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A New Chapter: The Hill

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Twenty-four years ago, an artist made a logo for the Middle School Newspaper, a picture of a bell that still sits beside the Chapel (the building on which it originated) to this day. Years later, a group of students made a presentation about the troubling origins of a different bell that towered over the Chapel Lawn. Over the past summer, after information about how this bell negatively affected many of our community members, Belmont Hill decided to remove this bell from campus. While our newspaper was never named after the bell that was removed, we realized that the connection would still be there, and it would be the right thing to change the name of the Middle School Newspaper. So the 2020-2021 year began and our Middle School Newspaper was nameless. We made it our personal goal to find a name that was fitting and original, and also had a good ring to it.

After hours of discussion, we decided on The Hill for our new name. The inspiration for the name came when

we looked for parts of the community and symbols of essential parts of campus. The Hill Staff thought that The Hill stayed on the theme that was set by the other writing journals and newspapers within Belmont Hill. The Hill is possibly one of the most prominent parts of our school, as our entire academic campus sits on it and the name of our school is taken from it. Apart from location, the Hill is a community center where we take our class photos and have traditions like sledding in the winter. Our entire community is situated not just on the Hill physically but around the Hill traditionally, which is why we thought it was a fitting name for our newspaper. While the name might seem odd at first to all of you, as it seems to us right now, eventually the renaming of the Middle School Newspaper to The Hill was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our staff. Daniel Xie '24, our Graphic Designer and a three-year contributor for The Hill, designed the new logo that will be seen at the top of every new issue for years to come. The logo

depicts the classic front view of the Hamilton Chapel on a hill.

Renaming the Newspaper was a huge opportunity for our staff and we are excited for the opportunity to release Issues for you to hopefully bring some fun and excitement into what seems to be a down year. Thank you from all of us at The Hill Staff and enjoy the First Issue of 2020-2021.



The new logo of The Hill by Daniel Xie '24

The First Former Experience

By Jaiden Lee '26

After a year of studying for the ISEE test, practicing talking during the interview, and constantly thinking about the possibility of not getting in to keep myself centered, I received an email from Belmont Hill that I had been accepted. I was elated, especially since Belmont Hill was the only private school I had applied to. I was beyond excited. Then . . . COVID-19 became serious. I went from the top of the world to the bottom in less than a week flat. Actually, maybe not the bottom of the world. There were upsides, like the fact that I didn't have to go to school, and that I could relax comfortably in my home for the rest of the year. This later changed, and I got immensely bored of being stuck in my home staring at a screen for 6 hours because of remote learning. I also realized I would have to wear a mask for more than six hours in school if I was actually going to go to a school. Weird thoughts began piling up in my head. At one point, I actually thought: What if they backtrack and reject my acceptance to Belmont Hill? Well, now, I can tell you confidently that this did not happen. Currently, I'm a first former at Belmont Hill, and here's what my experience has been like. #1: I feel like a kindergartener. Back in my oldest public school, the lowest grade was kindergarten, and the school I was in after that, the lowest was fifth grade. Obviously, Belmont Hill is different, and the youngest grade is seventh.

I'm not used to being in the youngest grade yet, and it feels very weird. #2: The food. The food is actually very underrated, though I might be the only one who thinks this because I'm someone who personally knows that my brother and his friends think the food isn't the best. The food is great in my opinion, and is definitely better than the public school food. For one, we get them delivered to our classes boxed and packaged, and there is a lot more variety than the public schools. Although the food level has slightly decreased since the first week (the first week I received Fruit by the Foot, a frosted cookie, mini Oreos, and an Italian sub), it's still a hundred times better than my old school's lunches. #3: The classes. There is way more humor. "The teachers aren't afraid to be funny, but don't cross the line." (Direct quote from Mr. Carr.) The one thing that made classes back at my old school long and boring was that there wasn't any humor. At Belmont Hill, you know you're going to grin at least once or twice a week. I like that, and it keeps me centered to learn. So far, my experience has been great, and I'm looking forward to more great things in the rest of the school year.



