

Meet Your 2020-2021 Leadership Team!

By Carly Krieger '21

This year's L Team definitely has their work cut out for them during this uncertain year. Luckily, I know these girls will do their best to make this school year one to remember. I had the time to interview them during their busy schedule, and after hearing what they had to say, I know we're in good hands!

1. Why did you decide to run for Leadership Team? What was your inspiration?

Libby Corbett (President)- My decision to run for Leadership Team was very last minute. The L-Team always looked super fun to be a part of, but I never thought I would actually be on it, so I never considered running until a few days before we had to sign up. I love Nazareth so much, and I thought I had nothing to lose by running, so I went for it.

Molly Taggart (Vice President)- I have been on Student Council since freshmen year and I always loved helping and leading. I was shocked each time I got on! As each year passed and I was re-elected, I realized how much I could serve the school with my abilities! The Leadership Team my freshmen year inspired me to run for the position. I knew years ahead I wanted to run, and I am so thankful I did!

Tiffany Tang (Secretary)- I decided to run for Leadership Team because I wanted to make Naz even better than it already is. I have always dreamed about being on the L-Team to serve the student and I was ready to make it a reality.

Paige Montijo (Treasurer)- I decided to run for leadership team because I love being involved with the school and I was motivated to make this year enjoyable despite the circumstances.

2. How did you feel when you won? Did you celebrate?

Libby- Not that I didn't have faith in myself, but to say I was in complete disbelief when I won is an understatement. I celebrated with my mom and dad with



From left to right: Molly Taggart, Paige Montijo, Elizabeth Corbett
Front: Tiffany Tang

takeout from Olive Garden. All of the congratulatory texts and emails I received from my friends and teachers were so sweet and absolutely made my day

Molly- It felt like a dream! I was so proud, shocked, excited and could not stop smiling! All my friends and family kept calling and texting me congratulations. All my hard work payed off and I knew this was for me. My grandparents dropped off flowers and I went out to dinner with my friends. Everyone kept calling me "Vice President." It was

funny!

Tiffany- I was really happy and surprised when I won, I really didn't expect to win.

Paige- I was very shocked when I won. My mom had a lot of faith in me that I would win, so she secretly planned a little panda themed party with take-out hibachi for the two of us!

3. What are your plans for this year? What are you most excited for?

Libby- Like most everyone, I was hoping this school year would play out a little differently, but I'm embracing the challenges and plan to keep making this year as fun and involved as past years. I'm excited to keep planning and modifying the special traditions we have at Naz, as well as making new traditions.

Molly- I am so excited for everyone to see the lounge! It was fun putting it together! Despite corona I am hopeful we can create unique ways to make this year amazing! We are playing it day by day and making sure everything is safe. No challenge is too big for this L Team!

Tiffany- We just plan on having an amazing year despite the circumstances but I am really excited for the lounge furniture to come in so we can start decorating it.

Paige- Honestly, nothing is planned too far in advance right now since we don't know what could happen, and I think that adds a little more excitement to everything because we are experimenting with new ways to continue our Naz traditions!

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4. What is your favorite song at the moment?

Libby- “What They’ll Say About Us” by FINNEAS

Molly- “Everybody Wants to Rule the World” by LORDE

Tiffany- “Still Don’t Know my Name” by Labrinth

Paige- “10,000 Emerald Pools” by BORNS

5. Favorite class you’ve taken at Naz?

Libby- I know math usually isn’t people’s favorite, but my favorite class at Naz was probably Trig/Pre-Calc with Ms. Vollrath.

Molly- Definitely Biology! I love the study of living organisms and dissecting! It’s all so interesting to me! Mr. Severino was also a great teacher!

Tiffany- My favorite class that I’ve taken at Naz would have to be Spanish.

Paige- My favorite class would definitely be psychology.

6. What is your favorite fun memory that you’ve made at Naz?

Libby- My favorite memory is definitely our Ring Mass. I’ll never forget the feeling of walking up to get my ring and then putting it on for the first time. My mom (a Naz alum) and I took pictures of our rings together, and I remember feeling so grateful that I came to Nazareth.

Molly- My favorite Naz memory has to be the Father Daughter Dance! I love getting to dance with all my friends and drag my dad along! My dad and I have been attending the Father Daughter Dance for years and I am so thankful we get to continue the tradition in high school. It is always a cute fall theme, and everyone has a lot of fun!

Tiffany- My favorite fun memory would be my first Naz-A-Thon.

Paige- My favorite fun memory was ring day. It was such a special day and I wear my ring everywhere!

7. Why do you love Nazareth?

Libby- I love Nazareth because it’s shaped me into the person I am today. I’ve been able to grow spiritually, socially, and academically through the experiences I’ve had in the classroom, on stage, on the volleyball court, and on the L-Team here at Nazareth.

Molly- I love Nazareth because it has given more than just “high school.” It has given me confidence, intelligence, leadership and communication skills, friends, family, and memories. I truly believe Nazareth has been the best decision I ever made. I would not trade this school for the world. I am forever grateful!

Tiffany- I love Naz because I have met some of the best people that

have shaped me into the better person I am today.

Paige- I love Naz because going here has allowed me to get involved with many activities and explore my interests more than I ever have!

8. Give the freshmen who don’t know you a little introduction about yourself.

Libby- Hi everyone! I’m the President of the L-Team! I play volleyball at Naz and on a club team. I play piano, cello, organ, and I sing. I’m involved in almost every musical ensemble at Naz, and I cantor at my church. I write for the newspaper, I take part in the school play, and I scoop ice cream at Uncle Dave’s at Shadybrook Farm!

Molly- Hi! I am the Vice President of the L-Team! I am involved in many clubs here at Nazareth. I am the leader of Paws for a Cause and I run cross country and track. I love my bulldog Wallace and chocolate! I enjoy talking to random people and laughing. I stay up extremely late so if you ever need anything send me an email and chances are, I am up!

Tiffany- Hi guys, I’m the secretary of L-Team and I run indoor and outdoor track.

Paige- Well, I’m Paige, I play tennis, I’m the treasurer of the L-Team and my favorite food is tacos!

