pustay and Mr. Davis will do their best to make our learning environment enjoyable, regardless of the learning form people pick.



Source: CB website

Elementary 1:1 Devices

Roshni Srikant

CB brought out something new for the 2020-2021 school year for the elementary school students--1:1 devices. Some students got laptops from their school's laptop carts, while others received new ThinkPad laptops. Every device came with a pen and a case. Today I'll be interviewing an elementary student (my little sister) to see what her experiences are with the new laptop she got.

Roshni: Hi there!

Dwija: Hi!

Roshni: So what kind of laptop did you get?

Dwija: Well, I got a ThinkPad.

Roshni: What do you use it for?

Dwija: I bring it to school and usually use it to open Canvas so I can do tests and check-ins.

Roshni: Do you like the digital inking feature? Being able to write with a digital pen?

Dwija: I guess I do like it. I like my pen tip because it doesn't come off easily, but I do prefer a thicker pen because it's more comfortable for writing. It's amazing for writing.

Roshni: Do you like drawing with it?

Dwija: So, yes, I use Microsoft Whiteboard a lot in class, and I love how you can invite people to share your Whiteboard. I usually invite my friend and it's great for communicating, but also for collaborating on projects in class.

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Source: Roshni Srikant

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Elementary 1:1 Devices (continued)

Roshni Srikant

Roshni: What do you use the digital inking feature for in class?

Dwija: Sometimes, I use it as a mouse because it's just easier for me to write or click with a pen. Because, the thing with my laptop is you can use auto-write, which lets me write instead of type.

Roshni: So, obviously, there are a lot of great things about it. But what don't you like about it?

Dwija: What I don't like about it is this morning, it said poor WiFi connection, and it said the same thing when I got home. So, overall, I didn't really like that the WiFi wasn't cooperating sometimes.

Roshni: Is there anything else you don't like about your laptop?

Dwija: I don't like how it feels on the top of the laptop--it's better on the 9th-grade laptops. The top of the laptop feels a bit rough.

Roshni: Well, that's subject to opinion but okay. Thanks for sharing about your laptop!

Dwija: That's it? Okay!

Mock Trial Club

Gianna Grumer

While the teachers and staff were preparing for the new school year, Mock Trial Club founders Leah Brouda, Alyssa Natale, and Saara Sheth were working with their teacher advisory, Mr. Fox, to create this amazing opportunity for eighth and ninth graders! I had the pleasure of interviewing them to get all the details on the startup and behind the scenes work.

The Mock Trial Club practices law together and are given a fake case. They then compete with other schools in their region with a trial. The team mainly consists of twelve ninth-grade members who make up the defense and prosecution sides. In addition to their positions, there are also paralegals—the eighth-grade members who are not yet eligible to compete. Brouda explained how the paralegals do not matter more or less than the people competing, as they practice in the same ways and will be the ones to continue running the team after they leave Unami in June. Mock Trial Club has already started their meetings, going over law tips and practice cases.

This idea was all based on the Central Bucks South's Mock Trial Team, run by Brouda's mom. According to the founders, South is one of the most elite teams in their region. Tamanend Middle School, which will also attend CB South, has a MTC as well.

Not having a year of prior experience puts the Unami students at an disadvantage. All three of the founders have prior experiences influencing their love for law. Brouda and Sheth previously attended a mock trial camp together, while the law unit in PEN sparked Natale's interest. Natale said, "We are coming from the absolute bottom." They have been working non-stop this summer to prepare for the schoolyear.

When asked about their favorite parts of the team, the students had a similar response. Natale stated, "I love our team and I am beyond excited to see where this takes us". She continued, "There are always smiles and everything is so positive in Mock Trial." After, Brouda talked about how, "the people are amazing... we have a powerful team and I want to see where we go with it." Sheth agreed with their ideas and

noted, "with the opportunity we were given, we are going to make the best out of it." Overall, they were most excited about the people and what comes with it. They took advantage of this opportunity and are trying to make do with the current circumstances. The founders have made it clear that teamwork and building friendships are incredibly important to keeping their team functioning. According to Natale, one of Brouda's most said quotes is, "We want to be a family at the end of the day". Brouda added, "even though we are a team, we need to be able to get along".

