

Mrs. Frawley Uses 3D Printers to Aid Healthcare Workers

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In such an unprecedented crisis as the current pandemic, it is imperative that everyone helps the larger community and gives back in whatever ways they can. For healthcare workers, that means being on the front lines and caring bravely for those who are sick. For other essential workers, like those who work at grocery stores or janitorial staff, giving back entails continuing to do their job so society can continue to function. Letter writing, digital fundraising, and oral history projects are some of

masks. Once the daughter's idea proved feasible, Mrs. Frawley was asked to join in and contribute her own technology skills.

With the permission of Dr. Wool, Mrs. Frawley and her husband took home Harrison's 3D printers so that they could start their own operation in coordination with their daughter. The whole Frawley family started with making face shields where the printers could print out plastic pieces to hold a face shield. Shortly after, the Frawleys moved onto making masks as well.

The idea for the masks was an inspiration from skilled technology faculty at SUNY New Paltz. In New Paltz the university is creating 200 masks a day, which has been a tremendous aid to healthcare workers who need protection. Through some research and dedication, the Frawleys were able to use the public 3D printer plans from SUNY New Paltz to start making their own masks.

They printed the actual plastic mask piece with the printers and then for the place to breathe, they have been using N-95 compliant fabric. The design of only using the fabric for the breathing part of the mask allows the mask to be reused. When the mask has already been worn, the plastic can be sanitized with cleaning products, and then the fabric can be baked in the oven to kill any possible coronavirus.

At any one time, the 3D printers from Harrison have the capability to make six of either the face shields or masks. The printing process takes a few hours, enabling dozens of personal protective equipment apparatus to be made in a single day.

Mrs. Frawley and her husband have

already donated 120 face shields to White Plains Hospital and 50 face shields to Good Samaritan Hospital. Their production system for personal protective equipment is continuing and getting better with time, meaning that these numbers will continue to increase and that more people will be helped.

When asked about how her own experiences influenced this passion project that she has taken on, Mrs. Frawley remarked, "I have always tried to live my life with a global perspective. The IB program at Harrison has been so fitting for me as a teacher and as a person. This project has really enabled me to show my students how what they learn in the classroom has direct real-world applications."

Mrs. Frawley also elaborated on what giving back means to her.

"I never want to tell someone what to do or how to act, but I will always encourage people to give back to their community," she said. "Whether that involves clapping outside at 7:00 p.m. or helping a neighbor with their groceries, do what you can do. For me, giving back is personal since my son got a second chance when he got his heart transplant. I will never be able to repay what the healthcare workers did for my family when my son was in need. So by helping to make masks, I hope to help healthcare workers in any way possible and pay forward the good that was given to me."

In the middle of this public health crisis, the actions of people like Mrs. Frawley are things in which the whole Husky community can find school pride. Every step of this process of making PPEs, from Mrs.



Donating and dropping off. Mrs. Frawley is captured while delivering the newly created PPEs to the New York Medical College. The project shows students that what they learn in class has real-world applications.

Courtesy of Mrs. Diane Frawley

Frawley's teaching at Harrison to her using supplies that Harrison students won in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge, represents the best of Harrison and our global learning program. Even though current conditions prevent our Spring Sports schedule and pep rally celebration, the truth is that we are finding other ways for all members of our Harrison Central School District to display their Husky pride.



Heroes wear Harrison Shields. Here is one of our HHS face shields in action at White Plains Hospital, protecting one of the brave healthcare heroes working hard during this pandemic.

Courtesy of Kate O'Brien

the ways that Harrison students have helped support the larger community, specifically seniors. And for Harrison's experienced and dedicated IB Technology teacher, Mrs. Diane Frawley, the way she has given back is directly linked to her profession and the skills she has developed as a teacher in Harrison High School.

Mrs. Frawley's daughter is a social studies teacher at *The Windward School*. Her daughter is someone who "wants to change the world," in the words of Mrs. Frawley. When COVID-19 started ravaging the areas around us, her daughter thought about how she could have the most positive impact on her own community—her idea was to use Windward's 3D printers to start making face shields and



Printing Up What's Needed. Mrs. Diane Frawley and her husband Ken pose by Harrison's 3D printers. They have been hard at work supplying nearby healthcare workers with much needed face shields.

Courtesy of Mrs. Diane Frawley

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Protestors Outraged By Racially Unjust Death of George Floyd

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On May 28, cheering protestors broke into a Minneapolis police precinct station after the department abandoned it, setting it on fire and igniting fireworks as several days of violent protests spread to cities across the U.S. in outrage over the death of George Floyd, an unarmed, handcuffed black man.

George Floyd, a 46-year old African American man was stopped in his car in the city's south side on May 25 after police were called about him trying to pay for something with a counterfeit bill. He was forcibly removed from his car by the Minneapolis police and handcuffed on the ground. A bystander's video went viral, capturing one officer kneeling on the neck of George Floyd, who was screaming, "I can't breathe" as he was pinned to the ground, while an increasingly distraught crowd of onlookers pleaded with the officer to move his knee. Floyd eventually lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead.

The next day, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announced that the officer, Derek Chauvin, along with the other officers (identified later as officers Thomas Lane, Tou Thao, and J. Alexander Kueng) had been terminated. Still, the incident caused mass outrage and riots, as well as a F.B.I civil rights investigation.

The video shows Floyd was not resisting arrest, contrasting with initial statements made by the Minneapolis Police Department regarding the situation. The outrage over the death of George Floyd comes along with the recent deaths of black individuals at the hands of white men.

This year, in the month of May alone, there have been four such murders: Ahmaud Abery, who was shot and killed while jogging; EMT Breonna Taylor, who was shot and killed by police in her own home while sleeping when police said they were executing a drug warrant, even though it was executed a week earlier, according to The Washington Post; Sean Reed, whose death was mocked by a detective on Facebook Live when he said, "Think it's going to be a closed casket homie;" and Steven Taylor, who was killed in a California Walmart after being tased, according to The New York Times.

There is a long history of such incidents occurring. In 1955, 14-year old African American Emmett Till was accused of offending a white woman

in her family's Mississippi grocery store. Till was kidnapped, tortured, and lynched by white men.

In Florida in 2012, 17-year old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by George Zimmerman, a self-appointed neighborhood watchman at the time. Yet Zimmerman was acquitted of any charges.

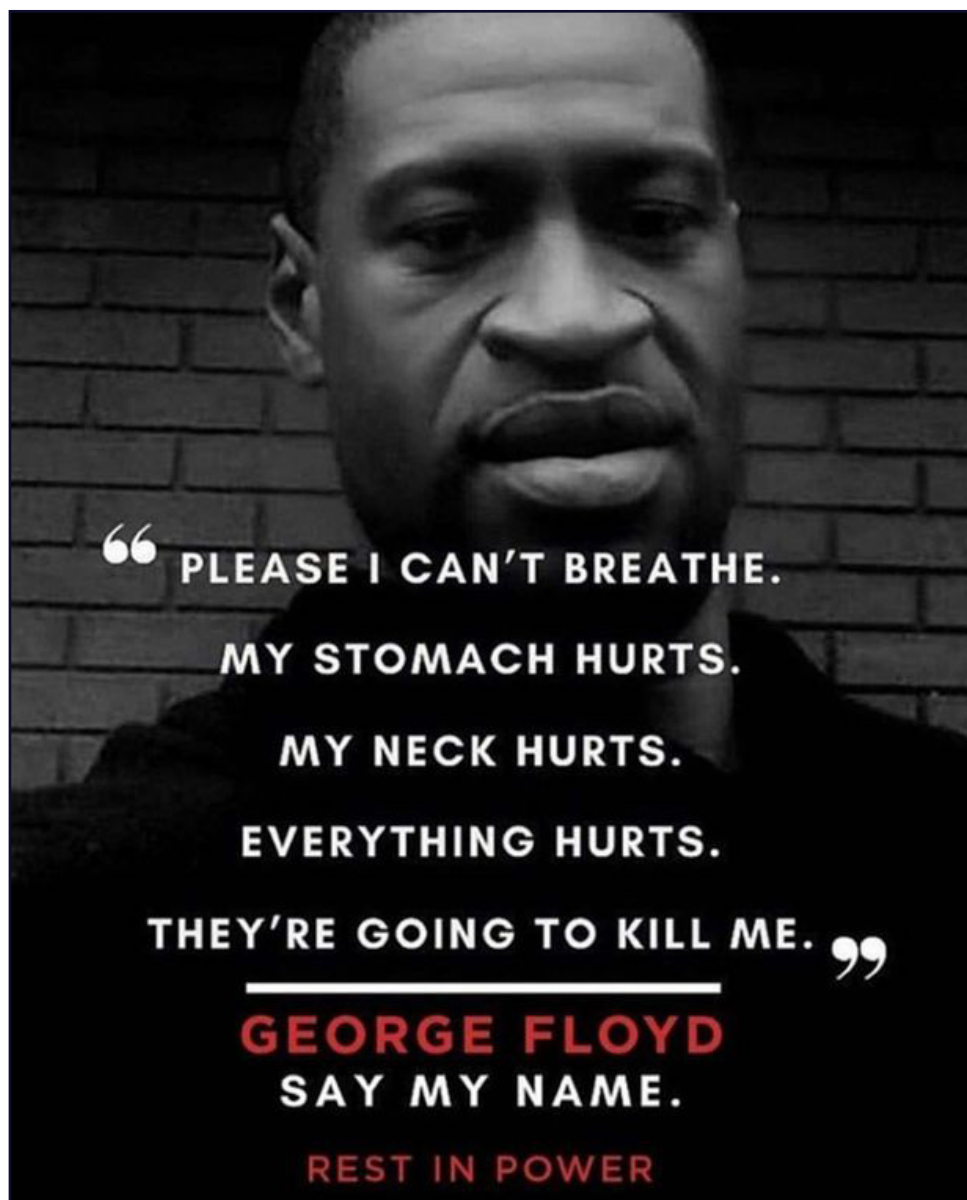
Protests first erupted May 26, a day after Floyd's death. Minnesota Governor Tim Walz earlier on May 28 activated the National Guard at the Minneapolis mayor's request, but no National Guard were seen during protests in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

President Trump took to *Twitter* on May 29 in a stark response to the riots, saying: "These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd, and I won't let that happen. Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts the shooting starts."

The tweet has since been flagged by Twitter for 'glorifying violence' and was deleted against the President's wishes.

Earlier on May 28, dozens of businesses across the Twin Cities boarded up their windows and doors in an effort to prevent looting, with Minneapolis-based Target announcing it was temporarily closing down two dozen area stores. Minneapolis shut down nearly its entire light-rail system and all bus service through Sunday out of safety concerns.

In St. Paul, clouds of smoke hung in the air as police armed with batons and wearing gas masks and body armor kept a watchful eye on protestors along one of the city's main commercial corridors, where firefighters also sprayed water onto a series of small fires. At one point, officers stood in line in front of a Target, trying to keep out looters, who were also smashing windows



Echoes of Eric Garner. Floyd's "I Can't Breathe," recalls the words of the Staten Island man who was inadvertently murdered by police in 2014.
Courtesy of Liam Payne / Instagram

of other businesses. Nearby, demonstrators carried clothing mannequins from a looted Target and threw them onto a burning car. Building fires have erupted close by the main crowds of demonstrators. Much of the violence occurred in the Longfellow neighborhood, as well as outside the house of the officer responsible for the death of George Floyd. It has been made clear that Floyd's death has deeply shaken Minneapolis, as well as the country.

"We're burning our own neighborhood," says a 24-year-old Deona Brown who was standing outside the precinct station while small-group protests were occurring, as reported by Boston's 25 News. "This is where we live, where we shop, and

they destroyed it. What the cop did was wrong, but I'm scared now," said Brown. A man identified by the name 'Cash' explained that protestors were destroying property to show how the system is broken. He refutes the idea that the destruction would hurt residents of the largely black neighborhood.

This event has provoked reactions within our high school

"This is nothing new," said sophomore Natavia Dickinson. "This has been going on for decades. The Black community is angry, my people are angry...everyone should be angry. There is no reason that being black should be a crime. It is our time. Listen to us. Yes, rioting may not be the answer, but let's not for-

get everything the system has put us through, the violence that WE were victims of during the Civil Rights Movement, when Black families moved into white neighborhoods, when Black children were beaten after attending white schools, and the violence that we are victims of today. Police brutality is one of MANY examples of the disgusting things we battle. We are hurting, so though I do not agree with violence, what did the world expect? Black Lives Matter!"

"This is truly a shame; tragic events like these make the perception of every police officer in the country terrible," said Olivia Sayegh. "There are 'bad' police officers, just like there are 'bad' teachers, doctors, and engineers. The officers should have acted differently. I hope there is justice for George Floyd. This truly puts a stain on officers around the country."

Celebrities weighed in too. NBA superstar LeBron James' Instagram showed a side-by-side comparison of former San Francisco 49ers' quarterback Colin Kaepernick kneeling as a protest and the policeman kneeling on Floyd's neck captioned, "Do You Understand Now!? Or is it still blurred to you?" Colin Kaepernick himself tweeted: "When civility leads to death, revolting is the only logical reaction. The cries for peace will rain down, and when they do, they will land on deaf ears, because your violence has brought this resistance. We have the right to fight back! Rest in Power George Floyd"

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI are conducting an ongoing investigation into Floyd's death and whether Floyd's civil rights were violated. On May 29, Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was arrested and charged with manslaughter and third-degree murder. Yet the protests continue nightly in Minneapolis and across the nation.

President Reveals Stages to End National Lockdown

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The coronavirus pandemic is continuing to escalate across the U.S., with 1,719,827 cases and 101,711 deaths reported in the 50 states and U.S. territories as of May 29, according to information from the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*. There still are some 21,000 new outbreaks still emerging daily. However, in late April, President Trump laid out new guidelines for the U.S. states to emerge from a coronavirus shutdown in a staggered, three-stage approach meant to revive the U.S. economy, even as the country continues to fight the pandemic.

The recommendations call on all states to show a path of decreasing COVID-19 cases or positive tests for the disease over 14 days before proceeding with the plan, which gradually loosens restrictions on businesses that have been shuttered to prevent spread of the virus.

"We are not opening all at once, but one careful step at a time," Trump said during his conference first announcing the plan, as reported by Time.com. The president had previously stated he wanted to reopen the economy with "a big bang."

CNN states that the plan is a set of recommendations for state governors, not orders. In that sense, it represents a backdown by President Trump, who first insisted he had total

authority to direct states to re-open or remain closed. The responsibility for such decisions lies within the state, not federal, authorities. With the weight on governors, the plan also gives Trump political cover should something



Science expert urges caution. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top epidemiologist is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and member of the White House COVID-19 task force. He would not give dates for accomplishing these stages, but remains cautiously optimistic.

Courtesy of Associated Press

go wrong. The President, who is running for re-election in November, has faced criticism for downplaying the seriousness of the virus in the early days of the outbreak.

Though the plan sets out guidelines for re-opening businesses, the White House fails to mention any coordinated strategy for ramped up testing capabilities or contact tracing, in-

stead leaving it up to states to implement the necessary infrastructure to enable a safe return to normalcy. The recommendations drew criticism from Ron Klain, who spearheaded the Obama administration's response to the Ebola outbreak and has advised former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee.

"This isn't a plan. It's barely a PowerPoint," he said via Twitter. According to NBC News, the Trump administration is "exploring how to dramatically ramp up testing" for the economy to reopen, but it remains foggy on how that would work or what the timeline would be.

While a potential national ramp-up in testing could take weeks, as explained by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the President is still pushing for states to open up as quickly as they can. Trump indicated that states without large COVID-19 outbreaks should start relaxing guidelines May 1, though he suggested some could start easing restrictions even sooner.

Dr. Fauci, however, took a more measured view of the timeline during the press conference, saying, "We feel confident that, sooner or later, we will get to the point—hopefully sooner, with safety as the most important thing—where we can get back to some form of normality."

In the first phase of re-opening, the guidelines say groups of more than 10 people should be avoided if appropriate distancing measures are not practical. Non-essential travel should be minimized, telework should be encouraged,

and common areas in offices should remain closed. Schools remain closed in phase one, but large venues such as movie theaters, restaurants, sports stadiums, and places of worship can reopen with strict social distancing protocols.