Covid-19 Schedules Olivia Fennell '21

This year is full of surprises. With the new schedule, the transition can be hard for some students, and it can make the seniors feel like freshman again with all the new rules. It's in everyone's best interest to stay safe, wear masks, social distance, and limit gatherings. Below are the schedules for each different letter schedule. I hope this transition has been as easy as possible for everyone!

Nazareth Academy High School						
HYBRID MODEL BELL SCHEDULES						
	A		B		C	D
	Monday - Thursday		Early Dismissal/Friday		Liturgy	Late Opening
Warming Bell	7:40		7:40		7:40	5:40
Prayers and Announcements	7:45 - 7:50		7:45 - 7:50		7:45 - 7:50	9:45 - 9:50
Block 1	a	7:50 - 9:10	7:50 - 8:42		7:50 - 8:50	9:50 - 10:42
	b					
Liturgy					8:50 - 10:10	
Block 2	a	9:18-10:38	9:18 - 9:56	8:50 - 9:42	8:50 - 9:14	10:18 - 10:46
	b	10:00 - 10:38	10:00 - 10:38	9:18 - 9:42	10:30 - 11:18	10:50 - 11:18
Activity Period	10:42 - 11:18		9:46 - 10:14		11:22 - 11:58	11:46 - 12:14
Block 3	a	11:22 - 12:42	11:22 - 12:00	10:18 - 11:10	10:18 - 10:42	12:02 - 12:30
	b	12:04 - 12:42	12:04 - 12:42	10:46 - 11:10	12:34 - 1:02	12:46 - 1:10
Block 4	a	12:50 - 2:10	11:18 - 12:10		1:10 - 2:10	1:18 - 2:10
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Philly Strays

By: Megan Grogan '23

With the bitter cold weather approaching, I wanted to bring to light on a major issue in Philadelphia that seems to have gone unnoticed. An abundance of cats are being left on the streets to fend for themselves in all neighborhoods of Philadelphia! They lounge on the couch behind Shoprite, they roam the streets of Kensington, and come knocking on our doors for food in Holme Circle. It seems cats aren't getting the same love and care that we give our other furry friends like dogs. People love them, while there are kittens left to die when they need the most amount



of love. These stray cats are abandoned, frail, scrawny, thirsty, hungry, and in need of our help! They live their days never knowing if it will be their last due to careless drivers, starvation, dehydration, or sickness just to name a few. In all, we must care for even the tiniest, shyest, and most vulnerable of God's Creation.

Freshman Week Covid Style

By: Leilani Ingham '21

For the first time in Nazareth history, Freshman Week was two separate weeks. Prior to the beginning of both weeks Freshmen and Seniors were able to meet each other. Seniors were assigned to make posters for their Freshmen, so it was easy to find them when they went outside by the gazebo to meet them during activity period. The festive week had some changes to it, but the Freshmen and Seniors made it work.

Freshmen were able to be dressed up during the week with theme days. The themes were Crazy Hair and Makeup Day, Meme Day, Disney Day, Celebrity Day, and lastly Green Day. Usually the Seniors are supposed to dress up their Freshmen, but sadly they could not due to safety guidelines. However, seniors were able to decorate their freshmen lockers like we do for someone's birthday.

Prior to the Little Miss Freshman Pageant that happens at the end of the week, the L-Team had to figure out a different way to find contestants for the pageant. The past years the freshmen would have to get Senior signatures. So, the L-Team hid pandas around the

school building. The pandas were an image on a piece of paper and freshmen had to send a picture of themselves holding the paper to Molly Taggart. For the Blue cohort only five freshmen found a panda while the gold cohort found all 7 pandas that were set out for the Freshmen. On the day of the pageant, the L-Team chose two Freshmen from the crowd for the Blue cohort to make the total to seven contestants.

At the end of the fun week, we had our annual Freshmen Day mass. During the Activity Block was when the Little Miss Freshman Pageant happened. Both pageants had the same events, but little changes. The events included dance battles, introducing yourself,

Nazareth trivia, finish the lyrics, and impressions. Since there were two pageants, there were different questions, impressions, and songs to finish the lyric too. Before the events started the past Little Miss Freshmen were the opening act. Their skit included recently trending Tik Tok dances. As the pageant was happening, the L-team would start eliminating some contestants until there were three Freshmen left on the stage. Before the pageants were over the L-Team did their skit based on the Nickelodeon show ICarly. The fun weeks ended with two Little Miss Freshmen, Aniela "Nell" Duesler and Annaliese Steiner. For right now they are both in the battle for the official title. Who knows when the event will take place in 2021? If the event does

not happen, they will be the first to both hold the title of Little Miss Freshman. On behalf of the Seniors and Freshmen, we thank all of the faculties, administrators, or anyone that helped make Freshmen Week happen. If you missed out on the event or want to watch it again both Little Miss Freshman Pageants can be found on YouTube via Naz News.





Panda Pride

Artist of the Quarter: Quincey Kilbride

By Susanna Coyle '24

Quincey Kilbride is the artist of the quarter! She is a junior here at Nazareth, an art scholarship recipient, and art major. This is her third year as an active member of Nazareth's art department. Voicing her love for art, she adds, "It's one of my favorite classes and, I look forward to it at the end of my day!"

Currently, Quincey is using acrylics to paint Nazareth Academy's beautiful campus! She says, "I was lacking inspiration for a painting and Mrs. Shaw recommended we sit outside. As soon as I got out there, I knew what I wanted to do!" Last year, Quincey deeply enjoyed using watercolors to create a painting of the chapel and continues to show love for her dear NA! Nazareth is home to all Pandas and, she is extraordinarily capturing its beauty.

Quincey's favorite part of being an artist is the phenomenal feeling after finishing an art piece. She reflects, "I tend to be a bit of a perfectionist, so it takes me a while to complete drawings and paintings. Seeing how everything came out after putting in all my time and effort into a piece makes my day." She will continue art through this school year and the next. Her amazing talent will continue to shine!



Musician of the Quarter: Elizabeth Unger

by Catherine Argentine '23

This quarter's musician is Lizzie Unger '23!

1. Do you sing, and what instrument do you play?

I sing and play the saxophone.

2. What inspired you to sing and play the saxophone?

I started the saxophone because my cousin played, and I started singing because my brothers and cousins did.

