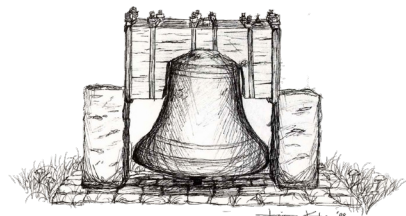


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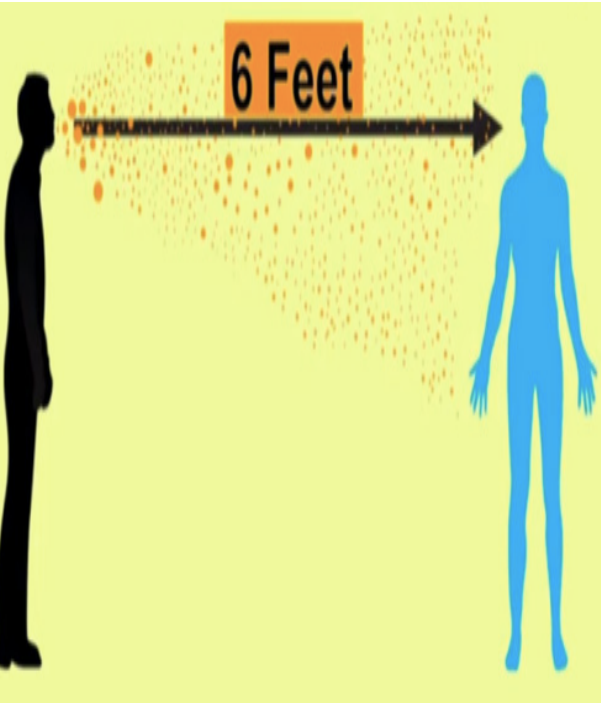
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Coronavirus

by Aidan Lee '24

In this time of hardship, due to the Coronavirus, which is also known as Covid-19, we should all be informed on the latest Coronavirus facts and information. To begin, we should all remember to respect the rules of social distancing and quarantine to prevent the spread of the virus. Some symptoms of the Coronavirus are fever, cough, shortness or difficulty of breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and a loss of taste or smell. It is important to remember that Coronavirus affects everyone differently, so you may develop some of these symptoms, or you may develop none of the symptoms, either way, it is essential to remember to stay safe. The Coronavirus does not have the highest mortality rate, but it is very infectious. In just the US, there are 1.17 million cases and 67,300 deaths. The US leads the world in most cases and total mortality. Massachusetts has the third most cases in the US, with 66,000 cases and 3,800 deaths. Because of this, Governor Baker decided to close down the Massachusetts schools for the rest of the year. Due to the Coronavirus, many small businesses and the economy are taking hard hits. Small companies are trying hard to stay afloat during the pandemic, but since some small companies may not be able to reopen any time soon, they may have to liquidate and shut down their whole business.



The economy has become unstable during the pandemic, with most companies having their stock plummet far beneath where it started before the epidemic. Dow Jones, a stock market index measuring the performance of 30 large companies, had their most significant one day drop in the stock market since 1987, dropping 13 percent from their overall value. Their 13 percent drop also was the single most one-day point drop in history. They fell almost 3000 points in one day. All-in-all, the most relevant update to give about the Coronavirus is that it is still around, and it still is a pandemic; thus, we must continue to do our part in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus.

Coffee House

by Aidan Lee '24

The Virtual Coffee House was a fantastic success. The Virtual Coffee House had 16 performers, both the faculty and the students, with some of the performers sending in pre-recorded videos and the others performing live. The performers were Mr. Fiori, Adrian Tan, Ryan Cannistraro, Mr. Sherman, Aidan Lee, Andrew Lee, James Marcus, Will Kelly, Mr. Schneider, Tj Cannistraro, Adam Alto, Andrew Lee, Mr. Patterson, Ben Reyes, Mr. Diresta, and Ben Gunther. The Virtual Coffee House had many viewers with both faculty and students watching. The Performers all did a fantastic job, and the event was a huge success. The Virtual Coffee House was great entertainment and gave everyone a break from all the bad news. Though Coffee House was not the same since we could not be together in person, Mr. Fiori and Mr. Diresta did an amazing job organizing and preparing for the Coffee House. Thanks to them, the Virtual Coffee House was as good as it could have been, and we were all able to enjoy the Virtual Coffee House.



