

**Strut Your Stuff**  
Chantal Castro '21 celebrates being a senior by heading outside to show off her senior overalls.  
"I just made the overalls to have that senior spirit; I'm glad I got to wear them," Castro said.



**Friends and Friday Night Lights**  
Best friends Stephenie Barstad '21 and Malia Logan '21 have a night of senior fun as they get to go to the first home game of the football season together in their senior overalls.  
"It was fun to have a night of feeling like a senior with my best friend, especially during this time," Barstad said.



**Bring On The Spirit**  
The Band welcomes students to school as they ring in the Raptor spirit during Spirit Week.

# Mission Impossible

## Students reflect on a Homecoming like no other

As COVID-19 and the effects continue to pan out, many faculty and students wonder what the upcoming school year would look like. What would Homecoming look like, if it even happened? For once, no one knew what to expect, and every student had their opinion on whether or not we were going to get a Homecoming.

"I feel like since the beginning [of COVID], we all knew that what normally happens during a school year was not going to happen," Chantal Castro '21 said.

"I did think Homecoming would happen this year, but be extremely different than what it was last year," Bethel Yeboah '23 said.

But to everyone's surprise (and relief), a somewhat COVID version of Homecoming commenced, with a Spirit Week and different games and activities throughout the week. It wasn't perfect, but it was the closest to normal and meant so much to students.

"There is definitely more motivation than ever to really make this homecoming one to remember, especially this year," Brandon Choi '23 said.

"I hope that with Homecoming this year, students are able to have some nostalgia and reminisce over the good memories of past Homecomings but also enjoy this year," Sanaa Sodhi '21 said.

There is the fact that we did miss out on the true magic of Homecoming, especially the senior class. But this year's Homecoming did allow students to get a taste of Homecoming while enjoying this year.

"It motivated me to be more grateful for the past experiences that I have with Homecomings in the past," Roger Lokakao '22 said.

Homecoming was definitely something to remember this year, for very different reasons. But just a little bit of normalcy was just what our student body needed, even if it was a day of dressing up or participating in a hula hoop competition. It only gave us more memories, and hope for more Homecoming events, like a parade and even possibly a Homecoming Dance in the spring.

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# The Final Frontier

## Students Council works to build an extraterrestrial galaxy for Spirit Week with the unusual circumstances

Homecoming is the first event of the year that every student looks forward to, but no one could ignore that Homecoming wasn't going to be the same. It couldn't. And that left our Student Council to take a step back, and decide what a COVID Homecoming would look like.

"Planning a Homecoming in a pandemic isn't the easiest thing," Sanaa Sodhi '21, Vice President, said. "We had to work around new COVID guidelines and figure out ways to keep students distanced."

Student Council worked diligently to still pick a Homecoming theme; An Out of This World Homecoming, decorate some of the halls, as well as coming up with a Spirit Week with daily activities.

"We are so lucky to have Homecoming because it gives students fun activities of the week that we usually have while still being safe," Hannah Echeverio '22 said.

Homecoming Week definitely wasn't a normal "Homecoming Week," but students were still able to have fun and dress up, celebrating the moments we did get to have. As the week came to a close, Student Council was already looking hopefully towards next semester.

"I hope that by the start of next semester we can plan a Homecoming dance and other events without having to worry about COVID anymore," Brandon Choi '20 said.

Whether or not we have more Homecoming events in the future, there were still out of this world moments that our school was able to create. Student Council faced the odds and made what we never expected, a COVID Homecoming.



### It Isn't Rocket Science...

Riley McMillen '21, Edward Lee '21, and Abdul Taj '23 work together to try and put together the alien head as a part of their extraterrestrial galaxy in the hallway for Homecoming Week.

"Our goal was to create a sense of normalcy this year, and while it wasn't the same, it was something we needed," Riley McMillen '21, Student Body President, said.

### Aliens and Earthlings...

The Silver Cohort Student Council worked hard to decorate the hallway for an Out of This World Homecoming Week. While in past years the halls turned into a decorating competition, this was a complete turn around. Instead of getting all day, the Silver Cohort and Red Cohort of Student Council each had only an hour (or two), to decorate a hallway for Spirit Week. But despite the challenges, the Student Council prevailed.

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**Senior Day** The girls volleyball team get together to take a picture in their assessors of senior overalls and masks on Senior Day.

"I wanted to make my overalls to still feel like it's my senior year, and it was nice to still be able to wear them to school and take pictures with my friends," Tyler Adair '21 said.



**A Distanced Disney** Sanaa Sodhi '21 and Abigail Popp '23 pose together as Boo and Kitty. Despite the masks and social distancing, Raptors were still able to pull off remarkable Disney outfits and costumes, and ended up matching or pairing with other students. Coincidence or not, it definitely brought a fun aspect to the school day.



**Up, Up, and Away!** The Spirit Days brought out the coolest outfits from the student body, but who said teachers couldn't join in on all the fun? Teachers Ms. Erin Brewer and Ms. Annie Swain pull out all the stops to create an amazing Up presentation, and also putting a smile on everyone's faces during Disney Day.



**Space Block Party** As fun as the Spirit Days are, a truly Out of This World Homecoming wouldn't be complete without music and games! Students competed in Hula Hoop competitions for Raptor gear and danced to the music as they celebrated Spirit Week and getting to be together.

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# That Space Style

Students find different ways to interact with each other and express their space style during our socially distanced spirit week