3. When did you start singing and playing the saxophone?

I started singing in grade school and I started the saxophone this year.

4. Do you have any favorite songs that you enjoy singing/ playing?

I love to sing songs from Broadway shows and Taylor Swift. I don't have any favorite songs on the saxophone.

5. What skills are involved to sing and play your instrument?

For both singing and playing the saxophone,

you have to listen, read music, keep the rhythm, be patient, and practice!

6. Have you ever sang/played in front of a live audience?

Yes! I have sung in front of a live audience before, but I have not played the saxophone in front of one yet!



Panda Pride



Athlete of the Quarter: Elizabeth Corbett

Keely Gallagher '21

The fall sports season hasn't started off on the best foot. With several delays and cancelled workouts, practices and games, it could've been easy to feel discouraged. Despite these obstacles, our girls have remained determined and many sports have started playing recently. Our athlete of the quarter is Libby Corbett '21. You may have seen her sporting her student council sash or singing in one of our music ensembles, but what you might not know that she is a very talented volleyball player! I had the chance to ask Libby how she does it all.

How long have you've been playing volleyball and position?

I started playing volleyball in seventh grade when I made the volleyball team at my middle school, but I really discovered my love for volleyball in eighth grade when I started playing on a club team. I've been a setter ever since I started playing, which means I take the ball from the passers and set it to the hitters. I really love my position because I get to call plays and touch the ball almost every point.

Do you play any other sports?

No, I've never really had time to play any other sports because I play volleyball year-round. In the fall I play for Nazareth, in the winter and spring I play for a club, and in the summer sometimes I play beach volleyball.



What's your favorite memory with playing volleyball at Naz or any team?

I have so many great memories playing volleyball that it's almost impossible to pick just one, but my favorite memories come from playing in tournaments with my club team. One of my favorite tournaments was in Orlando, Florida because we would go to Disney World after our matches. I also just love being on the court in general, so any time I make a play or score a point is really fun.

What drills are your favorite to practice?

I'm not sure if anyone has a favorite drill, because most drills are to practice and learn new skills which can seem tedious at times, but I really like to watch the skills we practice happen in a game. If I had to pick a favorite drill it would probably be hitting lines when we practice special sets and plays to run.

Do you plan on continuing volleyball in college?

I'm not planning to play volleyball on a college team, but I'm considering continuing club volleyball at the college I attend. I definitely want to keep playing volleyball throughout my life.

Any advice to other busy student-athletes to help them balance their schedules?

My advice is to make sure you prioritize your activities. School always comes first for me, then everything else in which I'm involved. Also, make sure you enjoy your sport and whatever else you're doing, because if it isn't making you happy or helping you grow as a person, then you should try to find something that does.

Wanted!

Articles for the next edition of *The Nazareth*
No experience necessary
Send articles, editorials, cartoons, comics, ideas to:
Sam McDonald or Carly Krieger

Getting to Know the Newbies

By: Maddie Scott '22, Paige Montijo '21, Libby Corbett '21, and Maddie Beretezki '21

Mrs. Severino

English



Nazareth Academy is thrilled to welcome another amazing Severino! Mrs. Severino, wife of Nazareth's beloved Mr. Severino, is ecstatic to join our school community. I had the pleasure of getting to know this kind new teacher through the questions below. I encourage everyone to stop by and say

hello to welcome Mrs. Severino to our school!

1. What classes do you teach at Nazareth?

This semester, I am teaching English 1 and Honors English 1 to the Freshmen. I'll have one Junior class, English 3, in the spring.

2. Describe yourself! What are your likes, dislikes, hobbies etc.?

I have always enjoyed reading, which should not be a surprise. I write poetry and I am active on sites where poets share and discuss their work. I also love building with LEGOs. □

3. Why did you decide to teach at Naz this year?

Nazareth Academy has a wonderful reputation, and Mr. Sev has loved teaching here for the past few years. When a position opened in the English department, I saw it as a sign to join the Naz family.

4. Do you have a favorite movie or T.V show?

I like silly comedies, mostly, like The Office, Seinfeld, and The Good Place. I am looking forward to the new season of This Is Us, too.

5. What inspired you to become a teacher?

While I had many teachers who were influential, I think my biggest inspiration is my mother. She taught my siblings and me to read long before we ever set foot in a classroom and instilled a love for the written word. I wanted to be able to share that with others.

6. Any fun facts about yourself?

I love puns; most of my Facebook posts consist of puns and cartoons. And I was born on Star Wars Day - long before the original Star Wars movie. □

Mrs. Hope

Vice Principal of Student Life

Naz Welcomes Mrs. Hope
Paige Montijo '21

This year, our school is experiencing lots of change and new things. Among these changes was our new Assistant Principal for Student Life, Mrs. Hope! I had the opportunity to ask her a few questions and learn a lot more about her!

1. Who are you and what's your position here at Nazareth?

My name is Maura Hope, and I am the Assistant Principal for Student Life.

2. Where did you work before and what was your position there?

I worked for 13 years in the school district of Philadelphia at Austin Meehan Middle school. I started out there as a math and social studies teacher when I was 23. Over the years I worked hard and became the head of the Math department, the Roster Chair (the person in charge of all the teacher and student schedules), I was the Dean of students as well as 8th grade Advisor (the person in charge of 8th grade dance and graduation). While doing all of this I was also the Algebra 1 teacher.

3. What inspired or led you to become a disciplinarian?

I was a disciplinarian at my last school, so the transition into this role at Nazareth seemed to fit nicely with what I had been doing for many years already. For me, it was about wanting to work with students and getting to know them. I prefer to work with a student to figure out the root of any problem they may be having, not rush to any judgement about their actions. Having someone listen and understand situations before they rush to any judgement has always benefited the students I have worked with in the long run.

4. What influenced your decision to come to Nazareth?

I wanted to find an administrative role in education where I would be a good fit. I grew up not far from here and always heard what a wonderful school this was, so when I saw the opening I decided to apply. When I was looking at the website, I loved seeing all the sisterhood

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Coach Reifsteck and Coach Meredith

Newspaper Article
Libby Corbett '21

The Nazareth Athletic Department graciously welcomed two new volleyball coaches this year! Coach Rob Reifsteck and Coach Anna Meredith joined the team in September, and the season is already off to a great start! I was able to interview both coaches and find out a little more about them.