Source: Leah Brouda

The 2020 Vice Presidential Debate: Highlights and Outcomes

Anna Duffy

Vice President Mike Pence and California senator Kamala Harris faced off in a debate on October 7th 2020. The moderator was reporter/journalist Susan Page. She prepared nine segments with a broad spectrum of questions for the candidates. They discussed COVID-19, President Trump, economy, racial justice, former Vice President Biden, taxes, healthcare, abortion, and many more.

The two traded attacks throughout the night. The discussion lasted 90 minutes. Here are a few highlights.

Kamala Harris delivered a blow about the way the Trump administration has handled the COVID-19 pandemic these last few months. About the coronavirus response, she said: “The American people have witnessed what is the *greatest failure* of any presidential administration in the history of our country: 210,000 dead people in our country for just the last several months.”

Mike Pence, on the other hand, defended Trump about the COVID-19 pandemic. “I want the American people to know that from the very first day President Donald Trump has put the health of America first,” he claimed.

About policing, Kamala Harris called for police reform. “I’m a former career prosecutor, I know what I’m talking about, ...” she said, “... we need reform of our policing in America and our criminal justice system.” She also said, about the Roe v. Wade decision, “I will always fight for a woman’s right to make a decision about her own body, it should be her decision and not that of Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.” Lastly, she reacted about climate change with: “... An existential threat to us as human beings ... We’re going to invest in renewable energy... We have seen a pattern with this administration (aka, the Trump administration on global warming), which is they don’t believe in science.”

When the debate focused on healthcare, Vice President Pence called Obamacare a “disaster.” On climate change, he said, “What’s the cause? And what do we do about it? President Trump has made it clear that we’re going to continue to listen to the science.” Lastly, about China, he said, “Look, lost the trade war with China? Joe Biden never fought it. Joe Biden’s been a cheerleader for communist China over the last several decades.”

The factual accuracy of statements on both sides can be questioned, and different sources, all having different opinions, will say different things. Ultimately, it is up to the watcher to decide— that is, if they haven’t yet.

At the time of the debate, over five million people had already submitted their ballots. Most people claimed that the debate wouldn’t even change their opinion. Before the debate, former Vice President was in the lead, according to the polls. Although both sides did reasonably well during the debate, he remained in the lead post-debate as well. The majority of US citizens have long since decided which candidate their vote would go to.

Sources: Full transcript- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/read-the-full-transcript-of-vice-presidential-debate-between-mike-pence-and-kamala-harris/ar-BB19PfNS?ocid=uxbndlbing>



Source: Wikipedia

California: Why is it Always on Fire?

Cassidy Fisher

There have been over 8,000 wildfires, burning more than 4,000,000 acres of land in California in the span of less than a year. Although you may not hear it in the news anymore, about 21 wildfires are burning in the state of California as of October 15th, 2020. So, why is California always burning? Fires have been recorded since 1932, and starting in 2000, the ten worst fires in California have been recorded. California is located in the western region of the United States. Like other western states, California gets its moisture in the fall and winter. All plant life becomes dry throughout spring and summer due to lack of rain and warmer heat. Vegetation then serves as fuel to any outbreaks of fire. Climate change has most definitely added to this factor, but to actually start a fire you need a match. In some instances, nature has served as a match to start up wildfires. Some of the most recent fires have been started by odd lightning strikes, but more often than not, it’s people who light the match. (continued on pg. 6)



Source: The New York Times

World News

California: Why is it Always on Fire? (continued)

Cassidy Fisher

A whopping 90% of all wildfires are caused by humans. Campfires not being properly put out, downed powerlines, and improperly disposed cigarettes are all ways that a wildfire can begin. Another recent issue that has caused many fires and even wildfires to start specifically in California are gender reveal parties. In September, a “smoke-generating pyrotechnic device” was used to reveal the sex of a couple’s baby and ignited four-foot-tall grass at El Dorado Park in California. This event triggered a wildfire that lasted over a 23-day period and burned over 20,000 acres of land in California and led to the death of one firefighter. To answer our question, California is always on fire with the help of climate change, which we have put onto ourselves along with our other careless acts. Thus, we are the culprits behind our demise. Fortunately, we can also help. Spread this information and remember only YOU can prevent wildfires.



Source: The New York Times

If you want to help those who have and currently are suffering visit: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/18/us/help-wildfires-victims.html>

The Impact of COVID-19 within the Acting Community

Laura Brady

The Impact of COVID-19 within the Acting Community

Due to the rapid spread of the global COVID-19 virus, various businesses have been impacted drastically. One of these many businesses happens to be the acting and entertainment industry, which has had a stopper in it for many months. From a complete cancellation to the precautioned and limited sets and stages, the acting world has changed significantly from what it originally had been.