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The Rise of Among Us

by Daniel Xie '24

Unless you've been living under a rock, you've probably heard of the game Among Us, a murder mystery style game with astronauts who have been stranded on a ship and need to complete a series of tasks to get home. Nearly every big streamer has been playing it, and it has exploded in popularity. But not everyone knows about its humble beginnings. Among Us was created in June 2018 by an Indie Game Studio named InnerSloth. When it was released, it was only available on iOS and Android, and was received fairly well but did not gain much traction. After a series of bug fixes and the introduction of multiplayer, the game was released on Steam in late 2018. After a series of weekly updates, the game's popularity slowly started to increase. But how did Among Us become such a worldwide phenomenon?



The answer? The game was as fun to watch as it was to play. After Brazilian YouTuber Godenot

released a video on the game, it gained over half a million views in a year, and led to a whole series of videos on solely Among Us gameplay. Then, Egyptian YouTuber Estube Gaming released his own video on the game, which also became very popular, gaining 3.3 million views. You heard that right, Among Us first became popular not on Twitch, and not even in an English-speaking community. Soon, more Arabic-speaking and Brazilian YouTubers followed in their footsteps, and the game started to gain popularity. The first big English streamer/YouTuber, Kaif, started streaming the game on Twitch, and then uploaded the vods (videos of the streams) to YouTube, which garnered 1.8 million views, and also led to an entire series of Among Us videos. Several Swedish and Korean streamers soon started to stream the game, and the popularity of the game only went up from there. Then, Twitch streamer Sodapoppin decided to stream the game per the recommendation of Twitch employee Pluto. Joining him were several other massive streamers, including xQc and Pokelawls. With so many big names involved and the amount of fun they had, Among Us began to take off on Twitch. Soon, other Twitch giants, including Mizkif and Ludwig, sent the game's viewership into competition with big, Triple-A titles like League of Legends and Fortnite. And the viewers, following in the footsteps of their favorite streamers, started to join the game themselves. The game has exploded in such a way that streamers started to invite other prominent figures, only propelling the game into further success, including the entirety of the OfflineTV

house and recently congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It brought so many people together through the social-deduction aspect of the game, and unlikely friendships were formed out of seemingly thin air. This is how Among Us, with no advertising, became one of the biggest games in the world. The game is now at the top of the Steam charts for social-deduction games. The game has now over a million weekly players, and as it continues to top charts on Twitch, YouTube, and Steam, the influx of players is only increasing.



Technovember Review

By: Daniel Xie '24

As we near the end of Technovember, let's take a look at all the amazing new gadgets that were released this year, and all the new software that has been created.

Starting with Apple, they have announced several new iPhones, including the iPhone 12, iPhone 12 Mini, the iPhone 12 Pro and the iPhone 12 Pro Max. They have decided to bring back the old blocky look of the iPhone 5 for reasons that I will never understand, and have incorporated a new LiDAR scanner for Augmented Reality (that I doubt anyone will actually use). With the same screen size as the iPhone 11, it's nice to see Apple adding smaller bevels for an overall slimmer iPhone. With the new A14 Bionic Chip and a new Super Retina XDR Display, no one will be able to detect any differences from last year's phone except for a higher price. Apple also incorporated the bold decision to remove the charger and the headphones from the box. But the big headlining feature for the new iPhones is 5G, which is supported on all of the new iPhones. In terms of software, at their 2020 Virtual WWDC (Worldwide Developers' Conference), Apple announced the new macOS Big Sur, the next big release of macOS, with some new user interface features stolen directly from the iPad

OS, and some new 3D icons for Finder and Launchpad. They also released iOS 14, which allows you to put widgets all over your home screen. Now everyone on TikTok can become a tech designer, too! It looks like Apple is finally including features that have been on Android for years. They also automatically sort your apps in the new App Library, which lets you have a cleaner home screen. They even let you quickly delete the extra pages of your home screen so you don't have 5 pages of apps to scroll through. They also added some more Memojis because everyone uses those.... Apple also released the new Apple Watch, which is basically the exact same as last year's Apple Watch except for the new blood oxygen sensor. Microsoft also released their new Surface Duo, a phone that is actually two phones slapped together. A unique concept that definitely has not been used in other phones (Samsung Galaxy Fold...) and their phones now use Android, instead of using Windows on a phone like Microsoft has previously tried.