1. Why did you decide to start coaching volleyball? Why did you choose to coach at Nazareth?

Coach Rob: I started coaching volleyball because volleyball is my favorite sport. I wanted to continue my volleyball journey after graduating high school and I couldn't play, so I decided to coach! Coaching at Nazareth was an opportunity that came out of nowhere, but I've wanted to be in charge of my own program for a while, and this gave me the first opportunity to do so.

Coach Anna: I decided to start coaching volleyball because I wanted my players to have the best high school sport experience possible. I had some really good coaches and some really not so good coaches when I was playing, and what I really want to do is give players the opportunity to do what they love. One of the most prominent coaches I had growing up was my Mom. She definitely made a big impact on my decision to coach and I'm very grateful for that.

I chose to coach at Nazareth because it seemed like such a supportive close-knit community and I was really curious to see what the hype was about, and so far, I have not been disappointed.

2. Do you have any hopes for this season or any plans for the future of the program?

R: My hopes for the season are high. I think we have a great chance to surprise some teams and win some games this year. The most important thing for me is for the team to grow from the beginning of the season from the end of the year. For the future of the program, I want to create a culture and team that is consistent but improves all season long and obviously wins, because everyone loves to win.

A: I just hope that the players on the team this season really develop a greater understanding and love for the game. I would love to get a win this year in the tough league we're in and prove that Nazareth is a good team and not one to underestimate. As for the future, I hope

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Mr. Sokolowski

Latin

Usually our "New Teachers" section only includes faculty members who have come to Nazareth this school year, but we've decided to include Mr. Sokolowski, our awesome Latin teacher. Mr. Sokolowski joined the Naz family last spring but was only in the building a few days before quarantine started. Get to know more about him below!



Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I actually never wanted to originally. My mom was a teacher, and I respected her for it, and she was a well-regarded teacher in our neighborhood. But I actually wanted to be an actor or a writer. However, my first professional job was working in admissions at the Prep, and I realized that I had a real gift for connecting with young people. I felt like I didn't see enough teachers who saw the value in trying to connect with young people in a meaningful way. So I wanted to utilize that gift to make an impact on students' lives. As for Latin, I actually kind of stumbled into that. I earned a degree in Classical Studies in college, with a focus in Latin language. A one year position opened up for teaching Latin at the Prep, and I jumped at it, eager to fuel that desire to be a teacher. Got that job, and never looked back. I love the language, and I love teaching!

How did you get to Nazareth?

After the Prep I found myself at another school that really challenged my love for teaching. I decided to move on from that position because it was becoming a physical drain on me and my mental health. However, I quickly found a substitute teaching job at Roman Catholic that really put the fire back into me and reinvigorated my passion. Then of course as the ultimate sign from God or the universe, I got a call about a sudden opening at Nazareth. I was hired on my birthday... 4 days before quarantine. I have *loved* every second of my adventure at Nazareth so far, and I really feel like I've found a place to call home. It's a special feeling. I'd just like to... ya know... have the whole apocalypse thing stop so we can actually be in the building.

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Clubs and Contacts

By: Sophia DiPrimeo '23

Whether it was your first day walking up the chapel steps just a short time ago or you know Nazareth so well you could walk your roster with your eyes shut, it may be hard to find information on all the clubs and activities you may be interested in. So I'm here to give you a comprehensive grouped list of all the clubs at Nazareth along with some quick info on what some of them are and who to contact. Enjoy and get involved!

The Arts

*Note some of these may require an audition and/or reassessments.

Instrumental

- Orchestra: Open to all instruments
 - Mr. Zagorski
- Jazz Band:
 - Mr. Beck
- Chamber Ensemble
 - Mr. Zagorski
- Guitar Ensemble: Open to guitar players of all levels
 - Ms. Lafferty
- String Ensemble
 - Ms. Mello

Vocal

- Chorus: open to all singers
 - Ms. Chmelko
- Chorale
 - Ms. Chmelko
- Pandamonium – a cappella pop choir
 - Ms. Chmelko
- K-Pop Club – kpop music meaning and, Korean culture and alphabet – “in this club, we share a love for music, this is our hobby, happiness, and part of our life. We encourage students to dance, sing and enjoy kpop music.”

- Tiffany Li
- Mr. Hall

Performing Arts

- Drama club
 - Mrs. Graveley
- Dance Club
 - Mrs. Graveley

Visual

- Art Club
 - Mrs. Shaw
- Photography Club
 - Keely Gallagher & Olivia Fennel
 - Mr. Marchese

Awareness, Service, and Religion

- Athletes Helping Athletes – connecting special needs students with student athletes
 - MiKayla McDonnell, Kerry O'Connor
 - Mrs. Greenwald
- Bible Journaling
 - Ashley Jesionowski
 - Ms. Donnelly
- Cancer Awareness Club
 - Tiffany Li
 - Mrs. Durkin
- Community Service Corp (CSC)
 - Ms. Donnelly

- KAIROS
 - Ms. Donnelly
- Kindness Club
 - Mr. Wissmann
- Life Club
 - Ms. Donnelly
- NAZ-A-THON
 - MiKayla McDonnell
 - Mrs. Sylvester
- PACE – Panda Animal Conservation Education
 - Ms. Heston
- Panda Pals – Nazareth student ambassadors
 - Ms. Derassouyan
- Pandas STAND UP – raising awareness of Teenage Dating Violence; created in Honors of

- Morgan McCaffery '20; “Morgan’s Light”
 - Mikayla McDonell, Kayla Kinniry, Megan Barlow
 - Mrs. MacKay
- Paws for a Cause
 - Molly Taggart
- PIP Club – Panda Irish Pride – Irish culture, St. Lucy’s Day
 - Mary Grace O’Malley, Timoney Lamplugh
 - Mrs. Shaw
- Presidential Ambassadors
 - Mrs. Evans
- Rosary Club
 - Ms. Donnelly

Writing & Literature

- *Frontiers* (STREAM Magazine)
 - Sophia DiPrimeo
 - Mr. Severino
- Harry Potter Literary Club
 - Gianna Brock, Tiffany Li
 - Mrs. McDonald
- Highlights Literary Magazine
 - Mr. Severino