Broadway and Theatre

When the epidemic first broke out, many community and school productions were put on hold, shortly following the closing of Broadway. Yet, when this had happened, no one had known the extent and impact this virus would have.

As we approach the fall season, recent announcements have confirmed that Broadway will not be reopening until May 30, 2021, at earliest. For many theatre and Broadway fans, this news came with great devastation. Many community and in-school productions were also stopped for the year or were modified in such a way that they would still be able to perform. Our very own high school, CB South, has found ways to work through and with the necessary restrictions. From online rehearsals to virtual performances, its plans have attempted to give theatrical students as much of an opportunity as possible. Many community theaters, also, have begun to rehearse and produce their shows in an outdoor setting, with masks and social distancing being enforced. And, though there is much uncertainty for what theatre will become in the upcoming year, many officials and representatives have been working on finding the safest and best way to reopen Broadway – for both the audience and the production team.

Television and Film

Along with the shutdown of Broadway and many theatrical performances, the television and film industry has dealt with the impact of COVID-19 in varying ways.

With many scheduled productions set for filming this year, the COVID-19 epidemic has sent those schedules completely off the rails. Many movies and shows that had been anticipated have been pushed back and postponed, to unknown dates and estimated years. With the World Health Organization’s set precautions, having a large production team on these sets is a no-go. Many actors and new productions have been struggling with working in these times and with these restrictions, though a multitude of work options and casting calls have now moved to an online, self-tape or video call format.



Photo from Noel Fenessy, taken during an outdoor performance from this August at Cover Bridge Park.

Luckily, many higher budgeted productions have started and/or continued filming within the past couple of weeks, with restrictions and precautions in place – such as mask mandates, limited members on a set at a time, social distancing when possible, COVID-19 tests, and postponing certain non-socially-distanced scenes. Yet many smaller or average budgeted productions are unable to provide the necessary precautions required for filming to start up again, leaving the productions on hold for the time being.

Sports

BLM in the NBA

Megha Rao

As the protests in the Black Lives Matter Movement raged the basketball season that was happening. In early September, the Cleveland Cavaliers had something to say about the protests for BLM. They wore BLM shirts and jerseys, and the courts were painted with Black Lives Matter.

These protests led to different reactions from the public. Some people who didn't support BLM were mad that it had made its way into a sport they wanted to watch. Others believe that sports and politics shouldn't be mixed. There were some who were happy that their role models supported something that they did to. But some people didn't even mind.

Although there was one person in the entire NBA who refused to wear shirts or kneel for the anthem. Jonathan Isaac's answer to a reporter as to why he wouldn't kneel is that he believed in Christianity.

But as the first month of the season passed by TV ratings began to drop due to the protests for BLM, the NBA announced that they would be removing the Black Lives Matter sign from the court and from shirts and jerseys. According to a survey people who had a negative view of sports shot up from 25% to 40% and people who had a positive view on sports dropped from 45% to 30%.

Although, when the protests were going on in the NBA, the players could pick something from the 29 options of quotes to put on the back of their jersey. The 29 options of what players could put are, Black Lives Matter, say their name, Vote, I can't Breathe, Justice, Peace, Equality, Freedom, Enough, Power to the People, Justice Now, Say her name, Yes We can, Liberation, see us, hear us, respect us, Love us, Listen, listen To us, Stand up, Ally, Anti-Racist, I am a man, Speak up, How many more, Group economics, education reform and mentor.



Above Source: skysports.com

Below Source: ktla.com

Sports and Corona

Natalie Horvath

When the US started shutting down back in March, due to the coronavirus (or COVID-19), sports shut down with it. The baseball spring training that had just began was put on hold, as well as basketball, hockey, and soccer. In golf, the Masters was postponed, including the PGA tours. The summer Olympics in Tokyo many had been looking forward to, were canceled. One after another, players started testing positive, and suddenly, all sports were canceled. While this didn't necessarily come as a shock to fans, it did serve as a disappointment.

Recently several sports have started to make their return with a twist. Players participated in playing empty stadiums, and extra health measures were taken. Elbow bumps versus a handshake, shortened seasons, and various new rules to follow. Regardless, everyone was just glad to be a part of them again. Finally, all of the waiting fans could get their well needed sport entertainment, and the players could be reunited with their teammates doing the things they love once again. With all the craziness of this pandemic, it's nice to have another thing to unite us and help us relax. Despite the disappointing setbacks, we are glad that the recent rise in sport entertainment has put a dose of normalcy back into our lives and given us something else to do with our friends and family.