Boxed Lunches

by Brian Lee '24 and Aaron Stanger '24

There have been many positive reviews about the boxed lunches so far. To start off, many students have expressed their praise toward the variety of different foods in the boxed lunches; including chips, cookies, sandwiches, salads, and drinks, there is plenty of food and plenty of different types to satisfy. Furthermore, the lunch order form is easy and quick to fill out. Many students have also said how the Capri Suns were a great addition as a beverage of the boxed lunches, and how Doritos were an excellent recent addition to the chips. Other than the first day of boxed lunches, they are now very convenient in the way that they are delivered to your advisory efficiently and on time.

Although there have been many positive reviews about the boxed lunches, we can't disregard some of the negative comments about

to have the same type of meals every week. However, we fully understand that it is hard to include different types of meals due to COVID guidelines.



them as well. The main criticism has been the flavored seltzers; we asked several students about this, and many of them do not like the seltzer, and would prefer water as their beverage. This preferred change has recently been made! In addition, it is easy to forget to fill out the lunch order form, which used to result in no lunch for a whole week. This situation has also recently been fixed! Moreover, students who have multiple allergies do not have many options, and it would be very beneficial for the dining team to create specific meals for students who have several allergies. Lastly, there are essentially only two different types of meals: a sandwich or a salad. Several students have expressed that it can be a little repetitive



New Classrooms Review

by Aidan Lee '24

Cafeteria Extension

4/10

Ultimately, the Cafeteria extension is a very disappointing classroom. At the beginning of the year, I thought that it might be very nice since it was a new room, but letting me down, the Cafeteria Extension is often very cold in there, and the windows regardless of if it is raining, freezing, or extremely hot, are always open. And from the back of the room, it is extremely difficult to see the Promethean board or hear the teacher much since the room is very elongated.

Science 3

7/10

Science 3 is a pretty good classroom, except the air-conditioner is always on. Since the air conditioner is always on, the classroom is almost always really cold. And if you are one of the people who like to sit in the back, there are stuffed animals that distract you and sometimes obstruct your vision. Other than the air conditioner always being on and the animals, Science 3 is a pretty regular classroom.

Form 1 Study Hall

10/10

Overall, the Form 1 Study Hall is an amazing classroom space. The Form 1 study hall is always room temperature, since it is never too cold nor is it ever too hot. The room is very spacious and as long as you aren't sitting on the way left side, it shouldn't be too hard to see the Promethean board or hear the teacher.

Morse Commons

8/10

The Morse Commons is a tier-two classroom space. Morse Commons, like the Form 1 study hall, it is always a good temperature, but since Morse Commons is in the middle of Morse, it does get very rowdy often. In Morse Commons, many students and teachers often walk around during your class time, and it can often be a distraction if the students or teachers are being too loud.

NFL POWER RANKINGS (Pre Week 11)

by Ben Hack '24

1. Seattle Seahawks
Dynamic Offense and MVP candidate Russell Wilson is leading his team to a great undefeated start. Their defense will need to pick it up though if they will go all the way.

2. Green Bay Packers
Aaron Rodgers and Aaron Jones are leading their team to a terrific start so far this season. The Defense is also really solid; if they want to make a far run they need to stay healthy.

3. Kansas City Chiefs
Patrick Mahomes is always going to rack up big numbers; now if the defense can make key plays they would prevail to more victories.

4. Baltimore Ravens
Lamar Jackson hasn't played very well in recent weeks following his hot start at the beginning of the year. The defense has been one of the best in the league.

5. Pittsburgh Steelers
Big Ben is back this season and is putting himself in the running for comeback player of the year. The receivers are doing well and so is the defense.

6. Tennessee Titans
Still undefeated and it's because of Derrick Henry and Ryan Tannehill. Titans' defense needs to perform much better if they want to stay in games.