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Zoom Review

by Brian Lee '24

Now that classes are almost over, and all of us are ready for summer vacation. For almost all of us, it was a unique experience, and our first time attending online classes through Zoom. As we wrap up our last few weeks of the school year online, I decided to write this article to outline the positives and negatives of learning through Zoom all day. First, let's start with the obvious positives. For the majority of students, sleep schedules were tough to manage before online learning, as a lot of students had to wake up early to catch the bus and get to school on time. However, the new schedule starts at 9 am, which allows students to sleep almost 1-2 hours more than usual. In addition to a later starting time, there is basically no school on Wednesday's, other than advisory and extracurriculars. This "rest" day gives students the chance to have more time to complete homework assignments, and also provides a day off from the screen. Furthermore, online learning allows students to learn how to manage their time wisely and stay accountable for attending classes on time, skills that will become useful in the future. As for the negatives of Zoom, one of the more evident negatives is the physical toll on our eyes after staring at a computer screen for hours every day. Although some classes only meet once or twice every week, most classes meet consistently every day, generating many headaches and the loss of

headaches and the loss of the ability to focus. Another negative of online classes is how easy it is to get distracted and not be fully engaged during class. Since most classes are just listening to the teacher talk and explain concepts, we are easily bored and have the need to do something that entertains us, such as surfing the internet, going on social media, or texting with friends. As a result, students don't retain as much from class as they could have in person. Lastly, many students encounter a variety of wifi issues, and this makes it challenging to hear what the teacher is saying or actively engage in class, and also makes it hard for students to log into Zoom successfully. In conclusion, although Zoom and online learning offers some positive aspects, most of us agree that we would much rather have school in person, and hopefully we will all be back together on campus in the coming fall.

