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Welcome back? *First day mayhem*

Fifth period class
Staff writers

Alarms ringing, beds creaking, spirits depleting. Students around the country have to start their first day of school behind the screen of a computer. Different feelings emerge from this as some express their happiness while others felt the agony of defeat.

"Yes, I did have technical difficulties such as not having every single class in my Google Classroom. To this day, I still can't get all my classes in Google Classroom," said Margarita Vazquez. "On the first day of school, I felt so stressed out and bored. I was stressed because I couldn't find my class meetings and bored because all we did in all classes was self-introductions."

Added Xavier Ramirez, "The first day of school was not so good. I barely understood what was going on. Not only that, some teachers didn't even know what they were doing. I

was having a lot of technical difficulties with my internet and with the personal hotspot that the district provided."

The new process was not only difficult for students, but for teachers as well. Adapting to new software and programs was mandatory when starting this year by distance learning.

"On the first day of school, I was struggling on the Webex meeting links; some teachers weren't used to it and neither was I," said Yhazira Cardenas.

"On the first day of school, I did have a few problems when it came to finding the link to join the Webex meetings. My teachers did not make it clear where to find the link. One of my classes took so long to find I missed ten minutes of it," said Chloe Camarillo.

The first day was a hodgepodge of finding links, finding classes, finding a strong Wi-Fi signal.

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Chloe Camarillo works in style. "I'm using a MacBook pro. I feel more comfortable using my own computer."

NEWS

Summer school stress

Three options, yet none were perfect

Third period class
Staff writers

“It was the best of times, it was the time of the COVID-19...and in the middle of summer; summer school began. There was no hum of air conditioning, or the clangor of students rushing to class, nor the panting and sweating of students as they marched in the blistering sun. There was only a computer screen and buttons to push. Students worked on a program called Odysseyware-not in a textbook-reading and writing.” My job was to click boxes and send out reminders for students to work. The best part for me was that it was not taxing and I only had to click boxes. The worst part was that it was boring. No jokes, no stories, no interaction. Would I do it again? Yes I would. Why? I like to work...fade into fall...” said Mr. Michael McAdams (paraphrasing Charles Dickens) who taught English for BHS’ summer school.

Mr. McAdams’ sense of humor aside, summer school in the era of COVID-19 wasn’t all bad (it certainly wasn’t all good either). As senior Amy Villalobos said, “I took American government and economics. The easiest part about Options was taking the tests and quizzes. You



Earianna Johnson works from her bedroom during summer school. She took Spanish 2 at Method.

were always given more attempts to improve your score and not fail the class. I know I had an instance where one of the lessons was hard and I didn’t do so well in the quiz. So I reviewed the lesson again, made sure I understood it, and passed the test. The hard part was the workload. To be fair, Options doesn’t give that much work, but whenever they did, it was a lot. There were times when I got a question and it had like part a b c d e f g h i j... and so on and that was a lot sometimes. Especially if you’re taking two classes.”

Students were hoping that summer school wouldn’t be interrupted because of COVID-19, like the end of the last school year. Some kids really needed their summer classes.

“I basically wanted to get a home period this year and make room for a class I fell behind on. I took government and economics with Options. The easiest part for me were the tests, I really liked how easy they were. The hardest part was trying to stay awake having to read through everything as it was a lengthy process. I actually did complete it,” said senior Bryant Castillo-Coronel.

“I took ninth grade English. The easiest part about Options was being able to redo the small quizzes at the end of every lesson. If you got a score lower than 75 percent, they required you to redo it until you got that score or over. The hardest part was the unit activities, which were a type of small project. I had easier topics, so I didn’t struggle much with it, aside from how annoying they were to do because there were many. I did complete it, and I didn’t have many issues with it. If teachers noticed you’re not up to speed, they’ll contact you and ask you if you need any help,” said senior Hector Galeana.

There were three summer school options available for those who wanted (or needed) to attend summer school: Options, Method Online, and BHS. The dif-

ference is that BHS summer school had a teacher who logged on everyday to help kids through Odysseyware, the online platform. Method and Options just have an “advisor” who may only be available once a week. There are some other restrictions; Options only allows one semester of PE per summer or one semester of math. There is no lab science at Options. Students can make up D’s and F’s or take classes to get ahead. Method offers some Honors and AP classes during the summer. These classes are very challenging and require 3-4 hours a day online.