- The Marygold – Yearbook
 - Mr. Clark
- Newspaper
 - Carly Krieger, Samantha McDonald
 - Mr. Marchese

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Business and Speech

- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
 - Mr. Christian
- Forensics
 - Doc. Roche
- Naz News
 - Caleigh Bristow, Sierra Roche
 - Mr. Palumbo, Mr. DeCeasar
- Mock Trial
 - Mr. Christian
- Student Council
 - Libby Corbett
 - Mr. Baxter

Honors Societies

- Art Honors Society
 - Mrs. Shaw
- French Honors Society
 - Mrs. Durkin
- Italian Honor Society
 - Mrs. Murray
- Latin Honors Society
 - Mr. Sokolowski
- Mu Alpha Theta – Math Honors Society
 - Mrs. Greenwald & Mrs. Sylvester

Just for Fun

- Bowling
 - Mr. Turner, Mr. Palumbo, Mr. Severino
- Cooking Club
 - Mrs. Konnovitch
- Lord of the Rings Club – unofficial, but hoping to generate some interest
 - Sophia DiPrimeo
 - Mr. Sokolowski, Mr. Wissmann
- Sewing Club
 - Mrs. Konnovitch

Languages

- American Sign Language Club
 - Mr. Baxter
- French Club
 - Amanda Webb & Tiffany Li
 - Mrs. Durkin
- Italian Club
 - Mrs. Murray
- Latin Club
 - Gianna Brock
 - Mr. Sokolowski
- Spanish Club
 - Mr. Baxter
- National Honor Society
 - Mr. Marchese
- Science National Honors Society
 - Mrs. McDonald & Ms. Wiecezynski
- Spanish Honors Society
 - Mrs. O’Leary
- Tri-M Music Honors Society
 - President: Ainslee Santa Croce
 - Ms. Chmelko

STEM

- Chem Club
 - Mrs. Quinn
 - Danielle Juliano
- Mathletes
 - JV: Mrs. Greenwald & Mrs. Sylvester
 - V: Ms. Ennis
- Robotics
 - Tiffany Li and Gianna Brock
 - Mrs. McDonald
- Rocketry – aerospace engineering
 - Isha Mankar, Korianna Rosenthal, Nicole Rozanski
 - Mr. Severino
- TE@M – Technology, Engineering, and Medicine
 - Hanna Rogers – Technology
 - Jillian Rayca – Engineering
 - Alyssa Devine - Medicine
 - Ms. Doulbaum

Innovation Center

*Note that the Innovation Center is home to many more activities, and students should contact Mr. Severino for more information. Also, there is more information about our activities on the Nazareth Academy Innovation Center website, which is accessible through our Nazareth Academy website

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| • Rocketry | Cricut vinyl cutting | Games and Simulation |
| • Game-making | Urban Planning and City Design | Aerospace Sciences |
| • 3-D Printing and Design | Highlights Magazine | Arduino Electronics |
| • Laser-cutting | Adobe Arts | Crafting |
| • Filmmaking and Animation | | |



Democratic Platform

by Lillian Eliason '24

The Democratic Party is one of two major political parties in the United States of America alongside the Republican Party and is known for being progressive on many issues including stricter gun laws, healthcare, climate change/environmental concerns, immigration, and many more. The current Democratic presidential candidate is Joe Biden, the former vice president under President Obama.

Biden's promises, although leaning left, are far less progressive than most of those in the Democratic Party, but the ones I'm about to mention are pretty consistent beliefs of the party: On coronavirus, the candidate promises to increase testing and contact tracing, ramp up the production of PPE, implement a nationwide mask mandate, and invest in a plan that will guarantee a cost-free vaccine for every American. On climate change, Biden promises to achieve a 100% clean

energy economy and reach net-zero emissions no later than 2050. On immigration, he promises to modernize and humanize the system as well as implement effective border screening. On equal pay, Biden recognizes racial and gender wage gaps and promises to tackle the wage gap and wage discrimination. If you want to read more on his promises or find out more of his views, you can go to his website or google them. The same goes for any political candidate from all parties.

Whoever is elected president of the United States, whether it be former Vice President Joe Biden or President Donald Trump, will have a heavy weight on their shoulders as we are currently in a turbulent time in our nation's history. One of the many great things of this country is that we have a voice in electing our leaders; so please, if you can vote, vote.

Republican Platform

By: Kiersten Schilk '24



On August 24, 2020, delegates from the Republican National Committee chose not to adopt a new platform until the 2024 Republican National Convention. Gatherings and meetings were restricted due to Covid-19. The Republican party did not want delegates to choose the new platform without its delegates' perspectives. The Republican Party will also continue to support the President's America-first agenda in 2016.

Key ideas from the 2016 Republican Platform are Restoring the American Dream, A Rebirth of Constitutional Government, America's Natural Resources: Agriculture, Energy, the Environment, Government Reform, Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice, and America Resurgent.

Under the central topic Restoring the American Dream, Republicans consider establishing a moral imperative pro-growth tax code. The Republican Delegates also envision the government as partners with individuals and industries in technological progress, not a meddling monitor. In 2016 Republican delegates wanted to rebuild the economy and create jobs;

that has been their mission for three and a half years.

Under the central topic, A Rebirth of Constitutional Government, Republicans pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of all Americans' conscience and safeguard religious institutions against government control. The Republicans during the Convention decided that the Democratic Party is extreme on abortion. Democrats' almost unlimited support for abortion and their strident opposition to even the most basic abortion restrictions put them dramatically out of step with the Republican Party. The Republican delegates came up with those ideas, considering that they are the party of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Under the central topic, America's Natural Resources: Agriculture, Energy, and the Environment, Republicans concluded that our country has more significant energy resources than any other place on earth. Our engineers and miners, the men and women whose labor taps the forces of nature, are the best in the world. The Republicans support developing all forms of energy marketable in a free

economy without subsidies, including coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power, and hydropower. They came up with those ideas, considering that they are the party of America's growers, producers, farmers, ranchers, foresters, miners, commercial fishermen, and all those who bring from the earth the crops, minerals, energy, and the bounties of our seas that are the lifeblood of our economy.