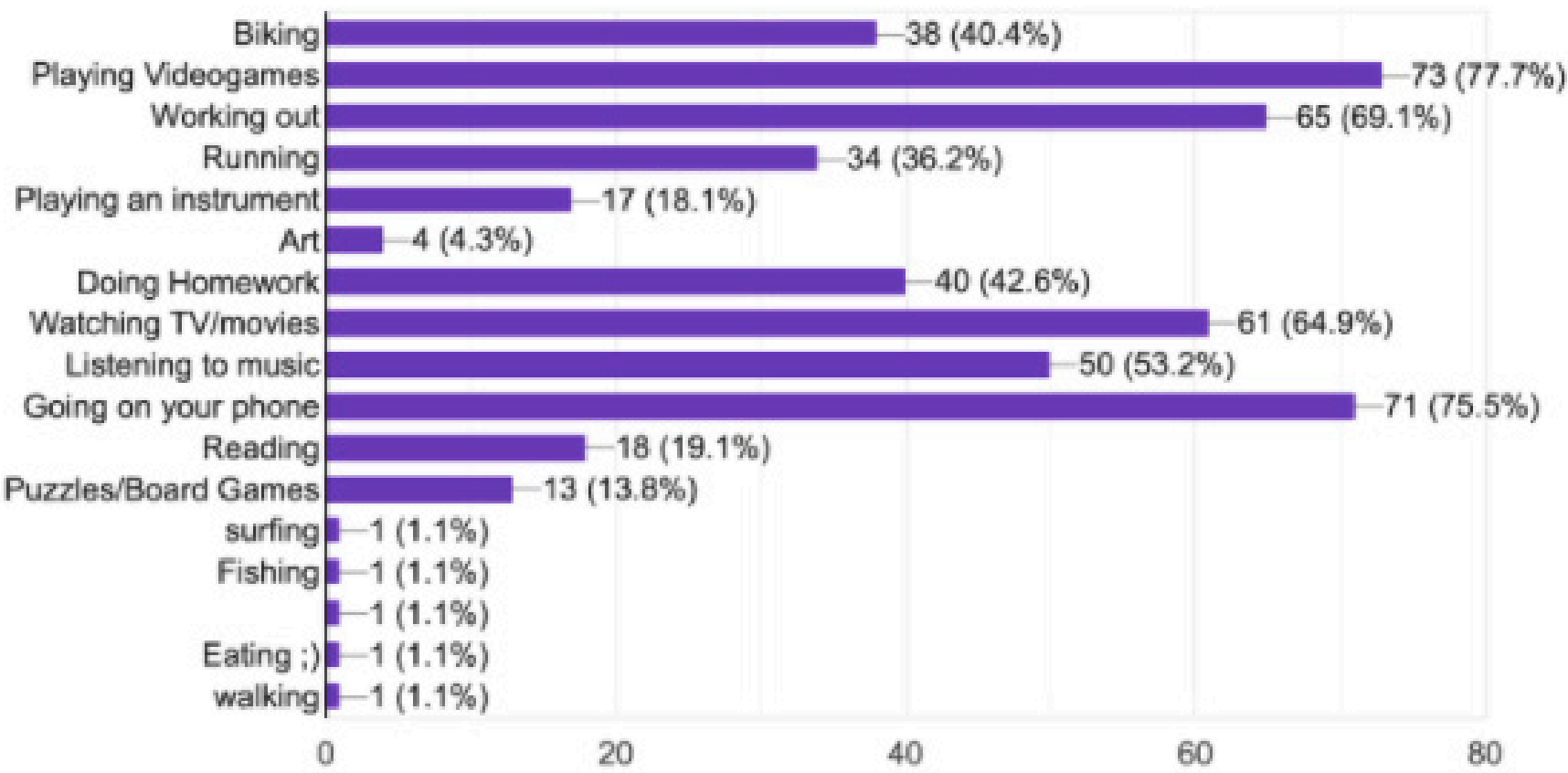


Coronavirus Hobbies Poll

by Joe Puglielli '23

Please Select whichever activity or activities that you spend the most time doing during these times.

94 responses



I sent out a survey to the Middle School asking them their favorite quarantine activities, and 93 Middle Schoolers responded. The survey allowed everyone to select as many options as they wanted, and included an option to input your own activity.

Options that people selected that were not included on the list consisted of eating, fishing, surfing, and walking. Other than those votes, the least selected one was art, with just four votes. The two options that were selected the most were using a phone and playing video games.

This accounted for almost 30% of all the votes. Playing video games won with a total of 73, which means almost 80% of all Belmont Hill boys in Quarantine play video games. Going on your phone was close behind with 71. Working out was the third most selected choice with 65 votes, and Watching TV/Movies was fourth with 61.

Community Pictures



Ms. McDonald and her children with letters they wrote for healthcare workers



Will Kelly '23 Plays on Piano and Sings "Vienna"



Daniel Moran's '23 Cat Plays with a Fidget Spinner

The Bee Movie: A Film Truly Ahead of Its Time

by Gabe Simmons '24 and Andrew Bittner '24

Simply put, the Bee Movie is a stunning work of art on par with Homer’s Odyssey and Virgil’s Aeneid. It is the pinnacle of human creation. Words cannot begin to describe the masterpiece that was co-written by Jerry Seinfeld, Spike Feresten, Barry Marder, and Andy Robin, and for that reason, we will not discuss many specific details of the movie itself. We cannot hope to recreate any part of the masterpiece that is The Bee Movie, and we would never go so far as to deprive others of the opportunity to fully experience the greatness of the Bee Movie for the first time. Instead, we will discuss the movie in broad terms and briefly discuss the plot of the movie.