7. Buffalo Bills
Josh Allen has carried the Bills to this point of this season along with his defense. Lets see how much longer Allen can put up these numbers for.

8. New Orleans Saints
Missing Mike Thomas is hurting the Saints a lot, but Brees is finding a way to win games. Alvin Kamara is also playing very well. The defense does need to pick it up though.

9. Cleveland Browns
Since losing to the Ravens in week one, Baker Mayfield and the offense have been electrifying to watch.

10. LA Rams
Sean McVay has rebuilt his offense with a smash-mouth approach and Aaron Donald leads the defense as the Rams are off to a great start.

11. New England Patriots
Have gotten a lot of covid cases in the past few weeks.

12. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Tom Brady has risen to the occasion of being a great QB still, but injuries are hurting this Buccaneers team and they have a big matchup against the undefeated Packers this week.

13. Las Vegas Raiders
The Raiders finally got over the hump against the mighty Chiefs despite playing one of the toughest schedules in the NFL.

14. Arizona Cardinals
Dominating the Jets was a nice confidence boost for this young team as they prepared for a seven-game stretch of games against quality opponents.

15. Chicago Bears
Nick Foles looked vulnerable for a second straight week behind a struggling offensive line. The defense is decent. Expected them to lose against the Rams.

16. Indianapolis Colts
Philip Rivers tends to force things when the offense isn't clicking around him, which often leads to bad turnovers. Those mistakes and a diminished defensive effort with key LB Darius Leonard out led to a wacky loss at Cleveland.

17. San Francisco 49ers
The defense has been ravaged by injuries and now the Niners are now riding a turbulent QB carousel. Jimmy Garoppolo is lacking confidence when playing now. They need to stay more healthy.

18. Los Angeles Chargers
Even without the services of Austin Ekeler or Keenan Allen, Justin Herbert smoked the Saints' struggling defense for 264 passing yards and 4 TDs.

19. Minnesota Vikings
All three running backs carrying the ball, the Vikings rolled over the Seahawks, yet they couldn't close the deal with a conversion on fourth-and-inches.



20. Carolina Panthers
Teddy Bridgewater looks sharp and Mike Davis is picking up the slack with Christian McCaffrey out. Their defense has been surprisingly solid so far.

21. Dallas Cowboys
Dak Prescott was a MVP candidate and his season-ending injury is a huge blow to the Cowboys. They still have a quality backup in Andy Dalton and a lot of dangerous receivers, but also lost All-Pro tackle Tyron Smith for the season and their defensive secondary remains in shambles.

22. Philadelphia Eagles
Carson Wentz is making nobody receivers into stars so far; they are this low because of how bad their defense is.

23. Houston Texans
The Texans piled up 487 yards and created two key turnovers to earn a nice win over Jacksonville, but they had a heartbreaking OT loss to the Titans.

24. Miami Dolphins
Ryan Fitzpatrick took the Bills and Seahawks down to the final possession. The Dolphins defense might be turning a corner as well.

25. Cincinnati Bengals
After becoming the first rookie to pass for 300-plus yards in three straight games, Joe Burrow came crashing down with a beatdown courtesy of the Ravens elite defense.

26. Denver Broncos
Even with battling key injuries so far this season, the Broncos put up a good performance on defense against the Pats, winning 18-12.

27. Jacksonville Jaguars
The Jaguars had a rough game against the Lions; untimely turnovers prevented Gardner Minshew from challenging the Lions down the stretch.

28. Detroit Lions
Great win against the Lions, but they have a lot to work on starting from the coach onwards.

29. Washington Football Team
The offense is really bad; they don't have a QB or an offensive line. The defense is solid, though, and hopefully will add some offense during the draft.

30. Atlanta Falcons
Dan Quinn is finally relieved of his duties as Falcons head coach, and GM Thomas Dimitroff was also canned after Atlanta's feeble home loss to Carolina. The Falcons secondary will be one to target the rest of the season.

31. New York Giants
The Giants had a good game against the Football Team, winning 20-19, but with the worst-rated offensive line in football, the Giants can't be trusted to compete against non-division teams.