"It's concerning that so many public places are reopening so quickly," says HHS senior Ava Franco. "Here in New York, considering our circumstances, I hope that we don't take a drop in numbers for granted and reopen too promptly."

In the second phase, applicable to states and regions with no evidence of a spike in cases, the guidelines recommend groups of more than 50 to be avoided where social distancing is not practical. Non-essential travel can resume, while schools and youth camps can reconvene and bars with decreased standing rooms can re-open. Hospitals may also resume in-patient elective surgeries, which are procedures critical to hospitals' income.

Phase three includes unrestricted staffing of the workplace, but Dr. Deborah Birx, the coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force— who took a lead role in designing the guidelines— said that a "new normal" would remain in place, with a need for higher hygiene standards and more space between people to prevent the asymptomatic spread of the virus.

It remains to be seen how many governors will follow Trump's call to begin immediately relaxing their guidelines, given the coronavirus's continued spread throughout the nation and beyond.

Why is Governor Cuomo So Popular?

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In these trying times, it's become crucial for countries to have capable, intelligent leaders who assure the public we will, in fact, get through this. They need to be concise, truthful, and demonstrate a clear understanding of the problem at hand.

So who is that person for America?

One would assume it's the President's responsibility, and while not an incorrect assumption - someone else has been taking the spotlight instead. That person, it seems, is New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

With the unfavorable job of leading the state most hard hit by the pandemic, Cuomo has emerged as somewhat of a foil to all the confusion and frustration coming out of the White House.

In March - when the virus truly hit New York - he began his daily briefings, outlining the number of daily infections, hospital admissions, mortality rates, future actions for the state, and a frank, realistic and often compassionate view on the severity of the situation.

Now, several months later, he has amassed much praise and emerged as the leading politician handling this crisis, above the President, and above other Democrats (including presumptive presidential nominee Joe Biden).

But the governor hasn't always been so well regarded.

He has consistently garnered criticism from liberals for a cor-

rupt administration and establishment-centric, Republican-appealing ideals.

He has also enlisted disdain from hard-core conservatives for his more progressive initiatives (including passing a strict gun-control law and legalizing same-sex marriage in New York State in 2011).

Harry Enten from *CNN* reports that Cuomo's 2018 reelection performance was the weakest of any Democrat running for reelection statewide.

So how does a man hated by radicals on both sides surface as just the leader America needs?

Enten suggests that what made him so unpopular in previous years is exactly what is drawing the public to him now.

He explains that the negative characteristics attributed to the governor, such as being described as "heavy-handed," is exactly the type of leadership right for a crisis.

Addressing the nation everyday - and pulling no punches - has given the people assurance that there is someone leading who understands both the graveness of the circumstances, and the fear people have about their futures.

This assurance is only bol-

stered by the performance and leadership offered by President Trump, whose own briefings have done exactly the opposite.

From suggestions of injecting disinfectants to cure the virus (which he

has about the pandemic.

Jesse McKinley and Shane Goldmacher from *The New York Times* point out the way Governor Cuomo has directly confronted the lack of leadership at a federal level,



Leader Formed Through a Crisis? Prior to the current pandemic, there was not a lot of love for New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo from either the right or the left. Yet now, speaking to the public with daily press conferences and easy-to-understand PowerPoint presentations, Governor Cuomo has accrued a following of people who like his open and honest way of addressing the good and the bad aspects of this current public health crisis.

Courtesy of Lev Radin/Pacific Press

later rolled back as sarcasm), to hitting the body with "ultraviolet or just very powerful light," Trump's speeches are evidence of the lack of understanding, or lack of seriousness, he

unafraid to criticize that leadership when necessary.

HHS junior Mburucuya Gomez agrees.

"He's really going at this step

-by-step and seeing what happens as new details and information come out every day," she said. "I also appreciate him calling out Trump for any lack of support for the states being hit the hardest."

It certainly hasn't been all praise for the governor, where McKinley and Goldmacher point out a fairly delayed response of any stay-at-home orders, and pointless debates that suggest an ongoing lack of communication between Governor Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

But despite any apparent mistakes, it appears that Governor Cuomo's calm sternness has offered people an alternative to the confusing information and contradictory messages being sent out by the federal government.

A leader has a tough job anytime, but one that is only made harder by the scrutiny and severity brought about by a crisis. It's not always easy to know what the people want or expect.

"They need to keep people calm, give accurate information, say the truth without freaking the public out, and tell them what to do so that they don't feel lost," suggests junior Leilah El-Azizi.

"That's all."

It appears that's exactly what Andrew Cuomo has been and continues doing.

Countries Urge Outside Investigation Into Origins of Coronavirus Outbreak

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A spokesperson for China's foreign ministry has said it is too early to allow an independent investigation into the origin and spread of the COVID-19 virus, as nations prepared to meet at a late May meeting of the *World Health Assembly (WHA)* in Geneva, Switzerland. Spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters at a daily briefing in Beijing that the vast majority of countries do not yet think the pandemic is over, according to *Reuters*. As such, he argued it is too soon to think about an investigation. Multiple world leaders have called on Beijing to allow a probe into the coronavirus outbreak, which so far has infected just under six million people worldwide and killed more than 367,000 as of May 30. At the May 18 meeting, 122 of the *World Health Organization's* 194 member states called for an independent investigation into the outbreak and traceable course of the pandemic, despite protests from China. The outbreak began in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in

December. The dominant theory is that the virus originated at a wildlife market in the city, jumping from bats to humans via a mediator animal. President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, however, have claimed with confidence that the virus escaped from the Wuhan Institute of Virology— a research lab which is a few miles away from the wildlife market. Neither has presented any evidence to support the assertion. Though U.S. intelligence officers are investigating the possibility, American allies, the World Health Organization, National Institute of Allergy, Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley have all contradicted the theory. Chinese officials and state media have rejected the claim and demanded that the Trump administration provide evidence. "Because we are in such a time of the unknown, everyone is looking for answers," says HHS senior Caitlin Bilotta. "It can be damaging



Enquiring Minds Want to Know. At least 122 nations would like to know how this pandemic got started. Courtesy of Clipart Library

for both sides to jump to conclusions based on the origins of the virus. I think that right now we need to focus on forming a good relationship with other countries and pushing through

this pandemic, and then we can focus on the origins at a later point in time. But then again, maybe finding the origin could help us prevent the spread, so I feel like there isn't a solid answer for how to move forward." Chinese president Xi Jinping addressed the opening ceremony of the meeting. The President has been accused of concealing information about the coronavirus outbreak from the international community, while his government in Beijing has allegedly engaged in a disinformation campaign to absolve China of the blame for the pandemic and defame the response of other nations. The leader of the world's second-largest economy announced that his country will provide financial assistance to help other countries respond to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. "China will provide 2 billion U.S. dollars over two years to help with the COVID-19 response, and with economic and social development in affected countries," Xi said.

It was also announced that any vaccines found by the Chinese would be shared internationally and would therefore not be strictly Chinese property. A conference paper supported by 122 nations was filed ahead of the meeting, urging the international community to "identify the zoonotic source of the virus and the route of introduction to the human population, including the possible role of intermediate hosts, including through efforts such as scientific and collaborative field missions," according to a *CNN* report. The paper – which does not explicitly mention China or Wuhan—also calls for "a stepwise process of impartial, independent, and comprehensive evaluation... to review experience gained and lessons learned from the World Health Organization-coordinated international health response to COVID-19." This should happen at the "earliest appropriate moment," the paper says.

Safety Concerns for Coming Vaccine

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As the death toll for COVID-19 related illnesses surpasses 100,000 cases in the United States, researchers worldwide are working overtime to develop a vaccine against the lethal virus. The vaccination will help control the current pandemic and prevent future large scale outbreaks. The projected date for a vaccination could be as early as the end of this year or January, 2021. According to *Healthline*, "There are more than 100 projects around the world centered on the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus. As of May 11, eight candidate vaccines were being tested in clinical trials in people." Additionally, the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* found a vaccine that is being developed by biotech firm *Moderna*, as explained in *The Miami Herald*. On May 6, the FDA approved this vaccine to continue

into Phase Two, and it is expected to begin Phase Three in early summer 2020. Further, *The Seattle Times* explains that even though scientists have worked quickly to create a vaccine, there is no guarantee that this will definitely work. Junior Lia Aslanian said, "It will be essential to have a vaccine for the coronavirus as the vaccine will reduce the risk of the spread of the virus and of infections, which will be beneficial to our society dealing with this pandemic and allow people to resume normal life." Although the vaccination holds great promise, there has been some controversy as well. A new poll conducted by the *Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research* from May 10-14 found that only half of Americans would want to receive a vaccination. As stated on

AP News, "31% simply weren't sure if they'd get vaccinated. Another one in five said they'd refuse. Among Americans who say they wouldn't get vaccinated, seven in 10 worry about safety." The main concern about a vaccination that would be produced in such a short amount of time include the effectiveness, the potential side effects, and long term effects that could not be measured in studies that are being conducted so quickly. In addition, many people fear that similar to the flu vaccine, a COVID-19 vaccination may transmit mild symptoms of the virus. Dr. Francis Collins, who directs the *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, told *AP News* early this month that "safety is the top priority. The *NIH* is creating a master plan for testing the leading COVID-19 vaccine candidates in tens of thousands

of people, to prove if they really work and also if they're safe." The need for vaccine candidates raises another concern regarding the safety and ethics which put so many participants at risk. *Healthline* shares the problems of human participants, being that "there's still a lot we don't know about the coronavirus, including who will get very ill or die from COVID-19. That means people can't really know the risks of participating in the study, so they wouldn't be able to give high-quality informed consent. This is an essential part of modern clinical trials." "I think that if humans are willing to participate, these trials will have many strengths," said junior Rachel Griff. "If the vaccine is tested on humans, then there will be a greater chance to get approval faster than if they were to test on animals." However, Dr Adair Richards at

the *University of Warwick* argues that in order to save lives in the race to develop a vaccination, the typical ethical standards and research protocol need to be revised. In an article published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, Dr. Richards states, "Deliberately infecting volunteers with a disease as dangerous as COVID-19 has previously been considered to be unethical by the research community. However I believe that the current global situation is so different to those previously faced, that it is ethical in this case." These new concerns raise the question of whether human participants should be used to find a vaccine, along with the larger questions of when an effective vaccine will be discovered, and how it might then be distributed.

Animals Subject to Contracting Coronavirus

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Recent cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in animals throughout the United States have initiated the same social distancing recommendations for animals and pets as in humans. In late March, a four-year old Malaysian tiger in the Bronx Zoo named Nadia was the first animal who tested positive for the virus after she showed symptoms of a dry cough and a loss of appetite, according to *BBC News*. Paul Calle, the chief veterinarian at the zoo, told *Reuters News Agency* that, "this is the first time that any of us know of anywhere in the world that a person infected the animal and the animal got sick."

The tiger contracted the virus from an asymptomatic zoo keeper that later developed symptoms and tested positive. Weeks later, Nadia's sister Azul, two Amur tigers, and three African lions also developed a dry cough and tested positive, according to *NBC News*. The Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the zoo, explained that the animals are being closely watched by veterinarians and they are expected to make full recoveries, as stated on *WSC Newsroom*. The zoo has also taken precautions to prevent other animals from catching the virus, and making sure they remain healthy and safe. *News 4* said that the zoo claimed that their cats recovered and that their coughing has reduced, and they are behaving and eating normally.

The virus has also been reported to have infected two pet cats from different families on April 22 in New York State. Both cats from different households were taken to their veterinarians for testing after their respective owners noticed respiratory system troubles. According to *CNN*, in the first case, none of the humans in the household were confirmed to have the COVID-19 virus and it was presumed that the cat may have acquired the virus from outside contact. In the second case, the cat owner had tested positive and thereby possibly transmitted the disease to his pet. As a result, the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* have implemented similar recommendations as those in place

for humans, that animals maintain social distancing from other animals and humans as well as remain indoors as much as possible. "It is unfortunate that animals can contract the coronavirus," said junior Lia Aslanian. "I just heard about the case in North Carolina yesterday that declared that a pug may be the first dog to test positive in the United States. I believe it is highly important that if anyone feels the symptoms of the virus, they should keep their distance from pets as well." The *CDC* stated, "Until we know more about how the coronavirus impacts animals, social distancing guidelines are now being recommended by the *CDC* for family pets

in the U.S." *Fox News* explained that pet owners should treat their pets as if they were family members, and to keep them from interacting with any people or animals who are outside of the household. Junior Rachel Griff said, "If you have symptoms or even have the virus you should try to stay away from your pet as much as you can. Otherwise, this can put your pet at risk for contracting the virus." Overall, it is important for pet owners to take necessary precautions if they feel that they or their pet may be sick. Additionally, they should prevent contact with another person or animal who may have the virus.

To Gap or Not to Gap

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The outbreak of the novel coronavirus has stirred many questions. These unanswered questions have left everyone in limbo as they think about the uncertainty of the near future.

For high school seniors, this is typically the time when they relax a bit as they finalize their plans for next year. By May 1, these students have usually met the deadline for committing to colleges and universities that they plan to attend in the fall. After that, their excitement builds.

But the high school Class of 2020 has had a spring that has been anything but typical. With all of this uncertainty, these seniors remain in limbo, uneasy about what their September will look like.

A new fear is arising in seniors as they wonder whether or not restrictions currently in place to control the spread of the outbreak, and a possible if not likely second wave of the virus in the Fall will make for a first semester of college via remote learning. Many schools, from Stanford University to Boston University, have already openly acknowledged that the first semester might not look like the usual college experience because in-person classes might be

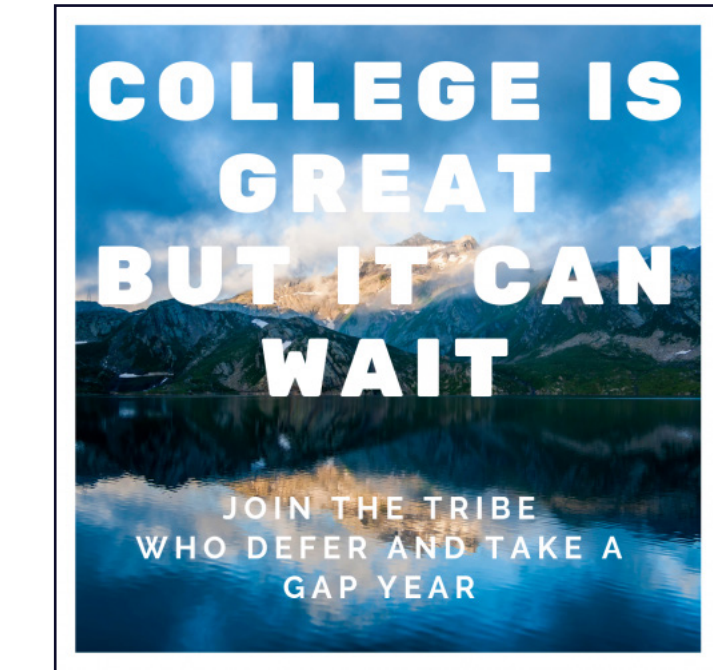
canceled.

With several universities already sharing their plans for virtual learning in the Fall, students have begun rethinking their immediate futures, considering different options for their after high school plans, whether it be gap years, attending community college, or merely deferring a semester.

Senior Nasia Meimeteas, who is planning to attend Duke University in the Fall, said, "I have always been so certain about attending college right after high school. But with all of the uncertainty that has come with the coronavirus outbreak, my 'definitive' plans are not so certain anymore. This has made me consider taking a gap year so I won't possibly lose a semester or more of a real college experience."

An article from *ABC News* reported on how more students are now considering gap years than ever before, with numerous factors related to remote learning having students questioning their college plans.

Parents are hesitant to commit to a virtual learning environment in the Fall for their college freshmen because they don't think they



should be paying the same tuition for having their kids learn virtually as they would be paying for a true college experience on campus.

Relating to cost, some families may not be in the same financial situation as they were in before the outbreak and may have a more difficult time now paying for college. In

Courtesy of EnRoute Consulting such cases, a gap year might be a better option until they are better able to afford college.

In addition, a big concern is that the quality of virtual education will not be as good as in-person classes. Plus there is so much more to a college experience than what goes on in the classroom. It is

very much a social happening, from clubs, sports, fraternity and sorority chapters, and more.