“What I liked about Method is that you could pace yourself and do your work and assignments when you have the time. I would only recommend Method if you are able to teach yourself because there aren’t a whole lot of resources and ways to get help on assignments and you also need to be good at time management as well,” said Gwenyth Williford.

According to Mrs. Tracy Mack, head counselor, there were 160 kids who signed up for Options and 100 for Method.

Because of COVID-19, BHS summer school was cut to only include the following classes: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, English 1, English 2, English 3, Biology, World History, and United States History. Classes like PE, art, and foreign languages were canceled. Also, only kids who failed a class could take BHS summer classes.

“Approximately 350 students were enrolled in the summer program,” said BHS summer school principal Mr. Christopher Kotlewski. Normally there are about 1000 students who attend BHS’ summer school.

Online learning started for everyone at the end of March, when we didn’t come back from spring break. When summer school rolled around on June 5, students still had all the problems they faced

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NEWS

Who is that masked man

Students see masks as fashion as well as function

Fourth period class
Staff writers

Masks of every kind and color cover the streets we walk in; six feet apart of course. From pinks, purples, princesses, to polka dots, the view is the new normal. Masks are everywhere, with their differences standing out amongst the crowds, so much so, that many consider it a new fashion trend.

"I got this reusable mask with an air filter on-line. It's black with a white cat on it," said Alessandro Mireles.

"My favorite mask is my pink one because it's really soft, and of course it's pink," said Vanessa Garcia.

"I own two masks, and my favorite one is a Dragonball Z themed mask with Goku and Gohan riding the floating nimbus," said Brandon Pulido.

"I have a washable and several disposable ones, but my favorite one is a cloth navy blue one," said Maximiliano Morales.

Sometimes it's all a numbers game. Some have only one mask that they wash and wear constantly, while others are stocked up to their ears.

"I have about seven masks for the seven days of the week. I have a green and white mask which has four filters and is washable. I got it from my aunt because she was making them for her relatives. Ever since we started using masks, every adult I talk to believes I am over 20, it's scary," said Emili Diaz.

According to Saul Jimenez, "I usually have about 500 disposable face masks, but I mainly like to use my bandannas. The reason why I use disposables (masks) is because there's no real way of telling if COVID is still on the mask or not."

Where you get your masks is another matter.

Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot, Target and even street vendors are making money off of masks.

"My work provided me with one and the thrift store sells them as well," said Gabriela Ramos.

Yes, we know. Masks are hot, cumbersome and distracting, but mandatory.

"It's not really a problem. It gets annoying. When I talk, my mask slips down from my nose, so I am constantly moving my mask to cover my nose," said Talyssa Reading.

"My biggest problem with them is that it's always hard to breathe in them," Lisette Prieto.

"Yeah, I wore a mask during the intense heat. It wasn't too much of a bother. Yes, it was annoying, but I'm kind of used to it at this point. You do need breaks, you are definitely not supposed to wear the masks for longer than maybe an hour. But if someone can do it (wear it for long periods of time), props to them. The reality is, I don't want to put anyone in danger. I think others should wear the mask to prevent the spread of this virus going around. If people don't wear masks, the virus will get worse. So I choose to wear one," said Lydia Guzman.

In the end, it's not about the type of mask or how cute it is, only that you are wearing one.

"I don't mind wearing them if it's protecting my health. Personally, I think people who don't wear masks are ignorant. They're not thinking of the public health but only their own comfort. Of course, masks aren't the most comfortable thing to use on a daily basis, but it's not something so difficult that one can't do. Wearing a mask should be more strictly enforced so life could start going back to normal," said Carolina Escobedo.



Alessandro Mireles



Vanessa Garcia



Brandon Pulido



Maximiliano Morales



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Emili Diaz

NATION

What's in the news

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CHOP

The Seattle CHOP zone was dismantled on July 1, seemingly not in response to weeks of lawlessness and violence, but the very day after radicals threatened to march on and potentially raid Mayor Jenny Durkan's 5,000 sq ft., \$7.6 million house. When compared to the same period last year, from June 2 to June 30, there was a soaring 525% spike in Seattle crimes ever since left-wing radicals overran a police precinct and occupied the downtown sector. In the short, contentious, and violent history of CHOP, Mayor Durkan's emergency order states that there were, "Twenty-two additional incidents, in person-related crime in the area, to include two additional homicides, six additional robberies, and 16 additional aggravated assaults (not including two additional non-fatal shootings)." A commune that was built in the name of opposing violence and brutality led directly to a massive increase in violence and brutality.