However, there is always a downside to things and the return to sports is no exception. Because most of the sports that we love are contact sports (football, soccer, etc.), and there are no masks while the players are in action despite recent guidelines, players started to get COVID. The occurrences resulted in game delays and other setbacks. We started seeing headlines like "Marlins COVID Outbreak," and articles of 20-30 people all testing positive. While sports are great to connect us, in a time like this, they can also be a problem. Football starting and the baseball post-season, as well as other sports encourage people to have big parties, setting the stage for the spread of COVID-19 and other germs.

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Source: NBC Sports

Reviews

Outer Banks

Ashlee Ranes

In April of 2020, *Outer Banks*, a new teen-drama adventure series, came out on Netflix. The audience was hooked immediately. The high ratings, talented cast, costumes, and setting helped the first season of *Outer Banks* become an enormous success.

After countless positive reviews, *Outer Banks* earned high ratings and became a must-see show over the summer. The show received 71% on Rotten Tomatoes and was liked by 96% of viewers. Rotten Tomatoes critics wrote, "Outer Banks' over-the-top melodrama is balanced out by a strong sense of adventure that's bound to hook those looking to capture that summer feeling."

As a result, *Outer Banks* debuted a group of young talented actors. Madelyn Cline and Chase Stokes were the leads on the show. Audiences also enjoyed the performances from supporting actors, such as Rudy Pankov, Madison Bailey, Jonathan Daviss, and Austin North. Everyone in this cast is confirmed to be returning in season 2.

The show's creators, Josh Pate, Jonas Pate, and Shannon Burke, vision for the show was perfectly executed through the mood of the show with costumes and setting. The beachy style from the show caught on amongst viewers, and many people tried to replicate this look over the summer, which increased popularity for the show. Fans found that most of the outfits that the costume designer had on Sara and Kiara were from Urban Outfitters, Topshop, and Nordstrom. Filming in Charleston, South Carolina produced the sunny aesthetic that people loved. This created a huge impact on viewers as it became more popular.

Outer Banks was one of the most interesting, exciting, and influential shows of 2020. It included all the important aspects for a great series and fans will definitely be coming back for a second season.



Source: Advanced Google Search

Enola Holmes: The Netflix Movie with a new Outlook on Feminism

Audrey Wittman

The new Netflix movie, 'Enola Holmes', takes the media on a rollercoaster with adventure, a new love interest, and some humor as well. Starring some English actors such as Louis Partridge and Milly Bobby Brown, this film was sure to blow up.

One exceptional thing about this empowering movie, was the costumes and clothing directors. Anyone that watched was absolutely star-struck, mostly by the gowns Enola, played by Milly Bobby Brown, wore. The historically accurate dresses that the female characters wore were almost perfectly designed. A student was gushing online about how, "Milly's waist was perfectly snatched in her dresses!"

Another key element in a movie that the directors took by storm, is the amazing ability to address important themes while also keeping humor and other interests to watchers. 'Enola Holmes' showed feminism in a new light and still kept the attention of other watchers not so keen on that subject. "They did really well with the feminist tinges," said Richard on a review and feedback browser.

Lastly, most likely the largest sensation that erupted from the film 'Enola Holmes', the male lead Louis Partridge. Taking over TikTok and Instagram the looks and skills this teen actor has is almost overbearing for the media. The English actor spends his time listening to 80's music, teaching himself to play the piano, and apparently scrolling through TikTok with his sister. Samantha Palkovics even says, "I don't think I can find a flaw in him."

The ground-breaking film 'Enola Holmes' brings home an "it's got everything" spark to the normal Netflix originals with outstanding design and casting, beautifully worked terms, and a certain pretty boy as a cherry on top. "Every ingredient to a perfect movie brew," says local movie critic, Rowen.



Source: Netflix

Technology and Entertainment

Xbox Series X vs. Xbox Series S

Keshav Bhoovaragan

This year, two new Xboxes are coming out in November The Xbox series X and the Xbox series S. So, the big question is, which one should you buy? Although they are both different from each other, they have some similarities. First and foremost, the key difference between the Xbox Series S and the Xbox Series X, is that the Series S has no disc drive. Microsoft has experimented with a disc-free console before with the Xbox One S All-Digital Edition, so this is not uncharted territory for the company. It also won't be the only next-gen console with no disc drive. The lack of a disc drive might be a very important element to consider for some consumers. And with the Series S only having 512 GB SSD, the hard drive might fill up very quickly. It can also take an extremely long time to download games before you can play them. If file sizes continue to grow for next-gen games, this can become an even larger issue.