In consideration of this, many parents and students want to delay their enrollment by taking gap years and starting their college education a year later, when there can be in-person classes to ensure a better education. Some students are considering opting for a community college virtual education rather than their original plans for college in order to save money.

It's a pandemic dilemma. High school seniors will have to decide on whether or not they want to take a gap year in the next few weeks, so they can notify their schools accordingly.

While this decision definitely will impact students in the graduating Class of 2020, it will also impact this year's high school juniors in their college application process. Gap years for this year's seniors will most likely make admissions more difficult next year as there will be more applicants and incoming freshmen and perhaps fewer openings overall. The colleges simply won't be able to accommodate that many new freshmen students on their campuses.

At-Home AP Tests are Riddled With Controversy

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As the summer begins and the remote school year begins to wind down, many students have rejoiced as their workload has begun to minimize. However, a dreaded - but essential - part of the end of any school year is end-of-year exams.

Many end-of-year exams for the 2019-2020 school year luckily were cancelled relatively early on in the COVID-19 pandemic. End of year exams such as the New York State Regents Exams and International Baccalaureate exams were both cancelled within a month of President Trump declaring COVID-19 a national emergency.

However, despite their cancellations of SAT and SAT Subject Tests, the *CollegeBoard* chose to not cancel their Advanced Placement Exams. On April 7, *CollegeBoard* announced that after surveying students, they would plan to administer Advanced Placement (AP) exams in an at-home format.

This drew the ire of students across the world. Students quickly realized that due to the fact that all exams would be administered at the same time around the world, students in Europe and Asia would have to take their AP exams at odd hours.

South Carolina junior Hania Kantzer, who continues to remain with her family in Taiwan for the duration of the pandemic told the *Husky Herald* that she was forced to take her AP Calculus BC and AP US History exams at 2:00 AM CST.



School is now happening at home. Olivia Marton, an eleventh grader from Chicago's Lincoln Park, now does her schoolwork at home on her kitchen counter. These past few weeks, students all across the world have been taking AP tests in their kitchens, their bedrooms, and anywhere they can find a quiet working space at home. Unfortunately, things did not go very smoothly for a lot of students taking them.

Courtesy of Nam Y. Huh/Associated Press

"It definitely hindered my performance in a meaningful way," she said. "I mean, I normally stay up that late haphazardly handing in work, but doing exams that are crucial to college at that time was new."

ABC News' local Washington D.C. affiliate *WJLA* covered a similarly frustrating angle in an article on April 21 that outlined the struggles of American children whose parents were stationed overseas in the Eastern Hemisphere.

WJLA's coverage followed Enrique Castro, an American student whose parents work on the United States military base in Okinawa, Japan. Castro expressed similar grievances with the extremely late testing times.

In a written interview with *WJLA*, Castro said, "I've tried my hardest to be successful in these classes and it feels as if all the work I've done is for nothing with these exam times."

Controversy around the AP exams was furthered when *CollegeBoard* announced that AP exams were reduced from their grueling three hour affairs of multiple essays and other forms of questions to a single, 45-minute Free Response Question (FRQ). For STEM classes, it was often multi-part questions. In all history classes, this took the form of one single Document Based Question (DBQ).






This angered many students.

HHS sophomore Eli Aloni said, "It really isn't ideal. The DBQ is the hardest part of the AP Exam, and being forced to do one under harsh time pressure is really unfair."

CollegeBoard also brandished proprietary security techniques that would be deployed in order to prevent cheating on their at-home exams. This initially scared many students, until they realized that their primary tactic was a pathetic *Reddit* account by the name of *dinosauce313*.

In a report from *Vulture*, it was explained that this account was created on *Reddit* a few days before *CollegeBoard* announced their at-home exam. This account blatantly asked people to share their work with them, and used language that gave the impression of an adult trying to sound like a teenager rather than an actual teenager. This was compounded by the creation of the subreddit *r/APTests2020*, which drew more trolling, obscene language and harsh criticisms than people actually looking to cheat. As the AP Exams began from May 15 to May 22, a

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Courtesy of The CollegeBoard

common issue that arose was the inability for certain students to submit their exams. This issue was most prevalent with exams that forced students to take photos of papers on which they had completed their exams. Naturally, the *CollegeBoard* blamed the proprietary HEIC photo format on iPhones.

According to *The Verge*, the differences in HEIC and JPEG formats were too great for *CollegeBoard's* website to process them. This drew the ire of many students who have been forced to retake their exams because of *CollegeBoard's* inability to accommodate a seemingly extremely prevalent file format, given that 83% of high school students have iPhones, according to "Taking Stock With Teens" Piper Jaffray's survey of around 8,000 high school students.

The inability of many students to submit their exams finally came to a head at the end of the AP Exam testing weeks with a formal class-action lawsuit.

In an article from *The Washington Post*, it was revealed that on behalf of all students who were unable to submit their exams, a class-action lawsuit was placed on the basis of the violation "...breach of contract, gross negligence, misrepresentation and violations of the *Americans With Disabilities Act*." The lawsuit would additionally be seeking \$500 million in damages.

In a comment to *The Washington Post's* article, "Peter Schwartz, *CollegeBoard* Chief Risk Officer and general counsel, said in a statement: 'It is wrong factually and baseless legally; the *College Board* will vigorously and confidently defend against it, and expects to prevail.'"

Saving Cheetahs With Science

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On February 19, 2020, two cheetah cubs were born via in vitro fertilization for the first time ever at the Columbus Zoo.

Dr. Randy Junge, the zoo's vice president of animal health, and president and CEO, Tom Staf, told Julia Jacobo at ABC News that the cubs, one male and one female, and their surrogate mother, Izzy, are doing well after the birth.

According to Staf, Izzy is providing "great care" to the cubs. They are being monitored closely through a remote camera 24 hours a day.

The cheetahs were born via surrogate because a cheetah's ability to reproduce as they get older declines significantly.

"The assumption was, as an older female, she would be less likely to carry a pregnancy to completion," Junge said of the biological mother, Kibibi.

Kibibi was chosen as their biological mother due to her well recorded genetic history and ancestry, according to the zoo.

Currently, the male cub weighs 480 grams, roughly one pound, and the female weighs 350 grams, according to the zoo. They have not yet been named.

All checkups on their major or-

gans have shown healthy signs, and it will be a few months before they will be displayed at the zoo's cheetah exhibit.

To get into the science of it: the cubs' birth was the result of careful planning between many different people who provided different parts of the equation.

The process involved the Columbus Zoo, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, and the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

The IVF procedure began in November when Kibibi and her sister, Bella, first began receiving hormone injections that facilitated the production of eggs.

Once the eggs were extracted, they were fertilized using frozen semen from the cubs' father, a three-year-old named Slash from Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, and an ultrasound in December revealed that Izzy was pregnant with two fetuses.

The procedure had been attempted twice before, with no results.

Izzy and Kibibi are two cheetahs who have reportedly formed close bonds with their caretakers, paving the way for ultrasounds, x-rays, and other medical procedures when needed, which had greatly eased the

process.

Why is this such a big deal? Well, according to scientists, it could save the species.

Cheetahs are listed as vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species, and soon could be listed as endangered. There are as few as 7,000-7,500 left in the world.

"This is a huge scientific breakthrough and, in many ways, is much better because it gives us much more flexibility with limited genetic material," said Adrienne Crosier, a cheetah biologist at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. "This is an amazing milestone for cheetahs - we can extend a cheetah's biological clock," she told reporter Alicia Lee at CNN.

"It's crazy to think of a world with no cheetahs; these new scientific breakthroughs have really revived some hope for a threatened species," HHS junior Scarlett Kerridge stated.

The story of these cheetahs come after news in 2019 of the first spinal-tap procedure performed on a dolphin to ensure he did not have a common type of bacteria, and the first birth by artificial insemination of



Cuter than cute. Here are the historic IVF cheetah cubs, whose innovative birth provides hope for the survival of the species. The same process may help save other endangered species on the brink of extinction.
Courtesy of Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

the southern white rhino, providing hope for their critically endangered cousin, the northern white rhino.

"Not only are we thankful for a healthy calf, but this birth is significant, as it also represents a critical step in our effort to save the northern white rhino from the brink of extinction," says Barbara Durrant, director of reproductive sciences for San Diego Zoo Global, in an announcement, according to Nicoletta Lanese

at *The Scientist*.

These new achievements have broken ground in the preservation of threatened species, and have proven the leaps and bounds modern science has made in these past few decades.

"With everything we have done to the planet in all the time we've been here," Leilah El-Azizi, junior, said. "It's only right we try to fix it; it's our responsibility."

Why Today's Teens Suffer From Hearing Loss

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If you're getting annoyed listening to someone else's music blasting from their headphones, don't fret. New-found discoveries tell us that they're likely getting the karma they deserve. It has recently been concluded that the glass-shatter-

ing capabilities of your smartphone actually do come with some consequences.

In an unsurprising turn of events, doctors are discovering that excessive volume-cranking of in-ear headphones is causing hearing loss in teenagers. According to *The American Osteopathic Association*, one in five teenagers suffer from hearing loss. We can only assume that the culprit is a lack of education about the dangers of high volume listening, as you will likely be taken aback by how easy it is to cause yourself harm.

According to *EarQ*, a group of hearing experts, 100 decibel sounds, even

in a short period of exposure, can cause permanent hearing damage. For reference, a shotgun emits 130 decibels, and a whisper emits 30. Today's iPhone is capable of emitting up to 102 decibels of sound through earbuds, meaning that at volume 10, irreversible damage can occur after only 15 minutes. However, some claim that the exposure levels are even higher.

When a group of ten Harrison High School kids were surveyed, they proved to listen to music at an average of around 72 decibels, with the outliers being 50 and 94. These students seemed to maintain a relatively healthy average, however this is not necessarily typical.

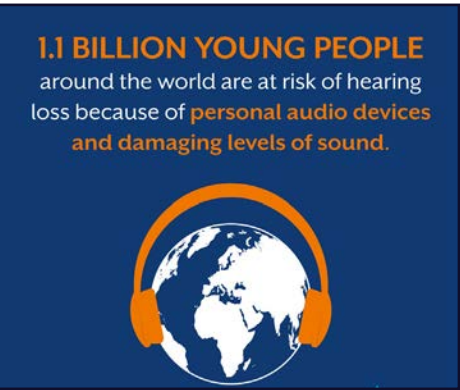
Although teenagers are very ill-educated about ear safety, a new feature in Apple's *Health App* has the

capacity to make people more aware of their listening habits. The app that comes complimentary with the phone measures headphone audio levels and amounts of exposure, telling you whether you're on track with healthy listening habits or whether you should dial it back. For music fanatics, this feature has become incredibly useful when listening to more and more music and becoming tempted to turn up the sound. If you're a true music lover, planning ahead is crucial, as you're going to want to have some eardrum left to spare when you're older. And if you insist on experiencing the nuances of the music, even smartphone speakers and non-earbud headphones are safer options.

Even though this seems scary, and most likely hits close to home,

there's not much to worry about as long as you maintain healthy habits and set up some boundaries for yourself (so as long as you don't mind turning your Metallica down a few notches).

Experts in audiology promote the 60/60 rule, suggesting that you don't exceed a 60 db level in which you listen for intervals of 60 minutes or less, meaning that staying around volume level 5-6 is probably in your best interest. You can even set up decibel boundaries on your phone to limit your exposure. If this seems like a very big restraint to you, it's most likely not the best sign, and if you're having trouble hearing your tunes when the volume is half up or more, it's probably an indication that you should turn it down, not up...and maybe go to the doctor.



Courtesy of Starkey Hearing Technologies

How Should Voting Take Place This Year?

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As the coronavirus pandemic continues to disrupt the country and cause issues around the world, many citizens are pushing for alternate ways to vote. This virus has made congregating in small, enclosed spaces dangerous, due to the easy ways the virus spreads.

According to *The New York Times*, "Switching to voting by mail, even in states with no history of it, can absolutely be done, and quite likely it may need to be done," said Judd Choate, the state elections director in Colorado, which made the change six years ago. "It's just a mat-

ter of how bumpy it is."

As some states already allow voting remotely, it should be considerably smoother.

The New York Times article also reports that, "For states that rely mostly on polling places, adapting to mail voting means a sea change in equipment and planning. Tasks like printing and tabulating ballots that can be spread over local election offices when people vote in person become more demanding, and often more centralized, when elections are conducted by mail."

This can potentially be very

chaotic and may lead to further issues. Voting by mail can also mean that there are possible safety precautions. One example is how huge numbers of mail ballots could confound tabulation and delay results.

"The real outstanding question is whether or not we're going to have an election system that can deliver for the voters and whether or not we're going to be able to man-

age everybody being able to vote in November," said Michael McDonald, a political scientist at the *University of Florida* who tracks voter participation.

USA Today reported that, "Trump can't just cancel the election, because there is no federal election for president; instead, it's 50 state elections. And even if some of those 50 states tried to appoint presidential electors without hold-

ing a vote, there are enough state laws on the books that would be enforced by Democratic governors to prevent Trump from obtaining an Electoral College majority through potential rogue actions of Republican-controlled legislatures."

People have been talking about alternate ways to vote during this pandemic and working together will make the process much easier for everyone. There are many things to be aware of when deciding on the best way to vote. Officials are trying to come up with the best and safest ways for everyone.



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Reimagining the Future of our High School Education

Staff Editorial

This pandemic, by its very nature, is forcing us to reimagine education, both locally and in a larger, national forum. With school budgets being slashed by several states, there also is a real economic issue regarding how to make up the shortfall. Some states have already begun slashing jobs and salaries toward that end goal, while others are hoping that the federal government might step in and provide the necessary funding. This seems unlikely, especially considering how current Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos thinks that private schools should be included in any coronavirus funding put aside for education. The economic underpinnings here cannot be ignored. Regardless, schools as we know them will have to make necessary adjustments moving forward, mostly for the safety of children, teachers, and staff.

While school is not a business, we still must take the same precautions in reopening that any business might. This may involve taking body temperatures before entering the building (perhaps even at regular intervals during the day), along with required face masking and abundant availability of hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes. Until we have substantial immunity, either through infection or vaccination, we must proceed cautiously, and continue these practices for a year or more into the future.

Schools are not conducive to social distancing. Things get up close and personal in auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, hallways, school buses, and classrooms. Do the hallways become unidirectional? Will arrows on the floors solve that issue? How will such measures be enforced? How will those choosing to ignore them be punished? Staggered school days are being proposed at schools throughout the country as a means of limiting the amount of people in the building. With this, some students would physically come to school while others learn remotely. Other ideas such as students remaining in one classroom for the whole day and eating lunch at their desks have also been discussed.

How do we handle cases that turn up as positive for the virus? Contact tracing issues are real - and schools as currently operating seem a veritable breeding ground for spreading the virus.

Do we go with smaller classes and seats marked off for adequate social distancing? Do we have to rethink everything about the way we deliver high school instruction? While Harrison has done a tremendous job with distance learning, it is no replacement for the kind of instruction that occurs within the classroom.

Right now, officials are watching carefully how other countries are handling these issues. The coronavirus and its long incubation period makes it difficult to detect new infections. That is why some countries are reopening schools from current lockdowns in a series of phases.

An article in *The Atlantic* by Uri Friedman talked to two professors at *The University of Copenhagen* about how Danish schools have fared since reopening. The dangers are that people will forget that this is ongoing.

One of these professors, Merlin Schaeffer, described an alien, atomized environment of outdoor classes, hourly hand-washing, and fewer teachers. "The kids are not allowed to touch each other, to play together, to embrace each other, to do high fives, things like that," Schaeffer said. "There's only one child per table, because normally you have two kids sitting [at] one, two-person table."

The real danger, as we've seen across our nation this past Memorial Day weekend, is that the reopening can be a slippery slope backwards. People were out celebrating, happy to be relieved from their hermit-like quarantines. Many of them will no doubt pay the price for their cavalier actions in ignoring the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* (CDC) recommended guidelines.

The issue of returning to school is an extremely complex one. While governors need to think about the fact that many parents need to stay home with their kids if they are off from school, the risks of catching COVID-19 are still very high in schools. A May 26 survey from *USA Today*, showed that 6 out of 10 parents said they would be likely to pursue at-home learning options instead of sending back their children this fall. A separate *USA Today* poll claimed that one in five teachers said they are unlikely to go back to school if their classrooms reopen in the fall, a potential massive wave of resignations. The issue is incredibly complex and challenging.