Actress Kelly Preston dies



Kelly Preston battled with breast cancer for two years but lost that battle on July 12. Preston is best known for her roles in *Mischief*, *Twins*, *Jerry Maguire*, and *For Love of the Game*. She had appeared in at least sixty television shows and films. She was married to John Travolta for 19 years and had three children, Jett Travolta (who died in 2009), Ella Travolta, and Benjamin Travolta. She was 57.

Glee star drowns

Glee actress, Naya Rivera, was found dead on July 13 in Lake Piru, five days after she went missing while boating with her four-year-old son, Josey Dorsey. The cause of death was confirmed as accidental drowning. Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub confirmed that she saved her son's life, but simply didn't have the strength to pull herself back into the boat. On the show *Glee*, she played Santana Lopez. She made an impact on the Latinx and LGBTQ+ communities. She was 33.



Civil Rights Icon dies

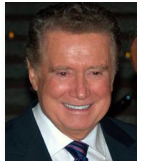
John Lewis, a congressman and civil rights activist icon, died on July 17. Lewis, a friend and follower of Martin Luther King, came to prominence as one of the original 13 Freedom Riders in 1961. From there, he founded the Student Nonviolent Coordi-



nating Committee (SNCC) and helped MLK organize the March on Washington. On March 7, 1965 while leading a group of 600 demanding voting rights in Selma, AL he was beaten by police officers on national television. During Bloody Sunday, he received a skull fracture. In 1986, he was first elected to Congress from Georgia. He had stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He was 80.

Hardest working man on TV dies

Regis Philbin, famous television host, died from natural causes on July 24 at age 88. He currently holds a Guinness World Record for the most hours on U.S. television. He grew to fame with his show called *The Morning Show* in 1983. But he was best known for the *Live! with Regis and Kathy* morning show which ran from 1988-2011. He continued to be successful after the show with hosting *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire* and made many guest appearances on a variety of talk shows.



Another Riot

The unrest began August 9 after an armed man, Latrell Allen age 20, wanted for felony attempted murder charges, was wounded in a shootout with police in Chicago, in an Englewood neighborhood. Soon after the shooting, luxury department stores were ransacked of designer goods as hundreds of looters caused mayhem. Chicago authorities took the decision to raise all major bridges to prevent looters from getting downtown after the night of chaos.

Kim Jong-Un rumors

Kim Jong-Un supreme leader of North Korea was reported to be in a coma for months. Allegedly, he suffered some complications from heart surgery. The last time anyone saw Jong-Un was at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May 2020. Before that, he had not been seen for 20 days. It was speculated then that he was in hiding from COVID-19. It is thought that his sister, Kim Yo-Jung, is next in line to take after her 36-year old brother. She is only 32 years old.



Too young to die

Chadwick Boseman, an American actor, best known for his roles as the Black Panther, in the Marvel movie, and *42 The Jackie Robinson story*, where he played the iconic figure Jackie Robinson died on Aug. 28. He was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer in 2016. Chadwick kept his battle with cancer private. Many were shocked when his death was announced. He was only 43 years old.



SPORTS

OUTSMARTING COVID

Zoe Del Manzano
Staff Writer

Although the effects of COVID-19 are quite apparent, sports have managed to find a way to outrun, outsmart, and overpower the virus. Teams haven't given up practicing and preparing for their season. Teams like cross country and cheer have been communicating through different apps like Band App (kind of like a Google Classroom) and GC to keep track of workouts and important messages.

"We still haven't been given direction from the district on whether or not we will be able to start holding in-person practices on campus, but we are working on a way to do distance practices for now. Any time I have anything important to relay to the team, I make sure I put a post on the Band App so they can all see it," said Coach Connie Barela from the cheer team.

Coach Anamacio Cardenas has been keeping in touch with the runners by making calls and said that cross country may turn into a winter sport for just this season. The runners must take it upon themselves to keep conditioning and stay in shape in case the season starts.