The Xbox Series S also does not offer as much performance and power. It sports 4 teraflops compared to 12 teraflops for its beefier cousin. That said, the Series S is no slouch, as it has roughly the same CPU as the more expensive model; it's capable of 1440p at up to 120 FPS and it can deliver 4K upscaling. The Series S also supports DirectX raytracing, variable rate shading, and variable refresh rate, just like the Xbox Series X does. A Series S video released by Microsoft also revealed that it runs at 3.6GHz. The Xbox Series S comes with a 512 GB SSD compared to 1 TB for the Xbox Series X. As many have pointed out, the Series S storage situation could become an issue, especially when game sizes are growing larger and larger. It's expected that the Series S will be compatible with external storage solutions like the Series X, so that could help alleviate some of those concern even if it costs extra. The Xbox Series S also supports the Storage Expansion card for up to 1TB of additional storage. While you can use other USB 3.1 hard drives to store games or play previous generation titles, games that are optimized for Xbox Series S and Series X must be played from the internal SSD or a Seagate expansion card for optimal performance. These cards are expected to be quite expensive, possibly as much as a few hundred dollars.



Source: pocket-lint.com

It is expected that the Xbox Series S and Xbox Series X will play the same games, the main difference being that people on Series X will get better quality graphics and framerates due to the increased horsepower. For first-party games from Microsoft, these games will likely all work on previous Xbox One, Xbox One S, and Xbox One X systems, as well.

For third-party companies, they could support only Xbox Series S and Xbox Series X out of the gate. Both consoles will support Xbox Game Pass, too, so the titles in that catalog--including backwards compatibility games dating back to the OG Xbox--will be playable. Additionally, Microsoft's game-streaming service, xCloud, is expected to be available on both systems so players may not even need to download local files to their hard drives. The diagram below shows the difference in specs.

		
GPU Power	12.15 TFLOPs	4 TFLOPs
SoC	7nm Enhanced SoC	7nm Enhanced SoC
CPU	8-Core Zen 2 CPU @3.8GHz (16-threads @3.6GHz with SMT)	8-Core Zen 2 CPU @3.8GHz (16-threads @3.6GHz with SMT)
GPU	Navi RDNA 2.0 GPU with 52 RDNA 2.0 CUs @1.825GHz	Navi RDNA 2.0 GPU with 20 RDNA 2.0 CUs @1.550GHz
RAM	16GB GDDR6 RAM 10GB @ 560 GB/s 6GB @ 336 GB/s	10GB GDDR6 RAM
Performance Target	4K 60FPS 8K Gaming	1440p 60FPS
Storage	1TB PCIe 4.0 SSD 2.4GB/sec uncompressed 4.8GB/sec compressed	PCIe 4.0 SSD
Backwards Compatibility	Plays all Xbox One games Supports X360, OG Xbox games Next-gen exclusives	Plays all Xbox One games Supports X360, OG Xbox games Next-Gen exclusives (plays games earmarked for Series X)
MSRP	Higher MSRP Aims to be Xbox One X of next-gen Enthusiast price	Lower MSRP Aims to be Xbox One S of next-gen Budget-friendly
Power	250-300W	>250W
Disc Drive	4K UHD Blu-ray BDXL Blu-ray (BD) DVD	No Disc Drive 

After looking at the differences, look at some similarities. They use the same controllers and have the same support for last-gen controllers. They can both stream 4K media and output both games and video at 4K resolution. They also both benefit from the speed boost offered by relying on a solid-state drive instead of a hard drive for storage. Finally, they both share the same compatibility with every game released for the Xbox platform. After looking at these two new consoles, it is up to you. Which one will you buy?