First of all, many school days are over six hours long, and are always in enclosed buildings. This greatly increases the chances of a student catching COVID-19 at school, and once a student catches COVID-19, it is highly probable that they can spread it to parents, siblings, and most importantly, grandparents. Many students and their parents will have to weigh the risks/rewards of continuing their high school education before an effective vaccine is discovered and distributed.

Going back to school will not mean an end to washing hands, wearing face masks, and exercising proper distancing caution. For the foreseeable future, school can not be school as we remember it just a few months ago. Until this virus has been tamed in a widespread way, we are forced to deal responsibly with real matters of safety that demand consideration, knowing that education can only happen when these issues are dealt with in a thoughtful, flexible way moving ahead.

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Distance Learning: Too Much and Not Enough

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The initial announcement in March at Harrison said two weeks. After those two weeks were up, extensions were put in place throughout April. Then, at the beginning of May, New York was informed by Governor Andrew Cuomo that schools would remain closed until the end of the school year.

Fortunately, Harrison had plans for virtual learning in place right away, and students did not have to wait to learn what the learning process would be. But even with the planning, virtual learning is a strange, new obstacle that doesn't seem to be getting that much easier with time.

Students may have gotten more used to it, but the problems remain the same.

First off, there's the issue of ac-

tual learning. Learning at a distance has forced school to be taught differently, and in a million different ways.

Chances are good that none of your teachers are doing it the same way - some host *Zoom* conferences, some post videos, others post assignments and communicate through *Google Classroom*.

These are, of course, extremely different from the in-person classes at a physical building, and it raises further questions into how much students are actually learning.

If you never see your teacher's face again, are you still able to remember the information given to you?

John Carpino, junior, states, "Distance learning is impacting all of the children who are physical learners. I hear stories that some

kids can't adapt to the fact they are doing schoolwork in their bedroom. There are also the little things - like the difficulty of getting your question answered, even on a *Zoom* call."

It's difficult to even assess this, as most tests given to students are open-note, or not given at all. While this can be a welcome change, it is not necessarily the right substitute in assessing your knowledge.

There is also a large mental struggle students can face. It can be very hard to find the motivation to accomplish work, or do tasks in a timely manner when you've been stuck in the same environment 11 weeks in a row. This is an issue that seems to be getting worse, not better over time.

The repetitiveness of our situation can get many kids down.

Either you're doing work in your bedroom and you basically never move, or you do your work somewhere else in the house where your siblings and parents are also doing their work.

Junior Leilah El-Azizi said, "It's definitely affected my schedule: work, sleep, eating. It's not so easy to successfully keep up with everything."

As Principal Beukema warned in one of her first emails, it is important to establish a routine, and try to be as healthy as possible. This can apply to things as simple as getting dressed in the morning, taking a walk and much-needed break from work, not snacking all the time, and more.

In the middle of a pandemic, students often want comfort. And even their usual methods of letting

out steam probably aren't possible. So it's easy to fall back on the simple things that make us temporarily feel good.

It's a tricky situation - students are most likely not learning the content as much as they would have in class, but the drastically different environment and learning style can easily make one feel overwhelmed.

Fortunately, it appears the school is eager for feedback. The once daily emails from Ms. Beukema now arrive only a few times a week, and the school seems to have adjusted some to find the "new normal" within the current parameters, implementing changes to make distance learning more manageable, assuring us all there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Isolation Advice (Attitude Matters)

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What have you been doing during isolation?

Friends and family members say it's pretty obvious that we are all bored in our own houses. Sure, the fact that we can all just stay inside and binge movies is very obvious, but what some are doing with this time is also benefiting people.

These endless hours together within households are making it so that you spend more time with your family. Some have reported that they have had some 60 straight family dinners in a row, something that has never happened before. Kids who would usually bring their tablets and ipads to the table are starting to be present at the dinner table, another positive effect.

This isolation is killing most of us on the inside. This reporter is a 16-year-old junior who wants to build

a treehouse because he is getting to his breaking point. The days outside keep getting nicer and nicer, and we just have to realize that spending 24 hours inside of a house or in our beds is not what we should be doing during these times.

You should be outside doing something... anything that can take up 30 minutes or an hour of your day. These endless hours are the best time to do something that you have always wanted to do -- lose 20 pounds, get stronger, build something, read more books, or even make a painting-- there are endless options.

The option that shouldn't be chosen is sleeping everyday till 4 p.m. and just being tired all the time.

As one of the humans who had fallen into the trap of sleeping non-stop, it's just not good for you. With-

in a week, this reporter had never been more moody and just mad at everyone. It took a couple of days to break, but the change in mood and overall persona was incredible.

We as humans just can't live



Set a goal and do it. For example, you could build a treehouse.
Courtesy of Home Depot

and function that way.

"I had the same problem for a couple of weeks where I didn't leave my bed and it was the worst couple weeks ever," said Victor Arcara. "I broke this problem by working out more and getting to bed earlier and the results were crazy."

Now he gets up every morning and works out.

If you are sitting at home doing nothing right now, try setting a goal, or have some idea about what you want to do and then reach it. For instance my cousin always wanted to write a book. Now, with less schoolwork and an abundance of free time, she has been able to get most of her book done. What she did with her time is an inspiration to all.

Right now, I am figuring out the dimensions and what else I need to do to build a treehouse.

The way that time has been given to us is not ideal, but with the right attitude, you can see it is a gift. Sure, we all want our lives back, but we need to utilize this time in ways other than letting this time consume us.

CNN reporter Scottie Andrew explained that social distancing doesn't have to doom your weekends. His article gave several examples of what we should be doing with all of our time and why.

Andrew said, "You always say you'll find the time to read more. Now is that time."

It is true. When else will we ever have this time again? With the right attitude, turn this curse into a blessing -- do something that you have always wanted to do and start doing it now.

Federal Government Response is Lacking

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If there is anything we have learned from Italy during this crisis, it is the importance of not taking issues lightly. To stop the spread of COVID-19, the country was put on total lockdown and effectively decreased the daily increase in coronavirus cases. The United States, on the other hand, has failed to take any effective governmental action during this crisis. According to *CNN* reports, America has the most coronavirus patients in the world and New York is the epicenter.



The federal government's response to this crisis has invited criticism at every juncture. Here is President Trump at one of his White House conferences on COVID-19.
Courtesy of Alex Wong/Getty Images

This pandemic has gone out of control, with almost everything in society being shut down. Despite this, on January 22 in an interview with *CNBC*, President Trump's first comments on the coronavirus was in response to him being asked if there were fears of a pandemic. He replied, "No. Not at all. And we have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It's going to be just fine."

He could have taken measures to slow the spread of the virus such as insisting the U.S. to produce more testing kits, emphasizing the extreme risks of the virus and urging Americans to take precautions. He did none of those things and instead tried to cheer up stock market investors and portray the virus as a minor inconvenience.

Trump was not left in the dark about this illness either. Multiple experts from the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* had warned him about this threat. On the

same day that he dismissed the virus as not being a worry, Tom Friedan, a *CDC* official, wrote an op-ed for a healthcare publication, warning that the virus would spread and stressing the importance of taking action.

Friedan wrote, "If public-health authorities don't interrupt the spread soon, the virus could infect thousands more around the globe, disrupt air travel, overwhelm health care systems, and, worst of all, claim more lives. The good news: There's still an opening to prevent a grim outcome. ... But authorities can't act quickly without a test that can diagnose the condition rapidly."

Deliberately, our government ignored him. Instead, Trump tweeted that we will be fine and the disease was a mere conspiracy, all the while the *World Health Organization* declared the coronavirus a public health emergency.

Actions were taken later on, for example, foreigners who had recently visited China were banned from the United States. Regardless,

it was too little too late. While South Korea, Singapore, and China were fighting the virus, Trump was lax on even finding a proper test for the virus. The *World Health Organization* had been shipping tests around the world, to nearly 60 countries, and America was not one of them. The White House refused to answer as to why.

New York has become the epicenter of this outbreak, and we are underprepared. Early on in this crisis Governor Cuomo said, "The State cannot do this alone, and the blunt truth is we need more ventilators and healthcare equipment fast, and we need the federal government to actually use the Defense Production Act to get private manufacturers to help build this critical equipment. I'm not asking the federal government to help New York just to help New York -- I'm asking for everyone. New York is the first -- if we learn how to blunt the impact here and bend the curve here, we can help other states who are next. Let's learn how to act as

one nation."

Governor Cuomo then shut down all nonessential businesses in New York and advised New Yorkers to stay home. He has also been working on distributing medical supplies. His response to the pandemic has been admirable for a lot of people, to the point where #CuomoforPresident has been trending on *Twitter*.

Our Governor has made it clear that, unlike the Federal Government, his priorities are the American people and not business, and he is responsible enough to address this crisis properly. This pandemic has revealed true flaws in our leadership.

As Andrew Cuomo's *Twitter* states, "My mother is not expendable. Your mother is not expendable. We will not put a dollar figure on human life. We can have a public health strategy that is consistent with an economic one. No one should be talking about social Darwinism for the sake of the stock market."

Chinese Blame Game

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"The Chinese virus," was how Donald J. Trump was referring to the current global pandemic early on. To a certain extent, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Secretary of State Pompeo still are looking to blame a laboratory in Wuhan for the outbreak, though there is no scientific evidence for this theory and considerable evidence against it.

Rather than properly addressing the concerns of an often confused populace, managing testing, contact tracing, the distribution of ventilators and PPEs, the federal government instead chooses to point fingers and lay blame on China. The unfortunate tangent to this scapegoating has been the increase in racial attacks against Asian Americans.

There are more than 3.8 million Chinese people in the United States who are put in danger by this President's racist rhetoric. Trump may only think he's attacking the Chinese government for not addressing early reports of the virus spread or even his conspiracy theory that the virus was created in a lab for political use, but he is attacking minorities throughout the United States.

Trump is following in the same steps as some of the most notorious people in the world's history. Hitler found his scapegoat for European problems in the Jews. Trump appears to have found his scapegoat in the cause of a global pandemic in the

Chinese people.

We should all fear the way that certain fervent supporters of the President have become more rowdy and violent. With the fate of the American economy in a mad scramble, and with unemployment on the rise, it is not likely to change anytime soon. What will happen to our country's Chinese (and general Asian) population and to our minorities as a whole? Projected unemployment rates upward of 15 percent are eerily similar to those found in Germany prior to Hitler's rise to power.

On social media and especially *TikTok*, you can see daily videos of Asian people being sprayed with *Lysol* bottles and other disinfectants on public transportation. Chinese restaurants are being disproportionately impacted by the virus as

ignorant people are afraid to order from the restaurants, fearing they might somehow catch the virus.

How can Harrison High Schoolers avoid the spread of such xenophobia and hate?

Our school ought to make any reference to the COVID-19 outbreak as "the Chinese virus" or the blaming of any students' identity for the spread of the virus into punishable offenses.

Whether a student is Latino, Semetic, Asian, Caucasian, Black, or any other race, whether male, female, LGBTQ+, we are all entitled to a safe learning environment at Harrison High School. The Anti-Defamation League's "No Place For Hate" high school program provides guidelines for schools to help build a more inclusive environment. Our administration should consider many of the ideas in these guidelines.

Even a policy in the district against bigotry related to coronavirus could help ensure a safer hate-free learning environment. With an angry populace being incited by false conspiracy theories, we need to ensure that people get the correct information in response to their questions, and that we can work together in securing safety and tolerance as key measures in reimagining our future education as we battle this dangerous pandemic.



Hate is not the answer. Members of the Asian American Commission of Massachusetts protested at the Boston State House in March.
Courtesy Steven Senne/Associated Press

A Time For Reflection and Gratitude

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During difficult times like these, it is a perfect time to reflect on what you have in life and what you are grateful for.

For many, life has become the worst thing ever: no parties, no social life, no birthdays, no movies, etc. For others, it has become a harsh reality of no food, no home, no job, no business. For many people, the realization is that their lives aren't over because their prom got canceled or there wasn't a Spring Break.

It amazes me when people talk like this when there are thousands of men, women, and children living on subway trains, just trying to stay alive. Food shelters have been closed down and that alone should paint a big enough picture of what is going on in people's lives and the hardships that millions are enduring due to the coronavirus.

One recent headline from *The New York Times* read: "Job losses spike even as millions are not counted." This image is perfectly portrayed. While there may be some positives of the COVID-19 pandemic

like the effect on the environment, there are also major losses: people losing their lifetime job or lifetime business and losing all their family's income.

That is why you need to know what you have to be grateful for in the life you are living. It is a hardship not having a prom or graduation, but be grateful you're not living on a train or figuring out where your next meal might be coming from.

Researching stories about gratitude revealed a lot. We are living in a reality where men, women, and children are fighting for spots on trains, in bathrooms, and other public places for makeshift shelter.

A *Daily News* written by Clayton Guse offered an inside look at

NYC's painstaking new push to get the homeless out of subways and into shelters during the current coronavirus shutdown. It showed just how these police officers feel for



Subways packed with the homeless. With the new cleaning of subway cars each night, the homeless can no longer find temporary shelter in the train cars.
Courtesy of NYC Transit Crews

these men and women, how they just want them to be safe.

One officer said, "No one should

be living like that. And no one should be living on a train for 10 years."

This reporter lived in the city for the first nine years of his life, where it wasn't unusual to see homeless men and women on the streets. At age eight, there was a girl around my age sitting next to her mother on the side of a drugstore, begging for money.

Where are they today? Did they find a way out, did they get help, did they start a new life?

The current pandemic makes it only worse for those previously struggling. These are the people living in the train station or in the park under a tree.

At a young age, the concept of being grateful was hard to grasp. Slowly, an understanding is being reached. These human beings are going through the hardest roadblocks in life and most of the time it's not even their fault, like that eight-year-old girl.

It is important to understand that while we are safe at home with our families with adequate food and shelter, there are people just like that little girl and her mother who are wondering where they will sleep every night, and wondering where their next meal will come from.

"We as a society need to start to think about the ones who have nothing and pray for them and that hopefully one day they will catch a break from life and can start over," said Victor Arcara.

There are people living on the subways and people who are losing everything to this virus. Still, many of them refuse to give up. These men and women have to push forward and hopefully, they know that there are people that are praying for them and thinking about them.

At dinner tonight, have a conversation about what you are grateful for -- that's the easiest way to forget all about the little things that you have lost to COVID-19.

Juniors Need A Place to Park

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Seniors at Harrison High School have always had more privileges than other grades. One such privilege is the ability to park on campus in the senior parking lot. The beginning of junior year is often when a lot of juniors start to get their licenses. Juniors are not allowed to park on campus, but many students found another way to be able to drive to school every day. These students started parking on Love Lane, which is located right down the road from the high school.

Students parked on one side of the street, all the way to the end of the cul-de-sac. Once students arrive and park at Love Lane, they walk a little up the road and cut through the gate to enter the parking lot on the bottom of the baseball field. The students walk across the baseball field

and up the stairs to reach the top of the turf field and enter right into the entrance from the senior parking lot.

Several "No Parking" signs were put all over Love Lane and students who parked there were warned they would be ticketed and possibly towed. Apparently, a family from one of the five homes at Love Lane made a complaint about the student cars and the town listened. So Assistant Principal Ms. Griffo shared that important information with the class of 2021, looking out for their best interests.

Junior Jillian Schwartz lives on Love Lane and allows several of her friends and classmates to park in her driveway throughout the school year.

"I think opening the bottom baseball field parking spots would be beneficial to juniors," Schwartz said.

"They would have the opportunity to drive themselves to school and back home, which can help out students whose parents can't pick them up or have other after school activities and need a car. Also, I have let around nine cars park in my driveway during the school day because they have nowhere else to park."

The administration says it is an issue regarding security.

"We cannot secure the lower lot," said Assistant Principal Mr. Mastrotta. "We need to be able to know what cars are on the school grounds and allowing parking into the lower lot makes that impossible. I do not have the security to post somebody in that location."

Students have brainstormed other possible ideas regarding junior parking privileges. Some of those

ideas are as follows: It was assumed that parents/guardians would need to provide permission for any juniors granted parking spaces in the lower lot; parking spaces would only be granted to juniors doing well in school -- if grades slip, or students go on academic probation, their parking privilege would be revoked.

Mr. Mastrotta said, "As far as students having to be in good academic standing, that is already a condition of juniors and seniors regarding leave and parking privileges."