32. New York Jets
The Jets just need to keep on losing so they can tank for top NFL QB prospect Trevor Lawrence.

NBA BUBBLE REVIEW

by Noah Farb '24

After a wild and eventful NBA Bubble with many twists and turns that nobody expected, the NBA bubble has been completed. While the Lakers are still celebrating their championship, many teams have already moved into an offseason of uncertainty. The draft took place on November 18th, and free agency is underway. Adam Silver recently said that the league will likely start in 2021 and possibly even as far back as March. With the two, three or even four month bubble stay for certain teams, however, many great performances were forgotten along the way, replaced by newer, fresher memories. Here's a look back on some of the best moments from the bubble.



The Seeding Game MVP: Already almost forgotten by now, Devin Booker took a massive leap from the end of the 'regular season' to the seeding games and led the Suns to an 8-0 record, which still wasn't enough to make the play-in game over the Sacramento Kings and Memphis Grizzlies. Booker averaged 30.5 points, 4.9 rebounds and 6 assists per game. Even though Booker lost out the official Bubble MVP to Damian Lillard, leading your team with virtually no chance to make the playoffs to a 8-0 record is more impressive.

The Seeding Game Hero: TJ Warren was the best player in the world for a week, averaging over 34 points over five games on amazing three-point shooting that included a 53 point explosion and only one game of under 32 points in that span. The early favorite for bubble MVP finished in third place after more consistent performances by Booker and Lillard and had little impact in the playoffs as the Pacers got swept by the Heat.

Luka Dončić's Heroics: Before the Clippers blew a 3-1 lead to the Nuggets in the 2nd round, they were challenged by Luka, Kristaps and the rest of the Mavericks to even get out of the 1st round. Luka hitting a buzzer beater deep three over Kawhi Leonard to tie the series up at 2-2 is the most iconic moment of Dončić's career so far and put doubt into fans minds about whether the heavily favored Clippers would win the series. In the end, the Clippers won games five and six to advance to the second round, but the Mavericks should be contenders for a top seed in the Western Conference next year.



Jamal Murray

and Donovan Mitchell

Dueling: The most forgotten performance of the bubble has to be Donovan Mitchell's first round. After putting up 57 points in a game one loss Mitchell put up 30 in game two and another 51 points in game four. This series won't be remembered for Mitchell but for the Nuggets 1st 3-1 comeback during these playoffs as Jamal Murray went toe to toe with Mitchell with 36 points in game one and two 50-point games of his own as the Nuggets won games five, six and seven behind his and Nikola Jokić's heroics.

Jimmy Butler beats the Bucks: The Heat weren't expected to have a chance in the Eastern Conference second round against the Giannis Antetokounpo-led Bucks, yet they easily won the series in five games with their mishap being a three-point overtime loss in game four. While Butler didn't blow up the boxscore, he shut down Giannis defensively and made it possible for the Heat to beat the heavily favored team. He established his place as easily a top ten player in the league if not higher.

Tyler Herro's Emergence: 2019 13th overall pick Tyler Herro blew up in the Eastern Conference finals against the Celtics, scoring 37 points on 5-10 three point shooting in Miami's game four win. He is now overrated by everyone but he still should be a star in the league in a few years if he can keep up his incredible shooting efficiency.

LeBron Wins Again: Even with Anthony Davis getting a new career-ending injury in every finals game and coming back two minutes later, the Lakers were clearly the better team in this series. With the exception of Jimmy Butler's superhero games three and five where he had 40 and 35 point triple doubles, LeBron's dominance was the story of the series, putting up at MINIMUM 25-9-7, with the game where he had 'only' seven assists he had 40 points. LeBron is no doubt equal or even better than Michael Jordan.

New Student Experience

by Nate Voss '24

All of you reading this have been new students at some point in your life. You all remember what it is like to walk onto a foreign campus, to go to your first classes, your first sports practices, and your first club meetings. However, while everyone has been a new student in the past, 2020 feels like a unique first-time experience for any kid who is new to a school this year. With all of the craziness and unpredictability around us, what is it like to be a new student in COVID? I and one of my friends at Lexington High School (LHS), who are both new 9th graders, weigh in on what it's like to be at a new school this year.