As a whole, the plot of the Bee Movie provides all that can be expected from an animated film. It provides a loveable, kind-hearted protagonist named Barry Benson, who after graduating from college, faces an evil villain and their schemes to unjustly profit off of the hard work of Barry’s species. Ultimately, the plot of the Bee Movie is phenomenal, sure, but not enough to set it apart from other films.

The visuals of the Bee Movie can only be described as breath-taking. The animators of the film did a phenomenal job of creating a unique visual style that sets the Bee Movie apart from other films, while also providing an aspect of realism that keeps the viewer immersed in the engaging plot of the film.

As far as sound goes, the Bee Movie doesn’t try to do much. While the movie does have a soundtrack, it is used infrequently. In our opinion, this minimalist approach to the sound-track allows the lines of Barry and other characters to carry more weight and help the viewer experience the intense emotion that the cast experience.

The script of the Bee Movie is indescribably good. It combines raw emotion and brilliant comedy to create a script that should be used as a model for all aspiring authors to follow. Some of the most memorable lines of the movie such as, “You like Jazz?” are truly remarkable and force the viewer to pause the movie and take in what they just heard.



When taken at face value, the Bee Movie is an incredible movie. But to fully appreciate the Bee Movie, we have to look beyond the surface and try to understand what Seinfeld was trying to say in the film. When we do just that, and we search for the deeper meaning, it becomes clear that The Bee Movie is not, in fact, a movie about bees, but instead, one about defying expectations and how, when we ignore a problem and isolate ourselves from others, we allow injustice to occur. Only through standing together and facing injustice head-on can we truly end it. Additionally, the Bee Movie is an allegory for the economic state of the world and how we can hope to fix it. While there are other issues that the Bee Movie deals with, this is not an analysis of the Bee Movie, so we will refrain from continuing further.



We felt it necessary to share what we thought about the Bee Movie with you because it has had nothing less than a life-changing effect on our lives. Reflecting back, we can now see that before watching the Bee Movie we were like prisoners chained in a cave staring at the shadows of the world and accepting them as reality. But through the enlightenment of the Bee Movie, we have been freed from that cave and we have come to understand that reality is far beyond the shadows. Hopefully, you too can come to appreciate the world in the same way that we have, and experience the world as it truly is, by watching the single, greatest film of all time: The Bee Movie.



In all seriousness, the Bee Movie is a fun animated film that we feel doesn’t get the respect it deserves. We truly enjoyed the Bee Movie and we hope you will too.



NHL MOCK DRAFT

by Ben Hack '24



Alexis Lafreniere, the projected number one pick

14. Florida Panthers: Kaiden Guhle, D

Guhle is a good two way defender, with a great shot and skating to go along with his size.

15. Calgary Flames: Connor Zary, C

Zary is very patient with the puck, but is an even better passer.

16. New York Rangers: Rodion Amirov, LW

Amirov has a high IQ and is a two way forward.

17. Winnipeg Jets: Jeremie Poirier, D

Poirier who is an above average skater, has great hockey sense. Also scored 20 goals last year.

18. New York Islanders: Dawson Mercer, RW

Mercer makes the gritty hard plays, but also can make great plays in the offensive zone.

19. Columbus Blue Jackets: Dylan Holloway, LW/C/RW

A very powerful two way player. He has great hands and had 17 points in his Freshman year at Wisconsin.



Yaroslav Askarov, the top goalie in this year's draft

20. Carolina Hurricanes (via Toronto Maple Leafs): Braden Schneider, D

Schneider is a two way defenseman. Great at playing the powerplay and on the penalty kill.

21. New York Rangers (via Carolina Hurricanes): Seth Jarvis, RW

Jarvis is very speedy and creative. He had 98 points in 58 games last season.

22. Dallas Stars: Jan Mysak, LW

Mysak plays a quick game who has a great release.