The juniors are willing to abide by any other rules that might be required to allow them to park on campus.

"Parking on Love Lane was very beneficial for many juniors who have sports after school or other extracurricular activities," said junior

Julina Paruta. "Most of us won't be able to make it to a sport outside of school, a tutor, or a job after school if we have to take the bus home. Yet the administration told me it was not possible to open the bottom parking lot off of Love Lane."

As stated above, it really is more an issue of not having proper security to allow that.

After parking on Love Lane was prohibited, junior students made a petition on *Change.org* and sent it to classmates to sign in an effort to convince the school to open the bottom baseball field parking lot, regardless.

Parking privileges would allow juniors to gain more responsibility. For this and many other reasons, juniors implore the administration to kindly consider this request.

Some of the Class of 2020's



"My favorite memory would be walking into the cafeteria in the morning, or walking into class and knowing that my friends who have been here through all of middle school and high school will make my day 100% better. When I look back at high school, I will deeply cherish those moments."

- Justin Montanez

"One of my favorite memories from HHS was the last football game of my senior year; it was pretty emotional. It was the last time I was going to perform our field show with the band."

- Marisa Mastrogiacono



"My favorite memory is playing my last match of my volleyball season."

- Kayla Cacsire

Favorite High School Memories!

"My favorite memory from HHS is working with Ms. Angilletta during my math class and meeting some new friends. Also, working in the library when I was a junior and senior in high school."

- Maggie Collier



"My favorite memory from Harrison high school, especially in senior year, would be the pep rally. I loved how, not just the school would come together, but also the town to simply show our Husky Pride."

- Tanya Reyes



"My favorite memory from HHS is the support I got from my teachers and staff and having them there with me"

- Lucas Lima



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This Year's Summer Plans

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With summer around the corner, anxiety is building up as people try and figure out how and where they will be spending their unusual summer. A typical summer for many teens is an eventful and relaxed period of time where hanging out with friends from sunup to sundown is socially acceptable. Some teens adapt to a second home and go off to sleepaway camp, where they meet lifelong friends and get inspired by new role models, or counselors. Yet other teenagers travel the world with their families, looking at the beautiful landscapes and features of various countries.

For most of those teens, summer just got a lot worse.

Camps across the nation are continuing to wait until the last minute to break the bad news that their campers (who waited an entire school year for camp) will not be able to return back due to the pandemic that has had a tremendous effect on our world. For the kids that have gone to camp in the past, this summer is going to be very strange and empty. Camp strives to ensure that no camper will ever be bored or without something to do, offering days full of packed schedules consisting of numerous activities from sports to bracelet making. To add on, these activities are performed with bunkmates with whom you spend the entire summer.



Courtesy of Camp Krem
Junior Charlie Cannel said, "I have been going to camp since second grade. It has shaped who I am today and I am going to miss all the memories and people I encountered on my journey through camp."

The virus isn't just affecting the campers. Counselors who made arrangements to work at camp are

now stuck waiting to see whether they will be employed over the summer or if they must search for a last minute job, which isn't guaranteed. Hopefully for the campers' and counselors' sakes, camps might open up in some form soon, and regular life can continue.

Coronavirus is also affecting summer travelers. Many families travel over the summer to visit relatives who live in different countries. Many of these families only get to visit these relatives on rare occasions. For some, summer vacation is the only time they can see such family members, so it is heartbreaking and upsetting that this virus is

taking that time of family reunion away from many children and adults.

According to *The Washington Post*, "People plan their summer trips months and even years in advance, usually without factoring in the risk of a global health crisis."

Teens who were excited the entire year to go on vacation this summer have been let down and disappointed because of the events that have transpired. With no end in sight, it looks as if staying home for the summer is the most probable and realistic plan. Though it may seem depressing, staying home is the safest option and will help benefit the nation in the long run.

Tom Hanks Battles One Corona, Then Helps Out A Second

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Tormented by bullies who used the coronavirus crisis as a cruel excuse to mock him, an Australian boy named Corona recently wrote a fan letter to actor Tom Hanks upon learning that he and wife Rita Wilson had tested positive for COVID-19.

According to *BBC News*, Corona De Vries, 8, first wrote to the *Toy Story* actor and his wife after they fell sick with the virus in Queensland.

"I heard on the news you and your wife had caught the coronavirus," the boy wrote. "Are you OK?"

According to Australian news outlet *7News.com.au*, the boy had been named for the outermost ring of light surrounding the sun. The boy also mentioned the challenges he now faces because of his name.

"I love my name but at school

people call me the coronavirus," he wrote. "I get very sad and angry when people call me this."

In response, Hanks replied with a letter that began: "Dear Friend Corona, Your letter made my wife and I feel so wonderful! Thank you for being such a good friend - friends make friends feel good when they are down. Even though I was no longer sick, getting your letter made me feel even better. You know, you are the only person I've ever known to have the name Corona like the ring around the sun, a crown. I thought this typewriter would suit you. Ask a grown up how it works. And use it to write me back."

Hanks included a few self-addressed stamped envelopes along with a Corona typewriter, to make

that easier, according to *CNN*.

As expected, Corona was happy to hear back from his new pen pal and was no longer feeling down about his name. The heartfelt letter came all the way from Los Angeles where Hanks and Wilson have returned after making a full recovery. The surprise package from Hanks also included the same typewriter the actor took with him to Australia where he and Wilson were quarantined for weeks after contracting the virus.

At the end of the letter, Hanks hand wrote: "P.S. You got a friend in ME!", a reference to the line famously uttered by his character Woody in the film *Toy Story*.

According to *Hindustan Times*, after recovering from coronavirus,

the veteran actor and his now are offering their blood as possible antibody immunity toward an eventual vaccine. They were the first celebrities to reveal that they tested positive for the coronavirus. The couple volunteered to donate their 'blood and plasma' for coronavirus research.

Variety quoted Hanks saying for a podcast that, "A lot of the questions are what do we do now? Is there something we can do? And, in fact, we just found out that we do carry the antibodies."

The 63-year-old actor also added, "We have not only been approached, but we have also said, 'Do you want our blood? Can we give plasma?'" The actor, known to have a good sense of humor, also jokingly mentioned the name he would like to



A Corona for Corona. Tom Hanks sent this thoughtful gift to a boy bullied because of his name.

Courtesy of News24Wire

give a vaccine for coronavirus. If it is made from his blood donation, he said he would like it to be known as the "Hanks-cine."

HEY HUSKIES!

What's your favorite quarantine activity?

Compiled by Samantha Marano



"Playing guitar to find chords that sound good together - and also sleeping in a lot."
Jack Eiff,
Freshman



"Bike riding around town when I get bored."
Mark Catania,
Sophomore



"Watching *Netflix* or sleeping."
Lais Siqueira,
Junior



"Watching tons of new movies, along with my favorites."
Sophia Di Leo,
Senior

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Brings Down the House!

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Thursday, February 27 marked the opening night of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, the school's musical this year.

Based on the 1988 film of the same name starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine, and adapted for the stage by Jeffrey Lane (book) and David Yazbek (music and lyrics), the show revolves around Lawrence, a con-artist swindling women out of their money, and his reluctantly-turned protégé Freddy, who wants what Lawrence has.

Lawrence, played by Aidan Wohl, and Freddy, played by Peter Neureuther, have instant chemistry, and their opposite but complementary personalities make for hilarious moments.

They're joined by "bodyguard" Andre and "American Soap Queen" Christine, played by Jack Eiff and Paige Pezzella, respectively.

Jillian Schwartz shines as the temperamental Southern belle Jolene, and Olivia Burghouts' pining Muriel shines as well.

Accompanied by the ever-delightful pit orchestra composed of both Harrison High School students, teachers, and professionals,



In the end, all's fair in love and the con game. Lawrence (Aidan Wohl) and Freddy (Peter Neureuther) reunite with Christine (Paige Pezzella) for the play's grand finale, showing the conquests and deceptions shall continue prodigiously. *Courtesy of Mrs. Deb Toteda*

the songs, funny moments, scene changes, and more were all matched with the uplifting score.

The sophisticated acting and clever music wouldn't be complete without the usual gorgeous costumes and sets, which is exactly what this year's crew delivered.

With elegant ball gowns for the

ladies in one scene, and Oklahoma-style country plaid and shorts in another, the quick costume changes were sure to keep you on your feet, and invested in the magic of the world of this fun musical.

The sets were made in the same style: long staircases, stylish homes, churches, a basement, a fun beach setting at the end, and more, even utilizing the aisles and other spaces around the theater to give the audience an immersive experience.

With every scene change, the audience felt more and more like they were being taken on a journey they never wanted to end.

The smart and witty script was highly utilized by the talented cast, who seemed

to be having as much fun performing as the audience had watching them.

The competitive journey these two men and their colorful acquaintances go on is full of laughs and wacky antics, made only better by the fun twist at play's end.

But let's take a moment to speak of some of the unsung heroes of these productions: the tech crew.

Running more than the audience could ever know, the tech crew is responsible for all the sounds, lighting designs/cues, scene changes, mics, and more.

"We had a small number this year, so that was a bit of a challenge," said Leilah El-Azizi, junior and sound board operator. "But the dynamic in tech was so loving and considerate, we overcame all those obstacles. We're truly a family."

Both cast and crew worked long hours in preparation for the extended performance weekend, with rehearsals before, during, and after Winter Break, including nights stretching until 10:30 leading up to opening night.

"Yeah, it's a lot of hard work," John Carpio, junior and stage manager said. "But we love doing this so much, it's worth every moment."



Like Zis, Like Zat. Andre (Jack Eiff) and Muriel (Olivia Burghouts) enjoy some fun times along the French Riviera. *Courtesy of Mrs. Deb Toteda*



The Game is Afoot. When Freddy and Lawrence bet one against the other to win Christine's heart, things get complicated. When Freddy (Peter Neureuther) pretends to be a soldier who cannot move his legs, Lawrence (Aidan Wohl) shows up as the doctor who can cure him. Christine (Paige Pezzella) plays along. *Courtesy of Mrs. Deb Toteda*



Sorry about my brother Ruprecht. Lawrence (Aidan Wohl) and Freddy (Peter Neureuther) try to frighten Jolene (Jillian Schwartz) out of an impending wedding. *Courtesy of Mrs. Deb Toteda*



It takes a village. Nearly one hundred students were involved in this stellar production, one of the Harrison Footlight Players' best. It is amazing to see how well Mrs. Toteda and Mrs. Test are able to coordinate such large productions into polished, entertaining and impressive productions. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* was no exception. Congrats to all who were involved. *Courtesy of Mrs. Deb Toteda*

Quarantine Streaming

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As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, several movie theater chains have closed, and large events including Coachella, Stagecoach, and Miami's Ultra Music Festival have been canceled or postponed, as have several conventions and conferences. The virus, which has caused over 375,000 deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University, is expected to continue spreading. So, what to do while spending all that time at home while in quarantine? Maybe it is time to get to those things you always wanted to binge. Here are a few that are not to be missed:

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem, and Madness (available on *Netflix*)

Regarding the pantheon of pop culture rivalries, there is Cardi B vs. Nicki Minaj, Drake vs. Pusha T, Kanye West vs. Taylor Swift, and now Joe Exotic vs. Carole Baskin. Based on true events, the docuseries starts as a goofy look inside the life of an Oklahoma zookeeper — with over 200 tigers — who has been arrested in a murder for hire plot. Joe Exotic makes country music videos in his free time. He even ran for President once, and then for Governor of Oklahoma when that plan failed. The series delves into the crazy world of exotic animal owners, the morals behind it, and the pure craziness of humans.

"As soon as you think the story is over, another unbelievable event is thrown at you," says Caitlin Bilotta, who is a fan of the show. "It was truly wild to think that all of this actually happened, yet most of us knew nothing about it. I also think that the show gives a good commentary on the captivity of wild animals, and really lets the viewer form their opinion on the matter."

The Society (available on *Netflix*)

Do you think the current state of empty grocery store shelves is bad? At least they get restocked every so often. For the teens who find themselves banished to a strange, empty

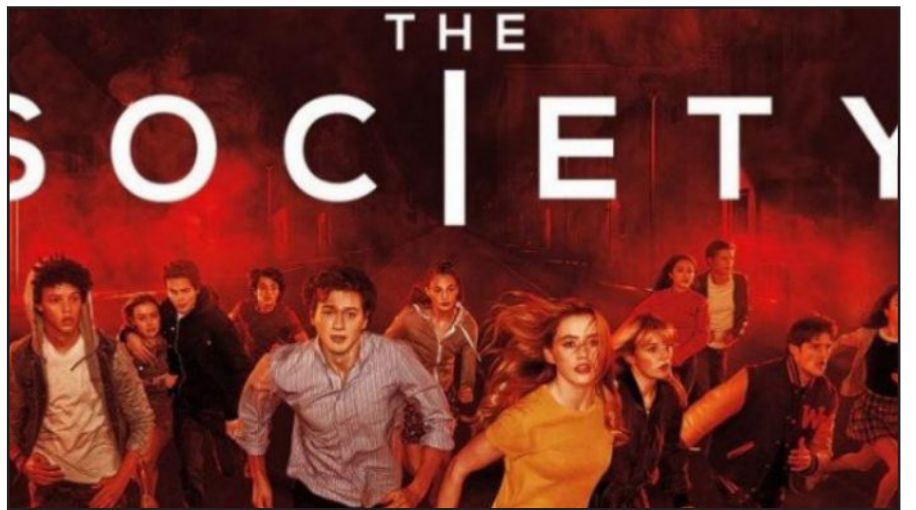
copy of their hometown West Ham, Connecticut, in *The Society*, whatever is left on the grocery store shelves is all they have. *Netflix*'s modern take on a *Lord of the Flies*-esque plot begins when West Ham high's senior class returns from a canceled field trip only to find that everyone else in their town has disappeared. What starts as a party with no rules quickly turns into a fight for survival as they discover that there is nothing outside of their town except for woods as far as the eye can see. What happened to them, where they are, and what to do next poses questions both scientific, governmental, and moral in nature. Think the complete opposite of the hit show *Riverdale*.

The sci-fi elements are compelling, but how the series attacks real-world issues like healthcare, and the pros and cons of different society types, all through the lens of teens try-



Courtesy of Netflix

ing to survive, is truly where it shines. There are no easy answers when building a new community from scratch. *The Society* has been renewed for a second season, making it



Courtesy of Netflix

the perfect time to catch up before new episodes premiere.

Love is Blind (available on *Netflix*)

When the boredom of self-quarantine begins to settle, know that this reality romance show is here to take it away! *Netflix*'s *Love is Blind* is the perfect isolation binge because — beyond being extremely addictive — it is also quarantine relatable. On the show, people spend time alone in a pod without physical contact with others. Does that not sound like our current situation? If relatability is not enough to draw you in, here is the plot: guys and girls talk to one another through a wall of frosted glass, then (insanely!) decide that because of the, quote unquote emotional connection, they have made (without ever seeing each other) the logical next step is to propose, then meet face-to-face and — of course — get married just four weeks later. So do those relationships last and in doing so prove love is really blind? You will have to watch to find out.

Narcos (available on *Netflix*)

In our technology-driven world, you may

find it hard to not glance down at your phone while watching television. But there is one show that you cannot look away from: *Narcos*. Partly because you will most likely need to read the English subtitles, but also because of how gripping the show is. What originally started as "the Pablo Escobar story" has evolved into so much more as *Narcos: Mexico* enters its second season and the fifth overall in the *Narcos* franchise. Do you want great actors? Wagner Moura, Pedro Pascal, Micheal Pena, Diego Luna, and Scott McNairy are here for you. Do you want violence? *Narcos* has plenty. The narration often provides as much education as a history book could. You can think of the *Narcos* franchise as a stand-in with the *Marvel Comics Universe (MCU)* currently on hiatus. This of *Narcos* as the *Drug Cartel Extended Universe (DC)*.

"I had this *Narcos* expanded universe fantasy," said *Narcos: Mexico* showrunner Eric Newman of bringing *Narcos* lead character Pablo Escobar to Mexico for a cameo. "I looked at Marvel like 'Why can't our drug dealers make appearances in the franchise vehicles of other characters?' It speaks to the interconnected nature of the narcotics trade; we all touch each other in this game."