"So far, COVID has pushed cross country back to Dec. through Mar.; so it's made cross country into a winter sport for now. I think by far the toughest thing is that athletes must meet up or workout on their own. As far as communications, I have created a Google Classroom and check in with my athletes via video chat once a week or every other week," said Coach Cardenas.

Not only have the coaches been concerned with practices but the athletes are concerned as well, even if the sports are not in season until later in the year. Some athletes have been encouraged to work harder than usual during this pandemic.

Wrestler Hans Ako said, "COVID and quarantine, to me personally, just means work harder than

usual but not in the practice room. Thankfully, there will still be a season in March. As of now, we are not practicing due to the COVID events; we communicate with our coach through Instagram or his number."

The teams like basketball have been taking a more relaxed approach and are not required to train. Most of them type in a group chat and keep each other's spirits up by sending memes.

"Quarantine means that if there is a season it's going to be shorter. We have workouts for the people who want to do them but they aren't mandatory. The

team has a group chat that we use to text about anything important but we also send each other memes," said basketball player David Black.

COVID-19 is not the only thing on athletes' minds. Some teams, like football, have yet to meet their new coach in person and get to know him to find out his training style.

Cristofer Baca, who played football for three years, said, "I've been practicing with some of the guys, but there is no coach. We just practice with each other."

Some are not upset about the break because they have time to heal from old injuries.

Jacob Santiago said, "At first I was upset that our season would be postponed, but then

I realized that it gave me time for me to heal up from my fractured foot."

Practices are not the only things on athletes' minds; students are worried about games and meets. Playoffs and CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) are on every athlete's mind; everyone dreams of going to CIF and being scouted. But having an audience, let alone real games seems impossible right now.

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Jesus Ortiz hits the streets to get stay in shape. "I've been running Cross Country since the summer before freshman year. So like a little bit over a year. I run three miles five days a week," said Jesus.

FEATURES

Voices from the past

Former publication students from a decade ago speak

Vlad Barrera, Madison Barrera
News/feature Editors

As we stay home, during this pandemic, life seems to be out of the ordinary. I reflect on what normal looks like, which was a few months ago. As many seniors are on the verge on graduating within a few months, we ponder as to what life really is outside, as a high school graduate of Bloomington High School. And so we asked several BHS alumnus and their experience in yearbook and newspaper.

Press: "Did life pan out like you thought it would?"

Kimberly Villafuerte (née Kimberly Carrillo 2009): "Life definitely did not turn out how I thought it would, but I definitely wouldn't change a thing. Life really is full of surprises."

Louise Carrillo (2010): "No, life definitely didn't turn out like I thought it would but it's been a journey with



While it's not the life I thought of, it's the person I am now because of it that I'm proud of."

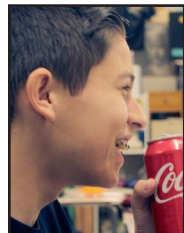
Iliana Chavez: (2009): "No, lol, and I am so glad it didn't. My mind wasn't ready to dream as big and believe in the world that I do now. But



I feel very blessed to be where I am. And life keeps on giving. I think having a life plan is a awesome and having goals is perfection! But life gives you loops and plot twist and as long as you do what you have to do heartedly I think you will figure it out along the way."

Milton Campos (2009): "Life did not turn out how I had essentially planned it. In High School, it's very easy to create milestones of our goals, but we forget that life sends you obstacles throughout the way. Overall, I am older and wiser and my priorities have changed. I am currently happy where I'm at and wherever life may take me."

Leo Zubiato (2019): "I'm not the type of person to plan out my life step by step. I believe it's better to have goals that one wants to achieve not set by a date because of the



pressure that it builds. So far, I am slowly and gradually reaching my own goals and I do know that the road there will not be a straight line."

Press: "Do you have any advice or incoming or older kids about life, or about the yearbook class?"

Kimberly Villafuerte: "Capture, enjoy, and share all the memories you can. Oh, and make room for cake."

Louise Carrillo: "Have fun! Be creative and don't be afraid to give your opinion or idea!"

Kimberly Carrillo: "Capture, enjoy, and share all the memories you can. Oh, and make room for cake."