23. Edmonton Oilers: Sean Farrell, LW

An undersized winger who has a great shot.

24. Vegas Golden Knights: Hendrix Lapierre, C

Lapierre has a great hockey sense. And is a great playmaker.

25. Minnesota Wild (via Pittsburgh Penguins): Ozzy Wiesblatt, RW

Wiesblatt is a very physical forward. He has a great stride and can keep up with the fastest skaters.

26. Philadelphia Flyers: Justin Barron, D
Barron missed the first 3 months with a blood clot injury. He's a proven skater and competitor capable of making a good first pass.

27. Washington Capitals: Ty Smilanic, LW/C/RW

Has had 3 separate injuries this season, so scouts can't see his full potential, but when healthy is a great skater and a decent shot.

28. San Jose Sharks (via Tampa Bay Lightning): Jacob Perreault, C

Perreault has one of the best shots in his entire draft class. Great on the powerplay.

29. Colorado Avalanche: Mavrik Bourque, C

A highly skilled playmaker with great hands. Is very creative with the puck and is good on the powerplay.

30. St.Louis Blues: Roni Hirvonen, C

Hirvonen optimizes his linemates thanks to excellent vision. A smooth skater who has excellent edges and can skate past defenders well.

31. Anaheim Ducks (via Boston Bruins) Ryan O'Rourke, D

O'Rourke is a great leader and was his teams captain last season. Also he's a well-rounded defenseman. He can skate, he can move pucks and a tough defender to score on.

Since there are no sports going on now, I have decided to do a NHL mock draft.
(Draft order is based on current standings from NHL.com)

1. Detroit Red wings: Alexis Lafreniere, LW

No question Lafreniere will go first overall, where he goes depends on the lottery balls.

2. Ottawa Senators: Quinton Byfield, C

Byfield, a scoring machine had 32 goals and 50 assists will be a great pick to whoever gets him.

3. Ottawa Senators (via San Jose Sharks): Jamie Drysdale, D

Has great puck possession and is a terrific passer, he's best defenseman in the draft class.

4. Los Angeles Kings: Tim Stutzle, LW

Stutzle is very fast on his skates and has a very high hockey IQ.

5. Anaheim Ducks: Lucas Raymond, RW

Raymond has a very strong two way game and excellent vision and has a great wrist shot

6. New Jersey Devils: Cole Perfetti, C

Perfetti had 74 assists which will make him a great player maker at the next level.

7. Buffalo Sabres: Alexander Holtz, RW

Holtz has an elite shot, and can finish from anywhere in the offensive zone.

8. Montreal Canadiens: Marco Rossi, C

A high skilled offensive player who is a bit undersized and is a Power Play machine.

9. Chicago Blackhawks: Anton Lundell, C/LW

A great two way center and has lots of patience with the puck

10. New Jersey Devils (via Arizona Coyotes): Yaroslav Askarov, G

A technically sound goaltender with good instincts capable of reading the game well. Best goalie in this year's draft.

11. Minnesota Wild: Jake Sanderson, D

Sanderson is a great puck moving defenseman and has great speed. Will be attending North Dakota next season to play in college.

12. Vancouver Canucks: Noel Gunler, RW/LW

Gunler has a lethal shot, not afraid to crash the net to get more scoring chances.

13. Nashville Predators: Jack Quinn, RW
A gifted goal scorer who had 52 goals last season. And he's great at playing in all three zones of the ice.

Patriots Draft Review

by Noah Farb '24

The Patriots 2020 offseason had the most departures of key players in the Bill Belichick era. The Patriots in the last few years have seen many key players leave but nothing like this.

Two years ago, Nate Solder and Danny Amendola left for New York and Miami, last year Trent Brown and Trey Flowers left for Oakland and Detroit, and Gronk retired. This year, pretty much the entire linebacker core of Kyle Van Noy, Jamie Collins and Elandon Roberts signed elsewhere, turning one of the team's biggest strengths into one of their biggest weaknesses. Others like Duron Harmon and Stephen Gostkowski had to be cut or traded to save what little cap the Patriots had left to have enough money to make depth signings like Damiere Byrd, Beau Allen and Marqise Lee.