Under the central topic, Government Reform, Republicans delegates came up with the idea that America's immigration policy must serve the United States' national interest. They came up with that idea considering that they should make the government work for the United States of America.

Under the central topic, Great American Families, Education, Healthcare, and Criminal Justice, Republican delegates came up with the idea that maintaining American preeminence requires a world-class education system in which all students can reach their potential, considering that they are the party of independent individuals and the

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institutions they create together families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods to advance their ideals and make real their dreams.

Under the central topic, American Resurgent, Republican delegates stated that America has a sacred trust with our veterans, and we are committed to ensuring them and their families' care and dignity. Republican delegates concluded that our government's responsibility is to advance policies that reflect Americans' strong desire for a relationship with no daylight between America and Israel. While coming up with these ideas, Republican delegates considered, Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 23 that the first of the "principal" constitutional obligations is to provide for the "common defense."

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Morgan's Light and Pandas Stand Up

By Keely Gallagher '21

On July 27, the world lost such a beautiful light that was Morgan McCaffery. She positively touched the lives of many and was the embodiment of what a Naz student is. Throughout these difficult months, people all around Northeast Philly have been asking themselves what they can do to help. Morgan's Light was founded by Morgan's family to spread awareness for teen domestic violence. They also educate what the signs of abuse are, different types of abuse, and what to do if you or a friend are in an abusive relationship and provide a multitude of resources. Fundraisers are going to raise money to support those who have been affected through this silent issue. To learn more about Morgan's Light, please follow the Instagram (@morgans_light) and the Facebook page (Morgan's Light).

Here at Naz, Pandas Stand Up advocates and spreads more awareness of teenage domestic violence. MiKayla McDonnell '21, president of Pandas Stand Up, started this club to "bring light to domestic violence and carry out the legacy of our dear sister Morgan McCaffery. My hope is to keep everyone and their loved ones safe. I want to educate the student body about domestic violence, mental health and awareness." The club's name, Pandas Stand Up, means that the school community is standing up for Morgan and many others. MiKayla, along with Megan Barlow '21, Kayla Kinniry '23 and the rest of the club embody the phrase "once a Nazareth sister, always a Nazareth Sister" Mikayla also added "We hope that even those who never got the chance to meet Morgan feel invited to learn about her life and beyond. We know Morgan is proud of all of us which is what matters most." Please contact MiKayla, Megan or Kayla if you are interested in joining this amazing club. ILMOMM



Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

10 Fun Things To Do During The Fall Season

By Ava Donnelly '23

You are going to want to add all of these fun ideas to your bucket list this fall!

1. Take a trip to Peddler's Village in New Hope
2. Enjoy the pumpkin fields at Linvilla Orchards
3. Go on a nature walk or hike to see fall foliage
4. Go apple picking
5. Build a bonfire
6. Get some pumpkin iced coffee at Dunkin
7. Get lost in a corn maze
8. Go on a hayride
9. Plan a weekend getaway
10. Try new fall-themed baking recipes



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themes and the community service element that Nazareth brings to the community.

5. **Where did you attend college?**

I went to Temple University and received my bachelors in secondary education. I went to Holy Family for my Master's degree in education and went back to Holy Family to obtain my educational leadership certification.

6. **What was your favorite subject in school?**

My favorite subject always depended on what teacher I had. A great teacher inspires you to get involved and love the subject you are learning. In high school I had a great math teacher and a wonderful chemistry teacher.

7. **Do you have any pets?**

I have a dog, Mikey

8. **What's your all-time favorite show or movie?**

I love watching movies, it is my way to unwind and relax but if I had to pick The Notebook is probably my favorite. I watch a lot of Disney movies and shows these days though.

9. **Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?**

I spend most of my time with my kids, I have 2 children, my daughter is 5 and my son is 8.



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What's your favorite food?

Steak. I love to cook, and I love a nice, medium-rare, well-seared steak, with a side of mashed potatoes, some veggie, and a thick, savory sauce.

What's your dream destination?

The Shire- aka New Zealand. I'm the biggest Lord of the Rings nerd on the planet and will fight anyone who challenges me. It has been a dream of mine to go to New Zealand and visit all of the shooting locations- especially the Shire.

Besides teaching, what kept you busy over quarantine?

I actually wrote a musical with a friend of mine! I'm so excited about it! It's a big musical comedy based on the ancient Sumerian text "The Epic of Gilgamesh." I'm really proud of the script I've written and I love the music my collaborator has come up with so far. I hope it's a riot. It's called "The Epic (Adventures) of Gilgamesh (and Enkidu)."

Share a fun fact about yourself.

This is where a lot of people clam up, but I LOVE fun facts. A few:

1. I'm a huge fan of Ariana Grande music. Her first two albums "Yours Truly" and "My Everything" are AMAZING
2. I was in the first 10 minutes of the M. Night Shyamalan movie "The Happening." I have my own shot, but no lines. It's on Wikipedia's list of worst films of all-time.
3. I play Dungeons and Dragons all the time with a lot of friends.

I am a HUGE theatre nerd.

A big thanks to Mr. Sokolowski for allowing me to interview him and for all he does for his students! I speak on behalf of the entire school when I say that we are excited to have him at Nazareth!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." - Proverbs 31:25

Mission: Sisterhood

Help us collect Thanksgiving meals for A Woman's Place Bucks County!

Bucks County's only domestic violence agency since 1976

- ❖ AWPBC offers women a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, legal assistance, and prevention education.
- ❖ The number of reported domestic violence incidents has increased since the start of COVID-19.
- ❖ Everyone deserves to be provided with a plentiful Thanksgiving meal.



Where: Dominion and Power Worldwide Ministries
3569 Bristol Pike, Suite 102 Bensalem, PA 19020
(We are located at the rear next to Metro Public Adjustment.)

When: Saturday, November 14, 2020 (8 AM - 5 PM)

Most needed items: instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, mac and cheese, gravy, pie filling, pie crust, applesauce, canned sweet potatoes, marshmallows, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, gift cards (for fresh produce and turkey/ham), canned corn, canned cranberry, and hot chocolate

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our program can appeal to more incoming freshmen and students from all years. I definitely think the future of the program looks bright and that many girls on the team could take their game more seriously and may consider joining a club team.