Things To Do While Quarantined: Special 2020 Teenager Edition

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The world is going through a very tough time right now, and everyone is forced to stay home, including restless teenagers who really want to see their friends and party. It can be hard to be cooped up inside all day with nothing to do, but here are some fun things to do in quarantine to make the most of your time.

Quarantine Glow-Up

One main thing that many teens dream of is to have a quarantine glow-up. Eating healthier foods and working out so that you can feel better and healthier is very popular during these isolated times. So go ahead! According to an article from Cassey on *Logilates*, there are 10 main things that you can do in order to succeed in having a quarantine glow-up.

1. Get your workout in! In order to have a better mindset and be happier, you can create a workout

schedule!

2. Drink lots of water. Water is the most important thing that you need to drink constantly every day.

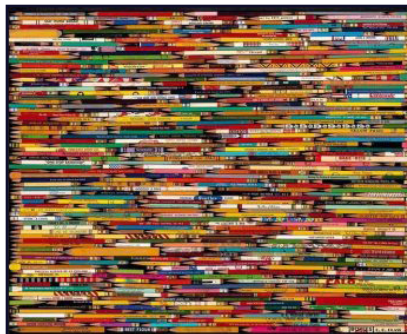
3. Spend time cooking for yourself. Learn how to make new recipes for yourself and for your family! It's a very good way to pass time.

4. Do some facemasks. They feel really good and refreshing, and they have many benefits for your skin!

5. Get lots of sleep. Yes, it may sound lazy to sleep a lot, but sleeping has a lot of benefits on the body! It could be just what you need to feel healthier and better.

6. Get a good skincare routine. When you return to normal life, you want everyone to look at you and be like "What's her skincare routine? Her skin is flawless!" Nail down a skincare routine that is perfect for your skin.

7. Deep condition your hair.



Good Luck With This One. This pencil collage jigsaw has 1,000 pieces, but can take forever to put together.
Courtesy White Mountain Puzzles

Your hair can make or break your look, so make sure it's healthy and up to your standards!

8. Clean your room! Now that you've got the time, cleaning your room is the perfect thing to do! Trust me, it can make you feel really good about yourself.

9. Deal with things you've been avoiding because you have no time.

Now you've got all of the time in the world, so step up and stop avoiding things that need to be done.

10. And finally, feel good about yourself! Have self confidence, you are beautiful and amazing! Believe that.

Have fun glowing up during quarantine!

Challenging Puzzle

One thing that most teenagers would refuse to do in their normal free time is a puzzle, but now that there's nothing but time, doing a puzzle could actually be fun!

"Doing a puzzle during quarantine was a very good distraction," says freshman Marianna Sposato. "It's not something I would normally do, but it was surprisingly very entertaining!"

You can easily order a puzzle on *Amazon* to get started!

Social Media Famous

There are many teenagers that have a dream of becoming *TikTok* or *Instagram* "famous," so why not make it happen! Create funny, cute, or helpful videos on *TikTok* and watch your fans grow. On *Instagram*, you can post cute pictures or helpful tips and easily gain followers. So many people are using social media to cope with their boredom now, so getting famous will be easier than ever. Having trouble getting famous? According to an article from *LoveToKnow* by Mychelle Blake, the most important thing to do if you want to be famous is to be unique. Don't be like every other person, create a new trend or original content ideas! See you when you're famous.

Now that you have a few ideas for quarantine, go and have some fun! Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay inside!

A Great Time to Learn to Paint

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New York's quarantine has been in place for several months, and you probably feel like there's nothing left to watch on *Netflix* or to like on *Instagram*. Yet there are other fun alternatives to keep you occupied and sane throughout the rest of this quarantine.

Painting is an activity that can relieve the burden of stress that this pandemic has brought upon the world. No matter your artistic ability, it is an activity that clears your mind and helps you forget about what is going on in the world right now. There are many ways that you can learn to paint for free during this quarantine.

There are many *YouTube* channels dedicated to showing you how to create art and paint. There are beginner classes that will allow for you

to dive in and learn how to paint via step-by-step guidance.

A channel that teaches step-by-step how to paint is *Barbara Beckmann Art*, who is an artist from New York City. The form of art she presents and demonstrates ranges from coloring to paper piecing to painting. This is a great *YouTube* channel if you want straightforward instructions on how to paint amazing art.

Another great *YouTube* channel is *Ahmad Art*. They also offer a channel that focuses on step-by-step demonstrations on how to paint a picture. Some of her viewers have reached out through comments stating how these videos are helpful and needed throughout this pandemic.



The Union of the Sun and Moon. This is a recent painting by this reporter.
Courtesy of Mildred Maldonado

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A viewer by the name of Ashlee Case states, "Just discovered your channel and watched quite a number of your videos. Thank you for your beginner tutorials, so detailed and easy to follow."

Although the channel does not provide verbal instructions, they provide close imaging of that painting so it can be copied. *YouTube* is a great platform to find channels that provide insight and guidance into the world of painting and art.

There are other forms of receiving tutorials like virtual paint classes and Live broadcasting through *Instagram* or *Facebook*. You can also freehand a picture and let your imagination run wild,

which is always a great option.

Harrison High school freshman Daniela Alvarez said, "A family friend who has a great artistic talent has been giving classes through *Instagram Live* and allowed me something to look forward to each Wednesday during quarantine."

Not only is painting a great alternative to *Netflix* and social media, it is a healthy and positive alternative to staring at a screen all day and looking for something new to watch. It also allows for creativity and individuality. This is such a great outlet to release the burden that this pandemic has put on us, as it allows us to express how we really feel and helps us clear our heads.

Tiger King Ignores Its Big Cats

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If you haven't watched *Tiger King* yet, are you even doing quarantine right?

The docuseries premiered on *Netflix* on March 20, and has been all anyone is talking about even months later.

This is mainly due to the series' utter ridiculousness and its absolutely bonkers cast of characters and storyline.

Centered mainly around former zoo owner Joe Maldonado-Passage, or as he's better known - Joe Exotic (a gay, polygamist, gun-toting, Libertarian), the show details his rise and ultimate fall in the world of cat-owning in the deep South.

Joe Exotic is one of many you'll meet watching the series, and also one of many you will hardly believe is real.

We meet him as the proud owner of Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park, and in the midst of a nasty feud with rival and self-proclaimed animal rights activist Carole Baskin.

But this story is not as clear-cut as bad guy who breeds cats ultimately gets what's coming to him.

Ms. Baskin is a complicated figure herself -- combating foul rumors relating to her husband's disappearance (she has since remarried), accusations about past animal-breeding, and criticism about how she handles her own so-called sanctuary, Big Cat Rescue.

And Joe Exotic is immediately surrounded by people who seem more conniving, sneaky, and manipulative. Bhagavan "Doc" Antle and Jeff Lowe, cat-breeders themselves and the latter the new owner of Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park come to mind.

The ending is anything but satisfying, with Joe taking the sole fall for something - guilty or not - definitely involving other people.

Charlie Dent of *CNN* best describes how the ending can make you feel: "That docuseries made me feel worse about the state of American humanity."

So it soon becomes clear that there's no person to really root for here.

But there's certainly a group that deserves better: the big cats.

Not just in these roadside zoos, but in the series as well, the tigers and lions and more go largely overlooked.

Although outrage over animal treatment is certainly what sparks Mr. Exotic and Ms. Baskin's feud, it's only ever used for shock value as the series progresses.

There is hardly any informa-



What has become of the *Tiger King* cats? Many are concerned for the welfare of these big cats, many of whom were sold to now struggling zoos.
Courtesy of *CNN*

tion provided about the dangers of breeding, and what natural life is supposed to be like for these animals.

Co-director Eric Goode makes obvious attempts on camera to ensnare these people by secretly recording conversations, and it becomes clear what is most important for this story.

HHS junior Mburucuya Gomez states, "I think in a weird way they glorify these abusers to create a specific narrative and capture the audience, instead of ever being explicit about the animal treatment. We know they were being abused."

Pier Dominguez, a culture writer for *Buzzfeed News* argues the show never moves behind the caricatures of the people they present. And there's hardly any meaning to the events being shown.

Rachael Bale at *National Geographic* helps fill in key facts that *Tiger King* left out.

Bale explains that some private tiger breeders argue that they're helping the tiger population, which are endangered in the wild. But their

cats will never be released into the wild, both because they wouldn't know how to fend for themselves and because of their genetics.

She explains a good sanctuary is defined as one that "does not breed or allow hands-on interactions with animals, and it maintains high standards of care and operation."

National Geographic reported that tigers are often "sped-bred" meaning there is a constant supply of tiger cubs available for people to interact with.

The article goes on to explain the genetic dangers of cross-breeding and breeding animals with a specific outcome in mind.

These extremely important facts about the dangers these animals face are all too quickly lost on the *Tiger King* audience as the story dives deeper and deeper into shady business and personal vendettas.

"They never outright confirm the animal abuse, but they sure do insinuate it," junior Scarlett Kerridge stated. "It's clearly a play for drama, and I just feel so bad for those animals."

BTS Offers Fans Home Concerts

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The rise of Korean boy band BTS has become a major piece of news in the last few years. Being the first Korean group to ever perform at the *62nd Annual Grammy Awards*, sweeping the Top Social Artist category for three consecutive years at the popular *Billboard Music Awards*, and being able to make coveted ap-



BTS gave free concerts to fans.

Courtesy of Shoampi

pearances on nearly every single late-night show are among a few of the band's prolific achievements.

BTS also was able to win the hearts of unconverted Americans through their wholesome demeanor and humorous antics on said talk shows; this can be seen through their candid and entertaining appearance on *Carpool Karaoke with James Corden*, their playful and informal subway special on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, and through the deafening voice of their devout fanbase, the BTS ARMY.

Coinciding with the release of their new *Billboard* No. 1 Album *Map of the Soul: 7*, BTS sought to top their extended *Love Yourself: World Tour*, by announcing their

large album-connected *Map of the Soul Tour* on January 22, according to *CNN*. However, the rise of COVID-19 forced BTS and parent label BigHit Entertainment to indefinitely postpone all North American dates for their highly coveted *Map of the Soul Tour*.

BTS has not been out of the limelight during this time of global self-isolation. Continuing their viral popularity reality series titled *Run! BTS*, and making an appearance on James Corden's *HomeFest!*, BTS has been able to somewhat cheer up their disappointed fans.

"It was a great time," said sophomore Jordan Solis. "I got to see the boys having fun in a time of seriousness, and the online concerts were a great way to relive their old tours!"

BTS's latest venture during

this time of self-isolation and social distancing has been Bang Bang Con, which roughly translates as "Bangtan Concert in Your Room." This viral venture had the BTS-controlled *YouTube* channel BangtanTV stream nearly 24 hours of older concert content over the course of two days. Racking in a total of 50.5 million total views with 2.24 million concurrent viewers at one given moment according to *Metro*, BTS streamed a total of eight concert events, at 12:00PM KST, with four concerts streaming per day.

This prolific event saw BTS allowing fans to stream nearly 24 hours of concert footage for free, which is a rarity in the Korean music industry. BTS opened up the first day of Bang Bang Con by streaming concerts from their older tours, such

as the 2014 *Red Bullet Tour* and the 2015 *HYHYH: On Stage*. BTS then followed with newer concert reels, such as the 2018 *Love Yourself: World Tour* in Seoul, and the 2017 *Wings Tour: The Final*.

Through this seemingly innocuous streaming of concerts, BTS was able to recreate the magic that was lost by the 16 cancelled concerts on their highly anticipated *Map of the Soul Tour*.

Teen Vogue described the affair as a "...Rare Moment of Togetherness During Social Distancing."

This writer was among one of the millions of fans who stayed awake at odd hours in order to recapture the magic of a simple concert by a Korean boy band.

Teenagers Absolutely Love the Westchester Memes Instagram

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Teenagers can't get enough of the *Instagram* account *Westchester Memes* (@westchestermemes2.0). This *Instagram* page represents all school districts in Westchester, including Harrison.

The page posts humorous contexts about Westchester as memes. Students send in videos, pictures, and/or screenshots to the account to convey whatever happened at the school that people might find funny. The meme page also is a resource where Westchester teenagers are getting their local news, only now it has just been turned into a meme. The owner of the meme page remains unknown; it is pure speculation as to what school they go to and who they might be.

Contests are started between other schools here as well. One of

the contests that got several teenagers to comment and vote involved school cafeteria food. A slideshow was created pairing two different shots of school cafeteria offerings that were directly messaged to the account.

The person running that account then stated where the school food is from and teenagers voted on which of the two looked more appetizing to eat. Harrison students sent in a picture of our cafeteria food. As it turned out, Harrison's cafeteria food went up against Dobbs Ferry's. Harrison won the food contest.

The look and focus of the *Westchester Memes* page is inspired by none other than Martha Stewart, the doyenne of crafty cooking, entertaining, and decorating. The memes that get all the laughs are the ones

based on the stereotypes of typical Westchester issues that affect typical Westchester kids. *Westchester Memes* is a big fan of *Stranger Things* star Noah Schapp, due to the fact that he currently is a sophomore at Scarsdale High School. The account and followers continue to post memes about Schapp, hoping he also follows the page.

The New York Times recently discovered the *Westchester Memes Instagram* page. An article by Taylor Lorenz said this is one of the places where teens get their coronavirus news. This had both the account's owner and the teenagers who follow the page in shock.

Recently, our world has changed, due to the global pandemic of the novel coronavirus. New York remains (for now) the state with the



Courtesy of Westchester Memes Instagram

most confirmed cases of COVID-19. In Westchester County, for a long time, confirmed cases of COVID-19 continued to rise. *Westchester Memes* has created several memes

about the COVID-19 situation in Westchester, hoping to give everyone a much needed laugh about the otherwise grim occurrence.

Nintendo Switch Popularity Invites Price Gouging

Luke Wong

Co-News Editor

"Even though I get to play a lot more video games, I swear, every day I feel like I'm one step closer to going insane," sophomore Brandon Escobar said, describing how he was keeping busy in light of the new quarantine. While not all Americans feel the same, it is no surprise that the large amounts of shelter-in-place orders being issued by COVID-19-stricken states such as New York, California, and Washington have had an unfathomable impact on the American economy, and the lives of all Americans.

As Americans all around the United States have begun to figure out virtual solutions for daily obligations through apps such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and various apps within the Google ecosystem, many Americans have begun to notice that they have a lot more free time than usual.

Sophomore Eli Aloni said, "After all my work is done for school,



I'm basically just sitting around doing whatever I want."

Similar sentiments were found in an interview of Francesca Donner by *The New York Times*, who told them that for her nine-year-old daughter, "The afternoon is free time."

Unsurprisingly, many people have begun to turn to the time-consuming yet enjoyable medium of video games to pass the time. A report by *Yahoo Finance* found that the popular computer video game store

and aggregation platform Steam had 19.75 million peak users.

This rise of video game usage has corresponded with releases of brand new popular games such as Bethesda's *Doom: Eternal* and most prolifically, Nintendo's new premiere title, *Animal Crossing: New Horizon* for the Nintendo Switch.

New Horizon is the newest game in the *Animal Crossing* franchise, and has sold over 1.8 million copies in Nintendo's native country of Japan, according to *CNBC*. This release of this video game over five years in the making, combined with growing fears of supply chain issues due to the spread of COVID-19 across Asia has come to an interesting conclusion for Nintendo. Nintendo has officially sold out of Nintendo Switch consoles, as reported by *ArsTechnica.com*.

This insufficient supply of Nintendo Switch consoles has naturally brought drastic price inflation on sec-

ondhand Nintendo Switch consoles. One can visit *eBay.com* and type in 'Nintendo Switch,' and notice that the price for a used Nintendo Switch console is around \$400 per console.

This reporter personally bought his Nintendo Switch console used in October 2019 for \$200. New Nintendo Switch consoles have been retailing for as high as \$700.

While the long-term effects of the shutdown of the Asian supply chain remain to be seen, this time of quarantine and social-distancing appears to be extremely lucrative for some.



The Fun Never Stops. Animal Crossings: New Horizons sold over 13 million copies in its first six weeks. Photos courtesy of Nintendo.com

The Re-emergence of Walking

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During self-isolation, when people have fallen back on old hobbies to help them cure their boredom, it seems the new main activity has become walking.