Most recently James Develin, who has been one of the most impactful non-offensive lineman in the running game for the Pats over the last decade, retired. One of the others, Rob Gronkowski, unretired and immediately got traded to Tampa Bay as he wanted to join up with a certain former Patriot. These departures have led to the most important NFL Draft for the Patriots in recent memory. With a QB room consisting of Jarrett Stidham and Brian Hoyer, this is going to be an interesting year for Patriots fans. These factors combined led to the 2020 Draft being the most impactful one for the Patriots in a long time to shape the team for the future.

The Selections

Round 2, Pick 37: Kyle Dugger, Safety, Lenoir-Rhyne

Round 2, Pick 60: Josh Uche, Outside Linebacker, Michigan

Round 3, Pick 87: Anfernee Jennings, Outside Linebacker, Alabama

Round 3, Pick 91: Devin Asiasi, Tight End, UCLA

Round 3, Pick 101: Dalton Keene, Tight End, Virginia Tech

Round 5, Pick 159: Justin Rohrwasser, Kicker, Marshall

Round 6, Pick 182: Michael Onwenu, Offensive Guard, Michigan

Round 6, Pick 195: Justin Herron, Offensive Tackle, Wake Forest

Round 6, Pick 204: Cassh Maluia, Inside Linebacker, Wyoming

Round 7, Pick 230: Dustin Woodard, Center, Memphis

Summary: The Patriots filled many holes taking two outside linebackers and two tight ends in the first three rounds and a kicker in the 5th round, while also building for the future by taking offensive line depth and a safety to backup a older core.

DAY ONE (Round 1):

The Patriots started off the night with the 23rd overall pick and completed the 2nd trade of the night with the Los Angeles Chargers. The Patriots sent the 23rd overall pick to the Chargers who sent their 2nd and 3rd round picks which were 37th and 71st overall. The Chargers took Kenneth Murray and that was the end of day one for the Patriots.

DAY TWO (Rounds 2-3):

With the newly acquired 37th and 71st overall picks the Patriots began day two with five picks. They had the 37th pick in the 2nd round, and the 71st, 87th 98th and 100th overall picks in the 3rd round. With the 37th overall pick the Patriots made a very surprising pick and took safety Kyle Dugger from the tiny D2 school Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, North Carolina. Safety is a need but at the time of the pick there were some positions of more need like tight end, defensive end and linebacker. This is the type of high upside-high risk pick that I personally think the Patriots need to make in the post-brady era. Apparently Dugger is the guy Belichick wanted in the 1st if he wasn't able to trade down with anyone.



Jarrett Stidham sitting on his throne

This pick leads me to believe that either Patrick Chung or Devin McCourty will be traded at some point before this time next year to give an every down role to Dugger. About an hour and half later the Patriots used the later pick from the trade down with the Chargers to trade up. They gave the 71st and 98th picks to the Ravens for the 60th and 129th picks. With the 60th pick the Patriots selected Josh Uche, a linebacker/defensive end hybrid who was Chase Winovich's pass rushing partner at Michigan and they might be an effective pass rushing linebacker core in the NFL. The Patriots then sat until their next pick at pick 87 when they selected

Anfernee Jennings, another outside linebacker, out of Alabama. Bill Belichick didn't wait long for making his next move trading the 100th, 139th and 172nd picks to Jon Gruden and the Raiders for the 91st and 159th picks. With the 91st pick they selected Devin Asiasi, an extremely athletic tight end out of UCLA. The long awaited next tight end for the Pats replacing Ryan Izzo and Matt LaCosse. With four picks already selected on day two it looked like the Patriots were done for the rest of the night. Then they traded the 125th, 129th and a 2021 6th for the 101st overall pick with the Jets. With the 101st pick they selected another tight end Dalton Keene from Virginia Tech, more of a blocking tight end to Asiasi's pass catching. This trade left the Patriots with no 4th round picks left after having as three at one point. The Patriots started out the day with the 37th, 71st, 87th, 98th and 100th picks and ended up making the 37th, 60th, 87th, 91st and 101st at the end of the night.