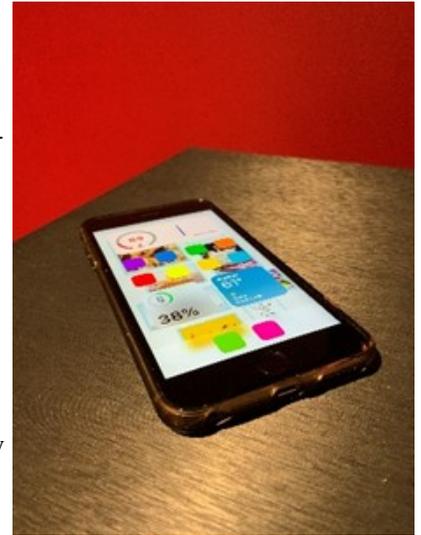
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Technology and Entertainment

iOS 14

Roshni Srikant

Apple pushed out its new update on September 16, and anyone owning an iPhone 6s or later got the update. The update introduced new styles in Memoji, new Memoji faces, the ability to pin conversations and reply to specific texts in Messages, the Back Tap feature in iPhones 8 and up, and many new additions to the home screen, including an easy-to-use App Library. With the newly added App Library, users also can hide home screens with rarely used apps or remove those useless apps from their home screens altogether without deleting them. But the most exciting addition yet is the one nearly everyone became obsessed with as soon as it came out: widgets. The newly designed iPhone widgets introduce a cleaner look of the Today View but also allow users to add widgets to their home screens. Subsequently, apps like Widgetsmith came out for iOS and allowed users to make their home screens look nicer with widget patterns or image customization. These new apps and features made aesthetic home screens a new trend. Users also became comfortable with Apple's Shortcuts app, which was an iOS 13 addition, and used it to create custom icons for their apps and improve the aesthetic of their screens. This update was the most advanced design update Apple has seen in years. Some other updates include the privacy feature in Safari that blocks trackers across websites. Another update is picture-in-picture, which is now available for FaceTime and online videos. When watching a video in full screen, swipe up (iPhone X and up) or hit the home button (iPhone 8 and below) to enable picture-in-picture. For a short while, this allowed YouTube users without a premium subscription to watch videos in picture-in-picture mode. However, YouTube has since blocked this feature, presumably to push people to buy a YouTube Premium subscription. It works on other websites, however, and is a rather useful feature when multitasking. Speaking of multitasking, the compacted calls, FaceTime, and Siri allow users to refuse a call without inhibiting their ability to use their phone, and it makes it easier to use your phone while on a call or look at articles while asking Siri a question. Overall, iOS 14 brought a lot of excitement with it and is definitively one of the most advanced UI updates the iPhone has seen to date.



Source: Roshni Srikant

Mulan 1998 vs. Mulan 2020

Alyssa Natale

Over the past ten years, Disney has brought some of their most magical movies to life in live action experiences for adults and children to cherish. Recently, that dedication has went into the live action remake of Mulan that hit the Disney+ platform on September 8th, 2020. Mulan is a beautiful story of how an ordinary girl becomes a warrior while training for an upcoming war. This film broke barriers across the world due to the fact that the protagonist was a woman who played a part in conquering sexism. With all of the historical achievements this movie produced, fans speculated that the live action remake would have no chance to live up to the original. Disney's response to this was to alter some elements of the plot, characters, and pacing of the movie.

Most of the previous Disney remakes tried to stick to the script and keep the plot very similar to the original, but Mulan differed from these projects. One of the biggest differences between the original and the remake was the fact that they chose to give Mulan the war skills as a child that she had to earn in the 1998 version. It takes away the aspect of her progression of becoming a warrior and gives her character arc a more strategic conflict over a physical one. Instead of proving herself by depending on developing strength, she must prove herself by depending on her developing a sense of strategy on the battlefield. It changes the whole purpose of this film and the character of Mulan as well. Though it is unclear why Disney made this change, many viewers did enjoy the different approach of women empowerment and seemed to believe the plot lived up to the original with its unique changes.



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Source: Disney

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Mulan 1998 vs. Mulan 2020 (continued)

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Another immense change to lookout for when you're watching this new Disney plus phenomenon is the lack of original characters, but the abundance of new ones. Even though we love and adore the 1998 versions characters, most will not be making a cameo in this movie. In the Disney plus version, we say goodbye to the beloved characters of Mushu the dragon, Mulan's lucky cricket, Ling, Chenpo, Yao, Shan Yu and even her prince Shang. But we do say hello to plenty of newly memorable faces such as, Xian Lang and Bori Khan as our villains, Hua Xiu as Mulan's sister, and Chen Honghui as Mulan's love interest. However, these replacements are not complete replicas of the originals, in fact, most have completely different storylines with just faint inspiration of the original. Nevertheless, throughout the movie all of these characters find a way to your heart even with all their differences.