If you have ever looked outside during this pandemic, chances are that you saw people walking in the streets. According to Michelle Barchman of *The Seattle Times*, walking is one of the only physical activities allowed in their state that can be done outside. States all over the country have shut down hiking and field trails to prevent the spread of this disease. So people are left with only one answer: walking.

"I walk around my neighborhood every day," junior Mike Tolve said. "I find it very relaxing and it makes me almost forget about the quarantine. It reminds me of my normal life because instead of sitting at my house the entire day, I can go into the real world and experience what my life was before this horrible self-isolation."

When people go outside, they catch some fresh air. According to Zach Smith of *Thrive Global*, grabbing some fresh air really affects your body in a positive way. It cleans your lungs, reinforces your immune system, and improves your circula-

tory strain and pulse. This means that going outside and breathing in some fresh air turns out to be really helpful and healthy to your body.

However, is it worth it? There is a risk of interacting with others and possibly getting coronavirus when you take your stroll around the block.

Many people feel uncomfortable when they walk because they see so many others. This concern has led to some people even not going outside or even opening their doors. However, walking is a good form of exercise and helps you clear your head. Many walkers are now taking additional safety protocols,

like wearing masks, gloves, and walking on the opposite side of the street rather than walking next to other pedestrians.

"I go walking with my grandma a lot," stated sophomore Steven Longo. "We enjoy seeing each other during these harsh times, however we are very careful when walking. As she is older, she is at higher risk to contract the coronavirus, so we don't walk together. Usually, she walks on the sidewalk with a mask on and I either walk a few steps behind her or on the other side of the street. I have to be very cautious when I am with her."

This activity is very beneficial to those who are cooped up in their homes. So if you are struggling to spend your free time during the day and are very stressed out from this outbreak, try to go outside and walk a little bit. It will help your mindset and your health.

Although, if you proceed to take walks around your neighborhood, be very wary of your surroundings and try your best to keep your distance from others since there are so many pedestrians during this current pandemic. This way you can stay both healthy and safe.

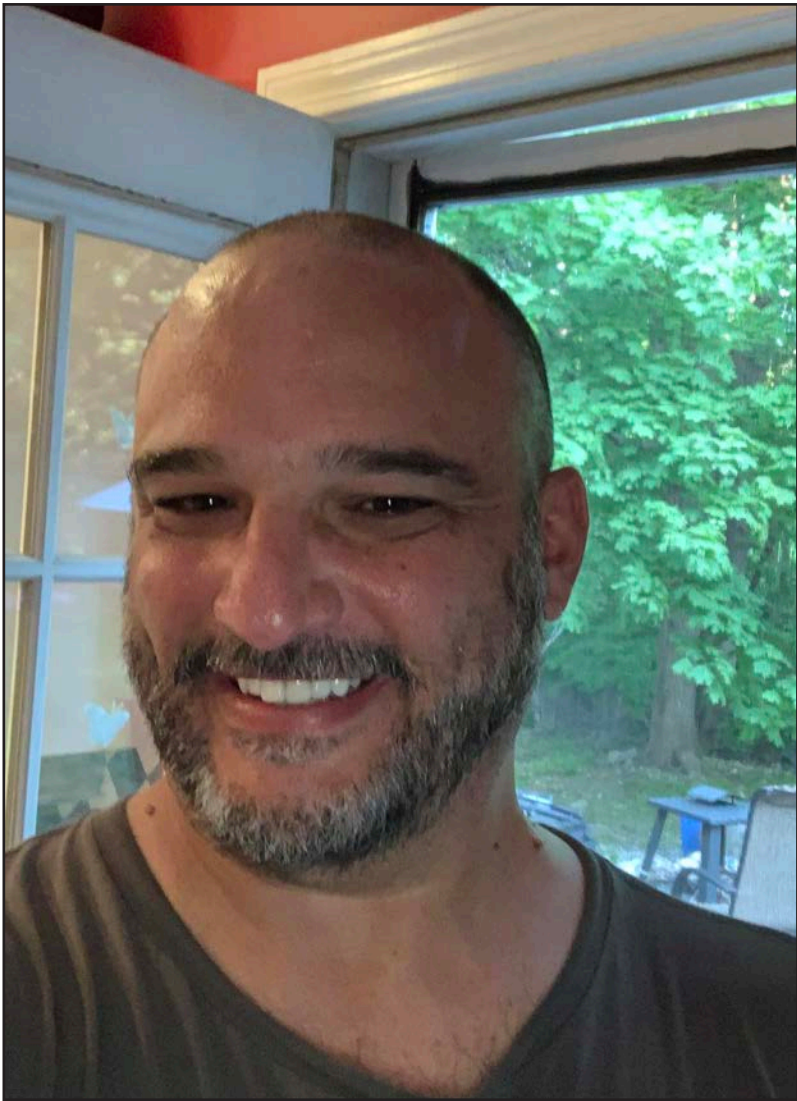
90-Second Interviews



“90 Second Interviews” is a feature where- in we sit down with two staff members and see how many questions they can answer in 90 seconds. This special issue we turn to our two Assistant Principals, Mr. Larry Mastrota and Ms. Laurie Griffo.

Interviews coordinated by Mr. Glauber.

Mr. Mastrota



Where did you grow up? Glen Head, NY on Long Island.
Tell us about your family: I have been married to my wife, a Husky, for 23 years this summer. I have a son, Alex, he is a rising 10th grader and my daughter, Elisa beth, is going into 8th grade.
What nickname do you wish you had? The Duke (big John Wayne fan).
What might be your theme song? "Comes a Time" by The Grateful Dead.
Celebrity Crush? I really don't have one.
Favorite team to root for? NY Mets.
At home, what are you best known for? My cooking, among many other wonderful talents.
What is the best thing about being an Assistant Principal at HHS? Every day is different; every day is an opportunity to learn from my colleagues and students.
What is your unbreakable habit? I listen to music way too loud!!!
Favorite guilty pleasure? I try to play a lot of golf.
What one album would you take to a desert island? ONLY ONE??? Abbey Road - The Beatles.
Favorite decade and why? The 1980s - came of age, began to form my own identity.
Best vacation destination? Montauk, NY.
What is your secret talent? Believe it or not, I am pretty good at math.
Favorite television show? Iron Chef.
What catch phrase are you known for? "Slow your roll, player."
Where did you go to high school? North Shore High School - as did Mr. Galano (I am a little bit older than him).
Any pets? Cat - Chole.
Favorite color? Green.
What was your favorite subject in high school? Social studies.
What superpower do you wish you had? Who would not want to fly?
Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving - the word says it all.
Your best meal ever? Too many to choose from.
How long have you been in the district? 15 years.
What do you miss most about being at HHS? Everything!!!!
Favorite quarantine activity? Finding new shows on Prime and Hulu that I did not have time to watch during the school year.
What special message would you like to give our 2020 Seniors? I want to wish you nothing but success. I am sorry your senior year had to end this way, but you will continue to move forward. You will grow from this and find new and exciting opportunities. It will not be wasy, but remember the people and lessons you learned at HHS. Care for others. I love you all.

Ms. Griffo



Where did you grow up? Valhalla, NY.
Tell us about your family: No answer given.
What nickname do you wish you had? No answer given.
What might be your theme song? No answer given.
Celebrity Crush? George Clooney.
Favorite team to root for? Harrison Huskies.
At home, what are you best known for? Banana bread & biscotti.
What is the best thing about being an Assistant Principal at HHS? Hard to pick one...kids, faculty, staff...relationships, learning, growing...seeing students and faculty members sharing their talents on the athletic fields, on the stage, and in the classrooms.
What is your unbreakable habit? Not giving up.
Favorite guilty pleasure? Eating a bowl of mocha almond fudge ice cream.
What one album would you take to a desert island? No answer.
Favorite decade and why? '90s - my "why" became clear.
Best vacation destination? Cape Cod.
What is your secret talent? Finding the positives.
Favorite television show? Big Bang Theory.
What catch phrase are you known for? "Make good choices."
Where did you go to high school? Valhalla.
Any pets? Not at the moment.
Favorite color? Maroon.
What was your favorite subject in high school? English.
What superpower do you wish you had? Instant travel (teleportation).
Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving.
Your best meal ever? Grandma T's baked ziti (my mother-in-law!).
How long have you been in the district? Just finished my 21st year. :)
What do you miss most about being at HHS? Seeing kids and colleagues.
Favorite quarantine activity? Taking walks with my husband and family dinners.
What special message would you like to give our 2020 Seniors? Live well. Love deeply. Laugh often - stay true to who you are Class of 2020. I love ya - you will be missed <3

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Harrison Football: Starting Over

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Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This is a personal perspective written by a member of the Harrison Varsity Football team.]

Harrison has started over. This past year, in 2019, we had introduced a whole new playbook to a bunch of younger kids. The coaching and overall play change have sought to transform Harrison football.

As the coronavirus is making it very difficult for us to start with spring ball, the team members are on Zoom calls every week, going over film and plays. "Last year was a transition" soon fades into what is going to be

"a year to remember in Fall 2020."

As a team, we understand what we have physically and athletically for next season and the sky's the limit. As seniors, we have roughly 20 kids that will be graduating next year and all of them include the starting quarterback, running back, halfbacks, linemen, etc. While we did lose a few good players from last season, we have varsity numbers for this upcoming season and we are looking to make the town of Harrison proud.

The coaching staff has put a lot of time and effort into what is to come next season. Right now, the team goes online to meet with Coach Fish for 35 minutes of a high-intensity workout. The Zoom calls are on Mondays and Fridays but as a team, we keep each other accountable by working out ourselves and sending videos and pictures about what we are doing to inspire and unite. This is not only

very positive for the team as a whole but, most importantly, it gets the kids that maybe aren't that committed to working out to get more motivated to start the necessary work.

LoHud had done a feature on one of our star players, Casey Judelson. The piece discusses what he is doing in the offseason and he is working hard, turning into a "gym rat" and motivating the entire team around him. We are becoming a team of powerful football animals, so let it be known that Harrison High School football is back and better than ever. On *LoHud*, they showed videos on how Casey is working on his skills during this pandemic, which is very impressive considering how other teams may be just sitting at home doing nothing.

Our team has a different relationship because all of the seniors are very close friends outside of football, which makes us so powerful as a unit. We understand that we are all fighting for the same goal come October 17 against Rye. This is the date that we all have in the back of our minds, even though all of our games are very important. The game on October 17 is where we get to impress our town with the results of all of the work that we are putting in now. Starting quarterback Troy Straus shares that enthusiasm for the coming season.



Putting in the time, getting the desired results. Casey Judelson has been working hard with his trainer so that come next season, he can achieve so much more than before.

Courtesy of Frank Becerra, Jr. / LoHud

"We have lost our spring seasons and right now those seasons don't mean anything," he said. "This is a sign that is showing us it's time to get into insane shape before summer."

The team shares that mindset: they are eager to get bigger and stronger before the next season begins. Troy's leadership is shared by all of the seniors, working tenaciously during any free time they can find

now. The team knows that last year was a learning year, both as a program and a team. This year they are putting together something special; they're all on the same page with one another. The football team wants to pack the stands full and give every fan a chance to show Husky Pride. They are committed to giving the student section plenty of reasons to go crazy every chance they can.



Lots of optimism for Coach Ciraco and his team. Taking advantage of the free time this crisis has afforded them, many team members have been working hard to improve as individuals and as a team.

Courtesy of Harrison Central School District

2020 NFL Draft Provides Hope for Eager Fans

Michael Tolve

Staff Writer

The National Football League has been an American staple since it was first founded in 1920. Since then football has been an iconic sport in America that has grown to a global stage, and the NFL Draft seems to draw more viewers with each ensuing year.

This year the draft was held virtually, hosted from Commissioner Roger Goodell's basement in Bronxville. With people's need for sports during this time of social isolation, the broadcast was watched by millions. Now, with all seven rounds of this year's NFL Draft behind us, people are more eager than ever to see their favorite college players out on the field representing their new teams.

To better understand this next generation of players, let's examine the top five picks of the draft and how these selections fit for each of the teams. The following list culls information obtained from *ESPN* and *NFL Nation*.

Joe Burrow QB, LSU (Cincinnati Bengals)

Coming off one of the best individual college seasons ever, Joe Burrow was an almost obvious choice for the lowly Bengals. After winning the Heisman Trophy and

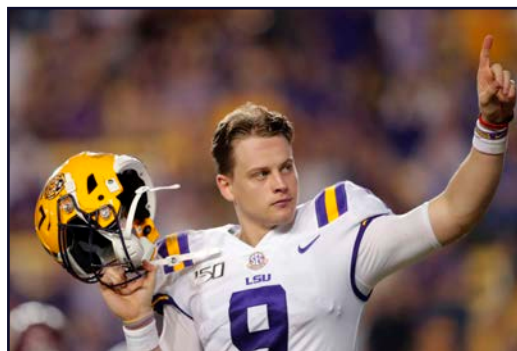
National Championship, running the table in an undefeated season, and throwing for the most touchdowns in single-season history (60), the LSU quarterback fixes the Bengals' problems. Burrow was very accurate in 2019, completing 76.3% of his passes with his great decision making and timing. Andy Dalton's long QB run in Cincinnati is over.

Chase Young DE, OSU (Washington Redskins)

The Ohio State Defensive end was considered by some to be the best overall player in the draft. In 2019 alone he had 16.5 sacks, with 30.5 in his entire career. Young will help the Redskins tremendously in getting to the quarterback. The Redskins were twenty-first last season in sacks per pass attempt on third downs. As well as being extremely efficient off the defensive line, Chase Young has elite potential and could one day be in the NFL's Hall of Fame

Jeff Okudah CB, OSU (Detroit Lions)

After the Lions traded their best player Darius Slay (also a cornerback), they got to draft Jeff Okudah in the same position with the third overall pick. While this move seems



This is when I'll be picked in the draft. LSU's star quarterback Joe Burrow shows the he is actually 'number one.' Now he'll be running the Cincinnati Bengals' offense.

Courtesy of Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

puzzling to some Lions fans, Okudah has the ability to come in and become a corner who can shut down receivers right away. However, historically cornerback has been a position where rookies struggle.

Andrew Thomas OT, UGA (New York Giants)

The Giants made a very nice decision here, as the acquisition of Andrew Thomas fulfilled their need to protect previous assets (2019 #6 pick QB Daniel Jones, and 2018 #2 pick RB Saquon Barkley). This build-up of the offensive line allows Daniel Jones to have more time and protec-

tion to throw the ball faster and accurately and allows running back Barkley to have holes in which to make impressive plays.

As Giants' General Manager Dave Gettleman said, "It's very, very difficult for Saquon to run the ball if he doesn't have holes. It's going to be difficult for Daniel to throw the ball when he's on his back."

Therefore another few picks to fix the offensive line up and the Giants will have their dynamic duo protected for the future.

Tua Tagovailoa QB, Alabama (Miami Dolphins)

The Dolphins have not had a Pro Bowl Quarterback since Hall of Famer Dan Marino. Even with the injury concerns, Tua checks every box: accuracy, leadership qualities, anticipation, and the "it factor." Before the hip injury, he was a sure number one pick. He has been given the title of most accurate quarterback in college football history. The

real question and concern is this: Is he durable enough to withstand play in the NFL? Can he stay healthy enough to fulfill his potential?

These top five picks were not really big surprises.

"I think that all teams met their needs with the best possible players available," said Joshua Gomez-Cruz. "If everything goes right, I see every player here having a very successful career, but that's why they play the game. You never know. Sometimes, things can go wrong."

"I don't understand why the Giants didn't take Tristan Wirfs from Iowa," said Olivia Sayegh. "Every analyst had him as a more ready and developed offensive tackle. But other than that, I see every pick panning out very well."

It will be interesting to see how these top five picks turn out. The top five picks are seen as the players who are ready to come in Week One and make a positive impact on their teams. In some cases, they can even greatly change an organization's fate.

Will any of this year's choices do that? For now, fans will just have to wait patiently until the new season arrives to find out.

Tokyo 2020 is now Officially Tokyo 2021

Nina Montes

Staff Writer

The 2020 Summer Olympics are postponed until 2021. Never has the Olympics been postponed before except for matters of war, but the coronavirus quickly changed that.

According to *ESPN*, "Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach agreed to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by about one year."

As mentioned above, the only other times the Olympics were postponed, in 1916, 1940, and 1944, was because of war. Not only does this affect the athletes involved, but it also affects the Olympic committee, sponsors, and broadcasters. Although they said that postponing the sports event will help defeat this global pandemic, billions of dollars are being lost.