3. When did you start playing volleyball?

R: I started playing volleyball in sophomore year of high school. So that's why I tell everyone that I coach that you have time to become a great player.

A: I started playing volleyball on a team in 5th grade but I started learning how to play the game even before that. My Mom used to play in a sand league and sometimes she would take me with her. I learned a lot just by watching other people play, and I knew that was something that I wanted to do.

4. What do you think is the most important skill in volleyball?

R: The biggest skill in volleyball has to be communication. Volleyball is one of the largest team sports. You need a full team to be able to play. When that team is on the same page and communicating well, everything works. A phrase I say a lot is "teamwork makes the dream work". It basically means when everyone does their part, everything works perfectly.

A: For me, I think the most important skill in volleyball is communication and having a good attitude. Calling the ball, encouraging your teammates, and looking forward to the next play are all attributes that make up a good volleyball player. Volleyball is one of those weird sports where every point ends in a mistake. Whether it occurs on our side of the court or the other, it's important not to dwell on previous plays and just look forward to the next play.

5. What do you like to do in your spare time?

R: I spend most of my free time with my girlfriend. But like any college kid, I don't have much free time but when I do, it's spent with her.

A: I come from a big family and have four younger sisters so in my spare time I'm always hoping to spend some time with them. This usually means going to their sporting events and watching their favorite shows and movies. I'm also a huge Philly sports fan, an avid writer, and Netflix lover.

6. Do you have any fun or hidden talents?

R: Unfortunately, no I do not.

A: This hidden talent is something I picked up on from being an English major. Full disclosure, I would not recommend this but one of my hidden talents is actually writing long papers hours before the deadline. Again, I would not recommend this, but for some reason my best work always occurs under pressure.

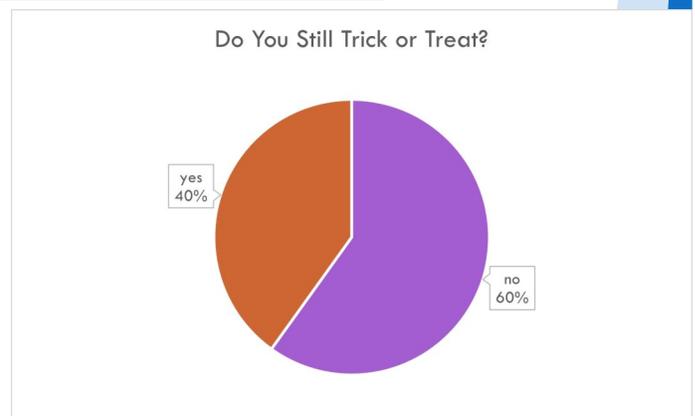
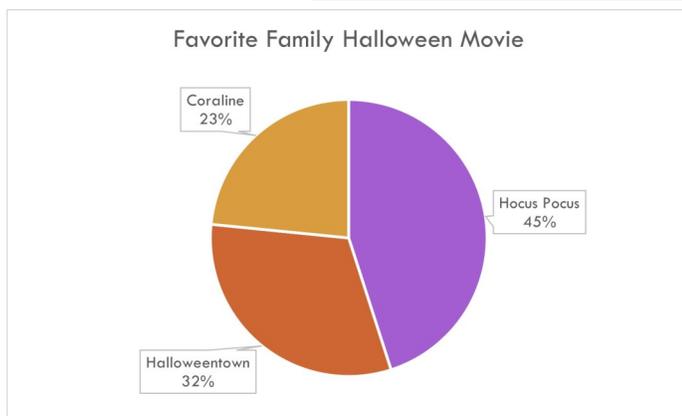
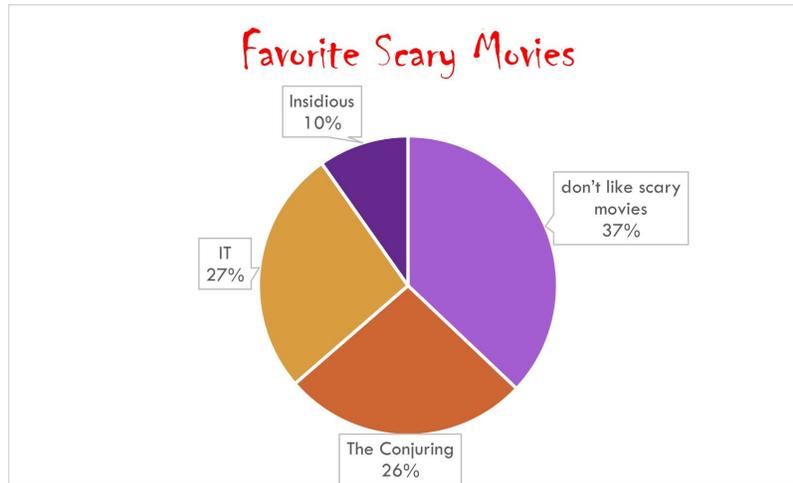
7. Anything else you'd like to share with the students at Nazareth?

R: I'm so glad to be a part of this community and the volleyball team will do great things soon. Also, wear your masks :)

A: I'd just like to really encourage the underclassmen to come out for tryouts next year. The future of the program depends on student interest and we would love to have you!

As a member of the volleyball team, I can say that we're all very grateful for both coaches' skills and enthusiasm they bring to the team. We're looking forward to a great season!

Halloween Polls by Kiersten Schilk '24



Halloween Goodies By Jennifer Macchione '22



Spider Cookie Truffles -
This treat can be a crushed cookie, brownie, or Oreos mixed with cream cheese all dipped in chocolate to make a great Halloween goodie

Strawberry Ghosts -
Simple yet cute, white chocolate covered strawberries. Yum!



Halloween Oreo Stuffed Rice Krispie Treats-
Take your basic Rice Krispies Treats recipe to the next level with Oreo cookies, chocolate, and plenty of sprinkles.