DAY THREE (Rounds 4-7):

With the Patriots slimmed down on day three picks from all the trade-ups in the 2nd and 3rd rounds they had a total of six picks on day three down from the nine they had before the draft. They waited from the 107th pick at the start of the 4th round all the way to the 159th when they selected kicker Justin Rohrwasser from Marshall College. He should be expected to win the starting job out of trading camp over Nick Folk or whoever else is brought in to training camp to compete to be the post-Gostkowski kicker for the Patriots after last year's experiments with Michael Badgeley and Nick Folk didn't work well at best. This is the 2nd year in a row the Patriots have taken a specialist with the 163rd pick after taking Jake Bailey last year. After Rohrwasser was picked, the Patriots traded up to pick 182 to select Michael Onwenu, sending picks 212 and 213 to the Colts. Onwenu is a offensive guard from Michigan who is likely going to compete for a role against last year's 3rd and 4th round picks who were injured most of the year, Yodny Cajuste and Hjalte Froholdt. That was the last trade of the draft for Belichick and the Patriots. With the 195th pick, the Pats took Justin Herron out of Wake Forest. Herron is a big offensive tackle who in my opinion is effectively the person who will be given the chance to backup whoever ends up starting at left tackle if Joe Thuney is traded by the start of the season. With their third pick in the 6th round the Patriots went back to defense after drafting offensive/special teamers with their last five picks and they took another linebacker in Cassh Maluia out of Wyoming with the 204th pick. I think he has a much better chance to have a meaningful role as a rookie than most 6th rounders as the Patriots really don't have much talent at middle linebacker. With their last pick in the 2020 draft the Patriots took Dustin Woodard, a center out of Memphis who will be given a chance along with whoever else is brought in to backup David Andrews as he's returning from blood clot issues that forced him to miss all of last season.

Reuben’s Restuarant Review

by Reuben Siegel ‘23



Best Breakfast Food in the Greater Boston Area:

South Street Diner, Located at 178 Kneeland St, Boston, MA, this small diner is located by the waterfront in South Boston. Its phone number is 617-350-0028, they do not have an email address but the diner does have its own website which is <http://southstreetdiner.com/>. They are open twenty four hours a day, everyday. There are only three hours in the year that the diner is not open. These three hours are between 7:00 and 10:00 on Christmas morning. They accept credit cards but the small space is not ideal for disabled individuals.

If I could eat one meal out of my house right now, this is where I would go. The South Street

Diner is a small diner with a divey and casual ambiance. They serve eggs, pancakes, sandwiches, and assorted meats. The menu is formatted onto one double-sided sheet of laminated paper. Despite the smaller stature of the list, the foods were varied and included classics like eggs benedict and originals like Boston cream pancakes. Since my favorite meal is breakfast, this is the ideal menu. This diner is located between South Station and Boston Common on the corner of Kneeland and South st. The tricky part of eating here is parking. The only spaces are on the street in the city, which could be jammed up depending on the time of day. The last time my family and I went there was around 12:30 for lunch, on January 18, my sister’s birthday. There was no wait, and we were able to get a booth right

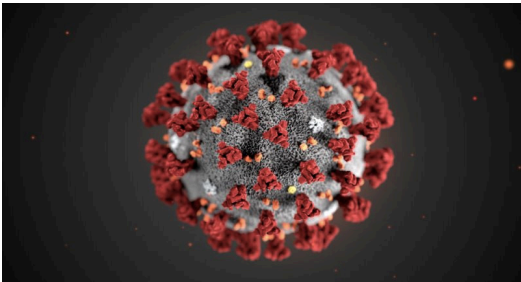
away. The people eating around noon were mostly families, and they were agreeable and calm. There weren’t any tourists or people that obviously were not from the area, which was odd because it was a Saturday. The décor was old fashioned. The counter is white with blue trim. The booth and stools are blue and well padded. The small aisle between the counter space and the booths is small checkerboard tiles. When restrictions are lifted, this is the spot I want to go for my first meal and recommend it to anyone who’s looking for some tasty breakfast food.