The pacing of this movie is incredibly different from the original and a major factor of whether to click the play button. The original 1998 film what is approximately one hour and 28 minutes, while the 2020 film is approximately 2 hours. Even though the 2020 movie has about 30 minutes more to pan out the plot, this film removed a lot of big events and used their extra time to elaborate their new plots. Instead of being scene by scene, the film chose to organize it by skipping certain pivotal moments from the original and then flashing back to those moments after a person, place, or thing sparked the memory. One thing you may want to keep in mind while watching the 2020 movie is that it definitely draws out scenes more than the original movie and depending on the person you may like or dislike this. These pacing changes are all about your preferences. Either way, both movies are quite enjoyable to watch because of the way Disney tackles these scenes through the characters feelings and the action of the scene.

So, did 2020 Mulan really live up to the original? It really depends on the person. If you are someone who is always on the edge of your seat with movies that have occasional plot twist and love battling scenes full of action, this film is for you. If you were someone who loves the original style of Disney movies and don't really enjoy a lot of changes in their live action remakes, maybe you should stick to the original. Either way, both films have clear strengths and weaknesses and are both outstanding in their own ways. So, next time it's family movie night, give one of these a try, I promise you won't be disappointed!

Canvas Confusion

Leanne Mathew

As this online situation is becoming the new normal, people have questions, and that's okay! We all are a little confused with technology sometimes, and particularly on this app: Canvas. While most of you reading this are well aware of the Canvas app, this article is meant to shed some light on the inner workings of the cite for those who do not possess that same familiarity. Canvas is an app that allows teachers to post work and lessons that students can access, download, and work in. Students can then post their work through certain assignments which can then be assessed by teachers after being submitted.

Canvas can be a little difficult to navigate for first timers, and it can be confusing to discover its several interesting perks. When in doubt, look to find your assignments in the calendar! Once there, on the rightmost side, you can select which class assignments you want to show. You can also go to the settings and adjust if you want to get a notification when a new assignment comes up. You can get to the settings by clicking on the account button on the very left side, from there click settings. Canvas seems much more complicated than it really is and can be a tad overwhelming to start. However, once you get used to navigating through Canvas, one can quickly see any resource they need at a mere tap.

The dashboard button can also be of use when you need to quickly check your assignments. After you've clicked on it, on the right side you'll see a "To Do" list of all the assignments you need to complete and their due dates. Similarly, under it, you'll see another list, this time with the title "Recent Feedback". In this list, you'll see the assignments you've already done and the ones that have been graded. By clicking on **those** assignments you'll be taken to a screen that will show you your grade and any feedback the teacher gave.

Experience makes up for a lot of the skills you can learn through Canvas. If you don't understand it yet, there no need to worry, keep practicing the motions and you will soon!



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Source: *Wikimedia Commons*

Interviews

Mr. Pustay

Gianna Grumer

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Levittown, which is in the lower part of Bucks County.

Where did you go to school (college or high school)?

For high school, I went to Holy Ghost Prep in Bensalem. For college, I went to Millersville University. I think a lot of Unami teachers went to Millersville!

What made you want to work in education and/or become a principal?

My mom and uncle were both special education teachers. From a young age, I was surrounded by family members who were teachers and had the opportunity to help out in their classrooms growing up. I decided to become an administrator because I wanted a new challenge. I had taught, coached, and had been an Athletic Director for years; I was ready for something new. In addition, as my own kids became middle school aged, I wanted to help create an environment where I would want to send my own kids.



Source: Mr. Pustay

How long have you been an assistant principal?

I have been an assistant principal for 4 years. I was at Lenape for 3 years and now I am here!

Where did you work before Unami?

I started my teaching career in New Jersey, where I taught at a school for students with special needs. I then taught and coached at Tohickon from 2002 until 2017. I was then at Lenape as assistant principal from 2017 to 2020.

How do you like working at Unami so far?

Love it. The kids are polite and friendly, and the staff is completely dedicated to helping the kids. It is a great place to be!

What do you like to do in your free time?

Most of my free time is spent with my own children. My son plays school and travel soccer and my daughter is involved in competitive cheerleading. When I am not in Unami, most of my time is spent driving them to different practices and games. When I do have a few minutes free though, I love walking my dog, reading the newspaper and working out.

Why do you like being an assistant principal? What is your favorite part and what is the most difficult part?