Candy Corn Pretzel Hugs-
When candy corn and chocolate meet mini pretzels, it's salty and sweet perfection. These bites are a quick and easy snack that are pop-in-your-mouth fun

Editorial by Keely Gallagher '21

This day in age, social media is used for many different reasons; however, one reason I am seeing a lot, is petty drama. If it's directed to each other or to students from different schools, I've been noticing that we aren't extending our values of sisterhood. With all the tragic events that have happened with in these past three months and year, everyone is struggling with the effects. What I wanted all of you to do is to reach out to a fellow Naz sister or a girl from Villa or Basils, ask them if they are okay, and let them know that throughout it all, we stand together. Instead of comparing each other, let's work together to build each other up. Let this be a reminder of how kind and amazing each of you are, open your arms and hearts to others that may need the extra support. Don't limit this to all-girls school though, reach out to our brothers at Ghost, Judge, LaSalle, Ryan and any other school you can think of and talk to someone. You never know when the last moment with someone is happening. The values that we have learned here at Naz should always be applied to how we conduct and live our lives. This editorial is dedicated to Morgan McCaffery, Maria Middleton, George Karusky, Sebastian Plummer, Michael Jacoby and Isaiah Turner.

Fall Recipe by Jess Seeger '22

Hey ladies! Here is a fall recipe with directions to get you in a festive mood!

Pumpkin Sheet Cake with Brown Butter Cream Cheese Frosting

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/pumpkin-sheet-cake-with-browned-butter-cream-cheese-frosting-3059939>

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 scant teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg (ground)
- ¼ teaspoon ginger (ground)
- 4 large eggs
- 1 can pumpkin puree (15 ounces)
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

For the cake:

1. Gather the ingredients
2. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Butter and flour a 15-by-10-inch sheet cake pan.
3. In a medium bowl combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, and ginger. Stir to blend thoroughly. Set aside.
4. In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer, beat the eggs, pumpkin puree, sugar, oil, and vanilla extract together until well blended.
5. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until smooth and well blended.
6. Spread the batter in the prepared baking pan.
7. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the cake springs back when pressed lightly with a finger.
8. Let the cake cool in the pan.

Prepare the frosting:

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Melt the 10 tablespoons of butter in a heavy pan over medium-low heat. Continue cooking, stirring, just until the butter turns a deep golden brown. Immediately pour into a mixing bowl and refrigerate for about 20 to 30 minutes, or just until solidified but still somewhat soft.
3. Mix the cream cheese and butter together until smooth and creamy. Mix in the vanilla extract. Gradually mix in the confectioner's sugar until you have a soft frosting for piping.
4. Pipe frosting on each one. Serve and enjoy!

For the frosting:

- 10 tablespoons butter (unsalted)
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 to 3 ½ cups of powdered sugar



Autumn Treats Poll Results! By Susanna Coyle '24

What Kind of Halloween Candy is best?

The top three results all have one flavor in common -- chocolate! According to the results, the Pandas' favorite candy is KitKats! This delicious treat reigns with sixty-four votes. The popular slogan "Have a break, have a KitKat," is not false. KitKats are a perfect and sweet escape from any situation. Twix bars came in second place with forty-nine votes. The third-place crown goes to a classic favorite: Hershey bars! These sweet treats have been produced for over one hundred years and remain on the leaderboard with twenty-eight votes. In conclusion, if you are stuck in the candy aisle, not knowing what to buy, KitKats will be a scrumptious treat!

Is the Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks worth the hype?

At the start of each autumn, Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Latte is the rage and trend; at least that is how it seems. After over two hundred responses, the poll results showed that 57.9% of Pandas believe that this latte is not worth all the hype and attention it has. It seems that the media posts and billboard signs advertising the seasonal drink are just building up a buzz.

What kind of pie is best?

During these chilly days, a mouthwatering pie is sure to satisfy. The question is: Which pie is best from the colorful and flavorful variety? By looking at the poll data, the answer is pumpkin pie! This flavor hits the spot and compliments the autumn breeze

and crunchy leaves. Did you know that about fifty million pies are consumed every Thanksgiving? The second most voted for flavor was apple pie. Apple-picking is a popular activity this year, so it not surprising to see so much love for a savory apple pie. To get the most out of your pie, warm it in the oven and put a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. The first bite will have you dreaming of pie for days!



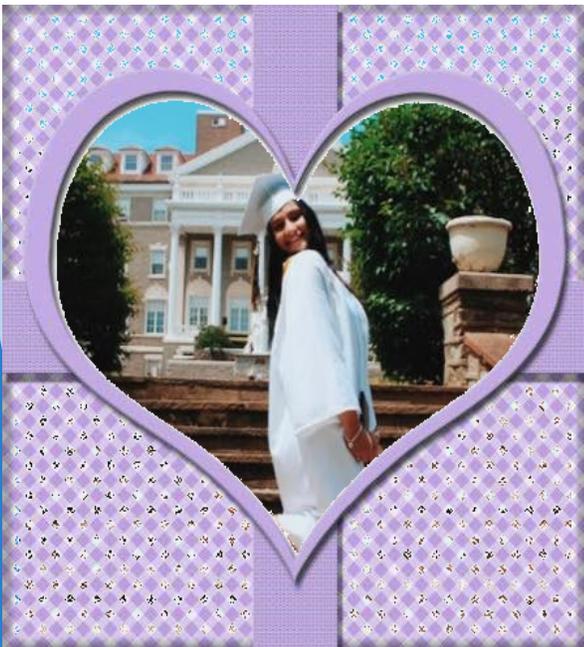
Coping with Covid

By: Samantha McDonald '22

Coping with Covid-19 has been something none of us have mastered, and probably not many of us ever will. Throughout the months that we have been dealing with this global pandemic, it has been difficult to keep our heads on straight. Although it's hard, it is very important to know that we are not alone in our struggles. It has been a challenge to find normality and to remain mentally healthy during this time. Quarantine and Covid alone have been a lot to handle, so it is very important to find your own coping mechanisms. If you still haven't found the exact thing that works for you when it comes to coping with Covid, or if you are looking for new ideas here are a few:

- Meditate
- Read
- Do a face mask
- Call or text a friend
- Spend time with family
- Pause and take a breath once in a while
- Take breaks from homework
- Unplug from technology
- Be physically active
- Get a good sleep every night
- Make time for yourself during the day
- Listen to music
- Draw something
- Do yoga
- Stay on positive social media

There will never be a perfect way to cope with something like Covid-19, but the best way to stay mentally healthy is remaining connected to yourself, your friends, and your family.



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