Form I Year Cut Short

By: Tommy Folan ‘25

Everyone has missed out on once in a lifetime Belmont Hill experiences. Form I, however, was hit very hard. We missed parts of Greek and Roman Field day, Grandparents day, Our First Exams, Party with a Purpose, The Fall Play, and going to Chapel. Every single other Belmont Hill student who came for 7th grade will remember

this but us. COVID 19 has stolen so much from us, but there is nothing we can do. We need to just stay positive and wait this pandemic out. It WILL end. Believe me. It will.






Weekly Challenges

By: Tommy Folan ‘25

Every week there are challenges that anyone in the BH community can participate in to win themselves a \$25 gift card to the BH online store. There can be one winner like in the tie challenge (I won btw not to brag:) or multiple like the best pet challenge. The new challenge can be found every week on the plan of the week and the winner is announced at Friday

Forum every Friday. Some of the past challenges can be found on the Belmont Hill Bulletin Board. For info on how to join it look on the plan of the week.

Challenge of the Week

-  Zoom Selfie Slide Show
-  Trickshot Highlight Reel
-  Fastest tie tying in the East!

Meme Review

by Kevin Weldon '24

Yankee with No Brim: 10/10

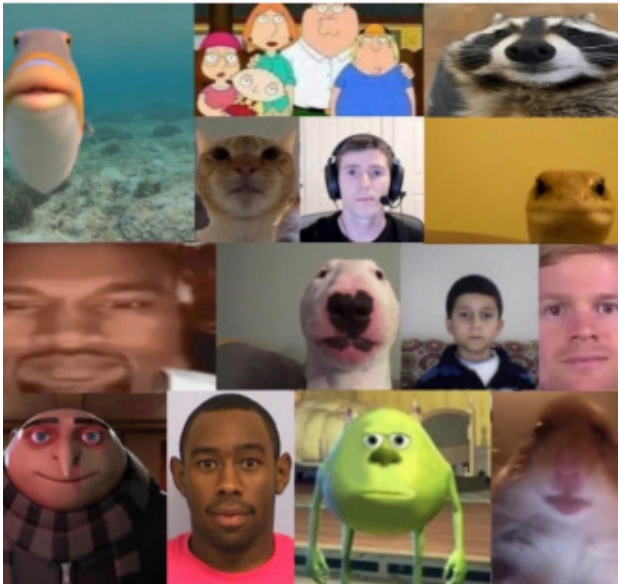
This meme is a three-second long video. It's some guy wearing a New York Yankees hat seemingly with the brim cut off, then you can hear the person with the camera say "Whooaaaa! Yankee with no brim!" People have made lots of variations of this meme and it's pretty funny.



Online Class Memes: 6/10

These memes are about the online classes we are having. While there are not a lot of them, when you find one it is usually pretty funny, especially when you can relate to it. The meme below is a great example.

All the students on their webcams at 8 in the morning waiting for class to start



Queen Elizabeth is Immortal: 3/10

Queen Elizabeth is the longest-ruling monarch in British History, and she is still very healthy. People have been making jokes recently about how she is immortal, and even though some of them are funny, they mostly aren't.

:Year 4000: The only still living organism is Queen Elizabeth



Confused John Cena: 7/10

John Cena is a classic meme. Recently, he has come back because when he was wrestling, he made a lot of funny expressions, one of them is a confused face. This meme has great potential for funny memes and for relatable memes.



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