The organizers of Tokyo 2020 estimated the cost to be roughly \$12.6 billion, while other experts have put that figure closer to \$25 billion, according to *ESPN* reports. The delay will also impact the billions spent by sponsors and broadcasters.

The new question is, how will athletes qualify? Athletes have spent hours upon hours of training, and put their emotional and physical energy into preparing for their events.

Katarina Johnson Thompson, the English heptathlon athlete, tweeted: "Waited eight years for this, what's another one in the grand scheme of things? As an athlete, it's heartbreaking news about the Olympics being postponed until 2021, but it's for all the right reasons and the safety of everyone!"

Dafne Schippers, a Dutch track and field athlete, said, "I

was really looking forward to it and my shape is good at the moment but for now, we have to look at the bigger picture and do whatever it takes to beat the coronavirus. Let's hope for the best and let's make sure we'll celebrate even harder in 2021!"

Needless to say, athletes are disappointed but are more concerned about the bigger picture. Other Olympians have been sending out support and love to other athletes, the Olympic committee, and the world itself.

Mountain bike racing champ Kate Courtney has assured

others that our dreams are not crushed and there's still hope.

"Our time will come," she tweeted out. "These dreams are not canceled, they are just on hold for a moment. Hope and heartbreak can live side by side."

We know that the Olympics are postponed until next summer, but what about the people participating? Will the Olympians that were supposed to compete this year be exempt from the fight to qualify next year, or do they have less of a chance

to participate now? These questions remain unanswered for now, but it's clear to see everyone has their mind on a different fight and is trying to better the world one hand washing at a time. There's a crowded sports calendar in 2021 with the Tokyo Olympics being moved to next year.

CNN informs us that, "The swimming World Championships in Japan are due to take place at the end of July and the athletics World Championships in Oregon are scheduled for early August -- the same time the Olympics were due to be held this year."

Also, the timing conflicts with European Football's International Showpiece event. However, all competitions and events have agreed to move to later dates if needed.

How's your 2022 calendar looking?



A Global Pandemic Means The Olympics Must Wait. Tokyo's Olympics have been postponed for a year until 2021, in an unprecedented announcement.
Courtesy of Sky Sports News

NBA Season Might Be Going to Disney World

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The National Basketball Association (NBA) is considering resuming its games and playoffs on the Walt Disney Resort property in Orlando, Florida, at the end of July, if the coronavirus threat lessens and it becomes safe, according to *The Athletic*.

The NBA, which suspended its season on March 11, also "has kept different scenarios in mind," according to the report. NBA commissioner Adam Silver made the call to shut down the league after All-Star Jazz center Rudy Gobert became the first of more than a dozen players to test positive for the coronavirus.

Earlier this month, *Yahoo Sports'* Keith Smith, who previously was an employee at Disney for nearly 20 years, reported that the Wide World of Sports Complex had enough on-site housing and facilities to hold games. The current idea being voted on by the NBA's Board of Governors, according to *ESPN's* Adrian Wojnarowski, would employ

a 22-team format that would likely include play-in games for the best teams to compete for playoff spots. All teams and personnel would be quarantined in the same location to limit potential exposure to the coronavirus. Under that format, the Nets would be playing, while the Knicks would remain at home, watching along with the fans.

A number of possible locations made the rounds for consideration, including Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and the Bahamas as well. The idea, which has been on the league's radar for several weeks, according to Tim Reynolds of *The Associated Press*, was first floated publicly by Keith Smith, a former Disney employee, who laid out the plan in great detail. Disney's Wide World of Sports venue in Orlando offers a number of advantages, including multiple courts and hotels, proximity to all Orlando Magic facilities, and immediate readiness for broadcasting.

Still, a number of obstacles stand between the NBA and any return to games. Commissioner Adam Silver has stated that widespread testing is a necessity. Medical personnel need to be available as well, as players need treatment for injuries suffered during games, and any plan to resume the season needs to build time in for a second training camp in order for players to get back into game shape. Even so, the Disney plan is promising if the league chooses to pursue it. Few areas can so easily handle the NBA, but Disney has all of the resources that it would need to play games without fans.

Disney is also a broadcasting partner, as it owns *ABC* and *ESPN*, so a pre-existing business relationship is in place. According to Reynolds, Disney chairman Bob Iger made a presentation to the NBA's board of governors earlier this month outlining the possibility.

"I don't think it's a good idea,"

said HHS junior Tristan An. "I think the health and safety of the players can be affected if the season resumes in one location."

The NBA has maintained that virtually anything is on the table if

it means finishing the season and naming a champion. Their consideration of the unorthodox Disney plan proves that. There is still a long way to go, but at least a feasible plan is starting to take shape.



The Future Home of the NBA? The NBA's Board of Governors is voting on a plan that will take 22 NBA teams into a playoff season scheduled to take place in Orlando, Florida.

Courtesy of ESPN

The Coronavirus Affects Sports

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A global pandemic has stormed across the world and is causing suspensions and cancellations in sports that have not been seen since World War II.

As everyone in the entire world has heard, the coronavirus is very dangerous and has the entire world on lockdown. Almost every major professional league in the world has been put on hold as concerns for the spreading virus makes everyone worry for their safety.

According to Nick Friedell of *ESPN*, the NBA was the first to initiate a safety protocol regarding the health of the players and fans due to the virus. On March 11, the NBA announced that the game between the Brooklyn Nets and Golden State

Warriors will be played without fans, following the order from the city of San Francisco. Later that day, a game between the Utah Jazz and Oklahoma City Thunder was postponed because of Jazz center Rudy Gobert, being diagnosed with the disease. Subsequent to that instance, the NBA immediately suspended its season for 30 days and

announced it would be reevaluated after those number of days had passed.

"I have so many questions left unanswered," junior Mike Tolve stated. "When will the season be reopened or will it ever be? If they begin playing later on in the year, how will the remaining season play out? I really just don't want this season to go to waste."

Due to the NBA suspending its season, it brought a lot of fear and attention to other leagues across the world. The NHL, MLB, ATP, and global soccer leagues also have postponed their games until further notice. The NFL still had its draft, however, but it was held without any fans in attendance. In the NCAA

world, all remaining winter sports and spring sports have been canceled. This means that the NCAA Basketball tournament did not and will not happen, which is some of the most devastating news of all because March Madness is one of the most anticipated events of the entire year.

Until recently, the thought of canceling or postponing the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which was scheduled to begin in late July, never crossed the mind of Thomas Bach of the International Olympic Committee. However, there was global outrage from fans and even some of the teams. Canada announced that they would not attend if the Olympics were held in 2020. On March 24, the

Olympics were officially postponed until the following year.

"I still think the decision to postpone the event was crazy because it took so long to set up," said sophomore Steven Longo. "The entire world was put in quarantine to try to minimize social interactions and thousands of people died from the virus, but they were still going to carry through with it. I think the International Olympic Committee is nuts!"

Besides Rudy Gobert, other famous NBA athletes known to have contracted COVID-19 are Kevin Durant and Donovan Mitchell. The sports world will just have to wait it out until this pandemic has run its course.



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Commitment Corner with Mia Harris

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Being a high school athlete isn't easy. The task of managing school, sports, and social life is like a full-time job. However, being an athlete who is trying to commit to a college is an entirely different situation. On top of the regular stresses in life, these collegiate hopefuls have additional stress from the commitment process. For those who don't follow sports, the commitment process is complicated. It may involve unfamiliar terms and regulations. Most athletes gain exposure through showcases, events where college coaches attend to observe players and their skills. It is a place where players show off their talents.

First, players must verbally commit to play for a college. This simply means that the athlete and school have agreed the athlete will play their sport at the school. Verbal commitments can be withdrawn, and likewise the school can choose to remove their commitment to the player at any time. The official commitment comes when the athlete signs their National Letter of Intent during their senior year. This document confirms their commitment.

One special student-athlete here at Harrison High School is senior softball player, Mia Harris. Mia has announced her commitment to Mercy College, located in Dobbs Ferry, New York, about a five-and-a-half minute car ride away from HHS. They play Division II softball in the *East Coast Conference (ECC)*.



Mia at the plate. She's also an offensive weapon.
Courtesy of Ms. Tricia Harris

Having won twenty or more games in the last four seasons and the *ECC* Championship in 2017, Mia will join a recently dominant Mercy squad where she'll look to lead the Mavericks back to the title. The Husky Herald was fortunate to interview Mia to get a first-hand look at the commitment process and her journey to become a collegiate athlete.

Husky Herald (HH): Mia, congratulations on your commitment to Mercy College to further your softball and academic careers. Throughout your journey, there must have been some influential people who have helped you become the athlete and person you are today. Who would you like to thank and acknowledge?

Mia Harris (MH): I'd really like to thank my parents, especially my dad. He introduced me to softball when I was really young and he was my first coach. He coached me for a while growing up and as I got older, I started playing school softball and travel softball for Empire State Huskies and Diamond Dolls, so new people coached me. My mom always made sure I had all of my equipment and is always there for me, so I'd like to thank her too. Also, I want to thank all my teammates and coaches for pushing me every day to get better.

HH: How did you get introduced to softball, and when and where did you start playing?

MH: When I was really young, I always watched my brother play baseball in Little League. Then, in kindergarten, my parents signed me up for Little League softball, where I played for a while growing up. I'm grateful for them signing me up because neither had ever played softball. Then, as I got better and older, I took it to the next level by playing travel softball.

HH: When did the dream of becoming a collegiate softball



Mia on signing day. Surrounded by family, Mia commits to playing softball at Mercy College.
Courtesy of Ms. Tricia Harris

player first occur to you?

MH: During middle school, probably eighth grade, my high school coach and travel coaches started talking to me about possibly getting recruited to play softball in college. From then, it was always a possibility I could play in college. At the end of my freshman year, I realized I really wanted to continue playing softball past high school. That's when the thought set in that if I wanted to be a college player, I had to put the work in.

HH: What position(s) do you play currently, and what position will you play in college? Also, why is it your favorite?

MH: My favorite position is pitcher, and I pitch for high school. On the mound, you get to be in control of the game, especially the pace of it. You dictate what happens with your team based on your pitches. A lot about pitching and softball is the mental game. Also, when pitching, you have to adjust to each batter and situation and try to locate spots for your pitches accordingly. I really love that part. At Mercy, I'm probably only going to be playing second base during my freshman year. There's going to be older pitchers with more experience, so it might be tough to find time on the mound in my first year. Although, as I get more experience with pitching in college, I too will pitch.

HH: As a high school athlete, how did you manage school and softball?

MH: I think a huge part of managing school and softball is time management. I took advantage of free periods and extra free time in the day to complete work, which was super helpful. Also, knowing your schedule for the week is a must. If I knew I had a game on a particular day, I would try and complete my work for that day prior to it. But, if we just had a team meeting or practice, I would give myself more time to do my tasks. Overall, it was manageable to balance schoolwork and softball. There were some nights where I was up late doing work because of softball after school, but it wasn't too bad.

HH: What does Mia Harris do outside of school other than softball?

MH: I love to spend time with my friends and family, particularly outdoors. We go to Jones Beach or Robert Moses Beach most weekends in the summer and we also get out to the Hamptons to see my cousins who have a house out there. In school, I'm in the Italian club and we volunteer at Sarah Neuman Nursing Home. I used to volunteer at Miracle League of Westchester, which is an organization that gives Westchester children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball and softball in an organized league. But, with the coronavirus outbreak, it's been tough to help.

HH: How did the recruiting process work for you?

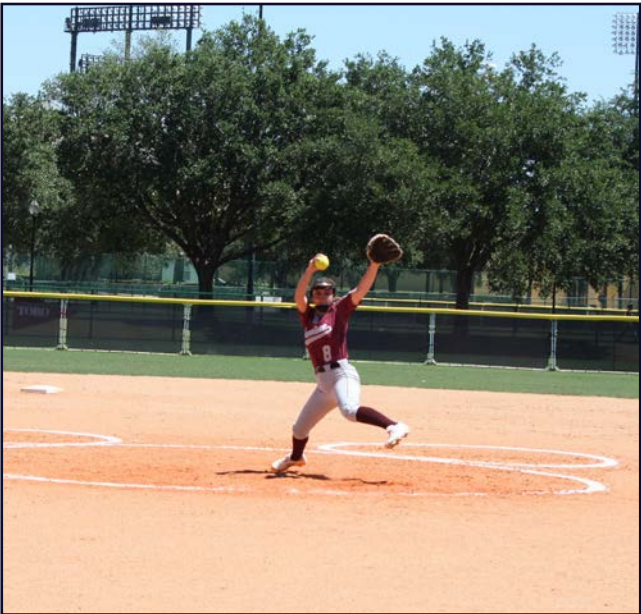
MH: The whole journey really started at the end of my freshman year. Initially, I emailed coaches, sent videos of myself to get exposure, and attended camps all of my freshman year summer and sophomore year. The first camps I went to were Quinnipiac, Hofstra, Fairfield, and SUNY-New Paltz. After the SUNY-New Paltz camp, I got recruited there a lot. Unfortunately, I wasn't truly in love with the school. I didn't want to go to any school just because I could play softball. I wanted to go to school where I would enjoy myself for the next four years, so SUNY-New Paltz just wasn't the place. I was also heavily recruited by William Paterson University in New Jersey and I really liked that school. My decision ended up being between William Paterson and Mercy. I had overnight visits at both campuses, meaning I stayed with a current player for a night on campus, and both head coaches came to watch me play over the summer at tournaments. But, the tipping point was when I did my overnight at Mercy. I loved the chemistry of the team and the environment of the school in general. I knew one of the players on the team because she used to play for the older Diamond Dolls team (my travel organization). But, when I went to William Paterson, I felt like the team wasn't as tightly bonded as any the teams I've been a part of. I met most of the team, but the bonds between the players weren't the same as the bonds at Mercy. So I decided on Mercy.

HH: In the Fall of 2020, you will be attending Mercy College. Other than getting an offer, what made you choose Mercy?

MH: In general, I really loved the school. It's a fun place to be because they have a bunch of great student activities. When I went on my visit, I sat in on a class and really loved the style of the class and the whole environment. Also, the athletic facilities are really nice. On top of it, they have a really great program for my major, which is speech pathology.

HH: What are you looking forward to about being a "Maverick" and wearing the blue and grey?

MH: I'm really looking forward to playing at the next level and getting to know the team. Having a whole new experience is going to be exciting and fun. I know college is a step up from high school, but I'm ready for it. I also know softball is more intense in college but I can't wait to be part of the team. College is



Mia on the mound. Pitching is her preferred position.
Courtesy of Ms. Tricia Harris

a place where you can find your identity and plan out your future life, and I'm excited to move forward with my life.

HH: What about Harrison will you miss leaving the most?

MH: I'm going to miss being on the team and playing with my friends who I grew up with. I'm also going to miss the culture of our school and Harrison in general. I know college will have a whole different culture from Harrison. It's going to be a challenge getting to know new people because I'll be leaving the people I've been friends with for 12 years. I'll also miss seeing the same classmates everyday because college schedules are different from high school ones. It will be a whole new experience and I'll miss my memories.

HH: What's the best advice you have received?

MH: Do not take anything for granted. If you want to



achieve something, you have to work hard to get it. Nobody is going to hand you anything.

HH: Finally, what advice would you give to other high school baseball players and athletes in general that are trying to play at the next level?

MH: I would tell other athletes to work hard and put in the effort. Make sure you're getting and staying in touch with college coaches if you *really* want to be recruited. I know that was a hard thing for me: balancing the act of writing emails with schoolwork and playing games in a season. I would also say for athletes in general to work during the offseason if you want to make your Harrison team better.

A four-year varsity softball player, an excellent student in the International Baccalaureate program, but most importantly, a great friend, Mia Harris will be greatly missed by the Harrison community. According to long-time teammate Mikayla Tucci, "Mia is the definition of a team player. She tries to make the team better both on and off the field. She'll play any position with no questions asked because she knows it's beneficial for the team. Obviously, this season isn't what we expected, but Mia's optimism still gives us hope. I know she's going to do great at Mercy and take her hard work, dedication, and team spirit with her."

Mia, the entire Husky Family knows you will succeed in the future, and we all wish you the very best of luck. But remember: once a Husky, always a Husky!