First off, we talked about the workload. School is about a whole host of things: making friends, playing sports, and exploring new areas of interest. That being said, academics are undoubtedly the highest priority for most students. At the start of COVID, academics took a bit of a back seat at my previous school. My experience from last spring had little structure, which made going to Belmont Hill a bit of a shock to my system. Suddenly, I actually had to do work. I needed to structure my day and find the willpower to move away from all of the distractions and focus on homework. Belmont Hill as a whole was able to provide extra help, and I slowly hit my stride and started to balance my days much better. LHS had an easier transition, according to my friend. They knew that all of the kids were coming from our two local middle schools, so, as my friend said, "The schoolwork wasn't overwhelming at first. It felt pretty normal - to be honest it felt pretty much like Diamond [Middle School]. They eased us into it." However, he did point out that the amount of work could get overwhelming: "I would say it is a little much during COVID because you have a lot of different things you have to worry about. Like if people in your family aren't healthy, it's

unfair to give two and a half hours of homework."

Meeting new people in general was difficult for me at the start of school this year. With masks, social distancing, and minimal sports, it was hard to get to know a lot of kids in the usual ways. However, Advisory really helped. With lunch, DEI, and advisory meetings together, I was able to get to know my advisory really quickly. Since those first days in school, I've been able to get to know other kids in my classes and sports, but advisory has been awesome all along. For my friend, this wasn't so much of a problem at LHS. Most kids already knew each other from prior years, and the kids that didn't were able to quickly meet through mutual friends. Sports also helped my friend connect despite the pandemic.

A place that Belmont Hill has really knocked it out of the park is its mix of remote and in-person days, maintaining a mostly in-person experience. LHS has taken a one week on, one week off approach. This approach was needed to reduce the number of students in the school and to keep a weeklong buffer zone between the weeks that kids are exposed to each other. While the system has its benefits, it is definitely not as helpful for the new school experience. As my friend says, "it's a lot more stressful when you're remote. It's just so much harder to focus, and the structure's not great." Belmont Hill's COVID response seems to be outstanding in general. Both of the schools rely on the honor system to report suspected illnesses, but Belmont Hill's SafetyApp combined with routine testing have put it miles ahead. In fact, when asked about the one thing he would change about his new school, my friend said, "I'd just say because of COVID I'd rather get tested. It'd make everyone feel a lot safer. ... if you do have COVID, you just have to quarantine and not get the whole

school shut down."

In my opinion, Belmont Hill has been amazing for new students. Academics have been great, Advisory amazing, and sports and clubs have been awesome. If there was one thing I could change about the new student experience here, it would be to amp up the off-day training in sports. That, however, does not take away from the fact that I can rest assured that Belmont Hill is trying its best to make everything safe, fun, and highly educational in these crazy times.

DEI

by Duncan Kilbride '24

This new year has brought about many new changes to Belmont Hill's schedule. One of the more prominent alterations is the drastically increased Advisory time. The schedule went from including a singular designated advisory meeting to four. A part of this extended time is filled with another addition to the school's schedule, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. During this block, teacher-advisors lead their group in a variety of exercises such as discussing the theme of Belonging and Community, as well as watching videos and listening to guest speakers. Especially with what has been going on around the country and school, having a designated time to reflect and articulate our thoughts on current issues is important. The DEI blocks give advisories more opportunities to bond and express personal beliefs while still being respectful of all opinions. Overall, the recent inclusion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will benefit our school as a whole and will augment our ability to become a closer community.

Snow Days: A Thing of The Past?

by Andrew Bittner '24

At the dawn of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Belmont Hill was introduced to the novel idea of online learning. For many, online learning was tedious and exhausting, as it forced people to sit in front of a computer screen for hours at a time. Even after months of this type of learning, it is still hard to consider Zoom classes to be part of the "Belmont Hill experience." Many BH students long for the days before the pandemic and can only wait for the world to return to "normal." But can our society ever really return to a state of normalcy? As I am sure you are well aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has had an indelible impact on our society. However, I would like to examine a particular impact of Covid-19 on the future of New England education: what will happen to the snow day? Due to the new availability of online learning services, the struggles of getting to school through harsh weather have been negated. Because of this, New York announced that snow days would not be occurring this year. The question is, will Belmont Hill follow suit?