I like being an assistant principal because I like to interact with the students. I love working to create a school where kids want to come to each day. The most difficult part is also one of the most rewarding parts- helping kids make positive, healthy choices each day.

What is your favorite school subject?

History by far!

Do you have a quote you live by?

I'm not sure who said it- "There are three important things in life- be kind, be kind, and be kind."

Is there anything else about you that you would like the Unami staff, students, and families to know about you?

My door is always open to anyone who wants to stop in. I enjoy stopping by classes and joking with the kids, so I apologize if I get people off task!

Interviews

Ms. Ericsson

Gianna Grumer

Where did you grow up? **Ridley, Delaware County**

Where did you go to school? **Immaculata University and Ridley High School**

What made you want to become a cooking/FCS teacher? **My high school FCS teacher had a huge impact on me, she taught me to sew, and I even took a culinary trip to France with her a few years ago.**

Where did you work before Unami? **I taught at CB East High School and several other CB schools but, I was at East the longest. I actually started teaching at Unami 22 years ago.**

How do you like working at Unami so far? **I really enjoy the students at Unami, they are making this a positive experience during this crazy time of COVID.**

What do you like to do in your free time? **I enjoy cooking healthy meals and staying active and exercising.**

Why do you like being a teacher? **I like being around kids every day. They are full of energy and I enjoy learning from them.**

What is your favorite part and most difficult part? **My favorite part is the students and my least favorite part is when the technology doesn't work.**

Do you have a quote you live by? **"Health is wealth."**

What is your favorite thing to cook and/or bake? **I like to bake muffins and make them healthy by adding fruits, vegetables, and whole grains in them.**

Is there anything else about you that you would like Unami students and staff to know about you? **I'm excited to be here and I look forward to getting to know everyone.**

Mr. Davis

Shruthi Ravishankar

Having a good lead is the key thing for any article because this will grasp the interest of the readers and either make them read or not read the article. This is what an online website told me when I was struggling with how to start this article. After listening to few videos about writing good leads I decided that I will start off with this lead which has got nothing to do with the article I am writing. Yes, it is about my interview with our very own principal Mr. Davis.

Being a Teacher/Principal

Mr. Davis is an experienced teacher and principal. He had worked at 2 different schools before. He has dealt many incidences where he had to deal with problems. As a teacher one time a student unfortunately passed away. He had to deal with some of the student's friend feeling sad and upset. He has dealt with upsetting thing before and is able to help any students in need. Mr. Davis also love to be in school spirit so you will defiantly see him at school pep rallies and sports games.

Personality

Mr. Davis is a sweet and down to earth person. He loves to talk to students about games and school generated stuff. He wants to be there for you whenever you think you need something.

Students at Unami

When it comes to us as a Unami Community he wants the students to act respectful and compassionate. Mr. Davis knows that there is a lot that can be on social media and there can be some cyber bullying, it can be tough, so he wants us take stick together as a community. Academically, Mr. Davis wants you to put your best foot forward every single day. He wants you try your best knowing that you might not succeed but at least you gave it your best shot.

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Interviews

Mr. Davis (continued)

Shruthi Ravishankar

Making It Past Difficulties

Mr. Davis know that it will be difficult to host big school activities through teams. He knows that we are so custom to coming in a real setting and does not know if the message of what the assembly or anything that requires everyone will get through. All school in the district are having the same problem and is trying to resolve this problem.

Life Outside Unami

Mr. Davis loves to work out and he also referees a basketball team. Mr. Davis has two kids. A son whose name is Cameron and is 19 years old and a daughter whose name is Taylor and is 15. His experience with his own kids shaped him in a way that he always believed that he should be giving the same quality education to some one else children that his own children could receive.

Hybrid/Virtual

He knows that staring at a screen all day can be tough and maybe have a big impact on your health and mental wellness. Mr. Davis thinks that for anyone experiencing discomfort to mind a balance. He knows that the world has been thrown on a loop and in not normal like it usually is. He also says we may need to rethink our schedule like YouTube and other social media platform are not necessary, so you are able to maybe cut down optional screen times. Mr. Davis want us to take a break on the weekend and relax our eyes.

Last Message

Mr. Davis wants you to know that we are all going to get through this and he knows that this is challenging for everyone, he says to continue to be patient and everything is going work out at the end if we stick together



Source: CB website

Games/Riddles/Comics

Virtual/Hybrid Learning Word Search

Anders Jacobson

Virtual/Hybrid Learning Word Search

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CLEAN

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