There are a number of factors to consider when questioning whether online learning can effec-

tively replace the Snow Day: whether teachers are able to adapt their schedules to facilitate online classes, whether students or teachers will still have internet access through harsh weather conditions, and finally, whether or not people want to continue to go to school through snow days.



First, in order to learn online, teachers must adapt their schedules to learn online. For teachers in science departments or for teachers who plan on giving out assessments, being forced to adapt to learn online proves to be a problem. We have already seen that performing labs online is nearly impossible and that giving assessments online is less than ideal, as it provides oppor-

tunities for cheating. If teachers are forced to adapt their schedules in this manner, they may fall behind schedule, and they may not reach all of the material that they hope to cover.

A second problem posed by online snow days is power outages. In the event of harsh snow, trees have the potential to fall over and create power outages. Because of this, students may miss important classes and fall behind on no fault of their own.

Finally, many people have expressed dislike for the removal of snow days. Of the students and teachers I have spoken to, all seem to agree that snow days are an integral part of the BH culture and experience. Additionally, snow days provide much-needed breaks in school in the grueling months between Thanksgiving and spring.

Overall, Covid-19 has had an incredible impact on a global scale, but we can only hope that the snow day will not become another victim of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Meme Review

by Gabe Simmons '24

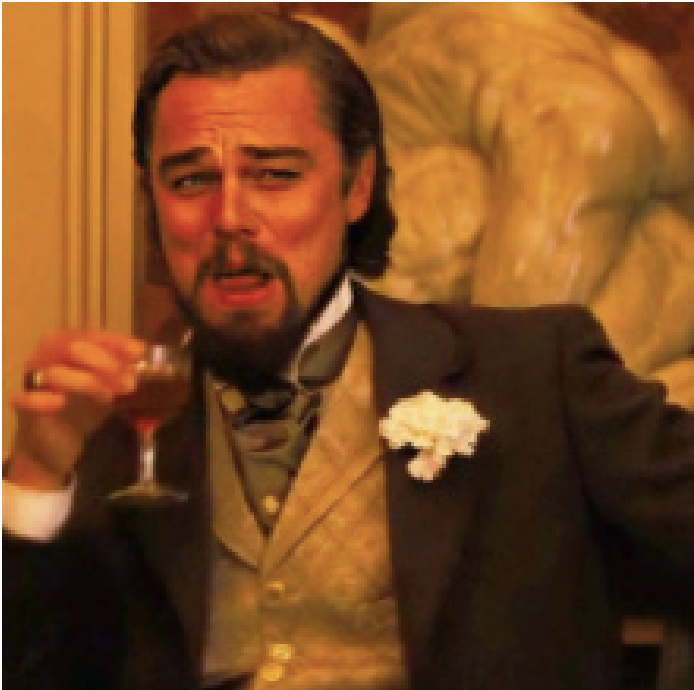
Mike Wazowski Face 5/10

Before its decline, nostalgia and relatability allowed the Mike Wasowski meme to gain popularity. Its popularity peaked about a year ago. It was overused, thus becoming unoriginal and boring. Unfortunately, the Mike Wasowski meme gradually lost people’s attention, until its near disappearance.



Leonardi Decaprio Laughing 7/10

This picture of Leonardo Decaprio laughing with a drink in his hand has recently become increasingly popular. There are numerous captions that can be used with this meme; therefore, it is relatable. Unfortunately, however, over the last month, this meme has lost some of its popularity.



Stonks 3/10

The “stonks meme” makes humor of poor financial decisions. The word “stonks” is supposed to be the word stocks, however misspelled purposely.



Blinking Face 6/10

This meme is used usually to express disbelief or confusion. Over the last year, this has gained popularity; however, there is no clear trend. The use of this meme is arbitrary and does not have a prime nor decline.



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