Iliana Chavez: "Live in the moment. Use your platform and have a voice. You never get the time back. You're so lucky because you kind of get VIP access to it all. Build your network: yes sounds wild to say, But you will be surprised where half the people you interview now end up in 10 years! Your experiences are unique, your perspective is unique, use your voice, share the stories that speak to you. Write with passion, You can tell when there's passion."

Press: "If you could change one thing when you were

younger in Yearbook, what would it be?"

Louise Carrillo: "Besides the amount of stress Ms. D went through, I don't think I would change anything. Yearbook was the greatest period in school for me."

Iliana Chavez: "I wish I would have been more experimental. I think I was more worried about doing things "right" that sometimes I forgot to just be raw and live in the moment. I was a support/helper to ideas apposed to come up with my own. I think I thought my ideas were too unique to be relevant but now the more I share my experiences from then I realize how much value my experiences and voice would have impacted the narrative."

Milton Campos: "I wished I would have joined it sooner."

Leo Zubiato: "There were a lot of things that I would like to change, but even then I wouldn't change anything. It wouldn't affect me now, so I would leave them as they are as a reminder of who I was and what I was doing."

Press: "Why did you join the yearbook when you were in high school?"

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OPINIONS

The Pressure That makes diamonds

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Editors

We don't think anyone was expecting a virus to strike the last two years of high school.

Certainly, I wasn't. However, I do think people were expecting to challenge themselves once more for the coming school year. The Seniors last year left unsatisfied and defeated; will the rest of the student body meet a similar fate? The question has tormented the minds of many students of all grades and it's definitely giving counselors the pressure that makes diamonds.

"The reality is BHS is really subpar when it comes to informing people. They're clearly not used to sending emails or updating the website if the best place to get your news is through their Instagram page and a student-run news broadcast. Truth is, not many people actually follow the Bruin Instagram page and there isn't anymore Bruin news (BNN) since we can't go back to school, so naturally a lot of things are getting missed. Couple this with the counsellors giving automatic replies during break, and yeah... you've got a disaster," said Lenor Angeles.

A disaster, it was. Several messages from the Superintendent Frank Miranda, Principal Mr. Sandy Torres, and educational representatives fell on deaf ears as some students were unable to see their updated emails, or worse, emails that simply lacked

real communication.

"We are excited to welcome you back to the 2020-2021 school year. Bloomington High Schools Fall registration will start on July 24 through July 31st, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm."

Fall registration? What is fall registration? I later found out it meant that we should pick up our books. It alarmed parents because they thought they would have to register again.

Among many of those emails were the hollers and cries of many students with the foresight to ask for schedule changes, myself included.

"It's honestly stupid how counselors say they have changed your schedule but put something in completely different. They should just take their time with the schedules; I would rather have a schedule with no mistakes then get a schedule change with tons of mistakes," said Gabriela Herrera.

To be fair, as I found out, counselors do not work all summer. They also had massive school-wide schedule changes through no fault of their own. We're sure there's a story here, and we reached out to counselors, but as of this writing, we haven't received a response.

But that's not all, the constant confusion surrounding schedules and classes not only affected the students on a digital level, but on a physical level

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FEATURES

Be careful what you wish for

Students actually miss school and campus

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Imagine not going to school and not being "forced" to go out to places you didn't want to go to by your parents. That would be the dream of any teen. Well, at least the dream of any teen a couple months ago. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 it has left several teens wishing to be at school.

"Right now, the thing I miss most about school is getting to see my friends, and not having to be at home 24/7," said Daniel Perez.

"I miss seeing my friends, but also being in class with Mr. (Adam) Castro and Ms. Marcie (Zaroff) because of the laughs I had in there," said Jasmin Martinez.

With everyone being in quarantine, having to stay six feet apart and wearing a mask, everyone has to find a way to entertain themselves. Without being able to leave the house there is not much one can do; many people have started to try new things like drawing, reading, video games, working out, or painting. Desiree Pedroza has recently tried working out during quarantine.

"I work out for about 30 minutes and I do

this on a regular basis."

You would think going out during quarantine would be somewhat fun but in reality it is not; the streets are emptier than usual, stores are closed, you don't see kids playing outside, and the local stores are packed with people, there is a long line just to get toilet paper (if you can find any). Talking to friends might cure your boredom somewhat, but it might not. Some people might even get distant. Almost every school district is going to start online classes which too many kids might help pass time or cure boredom.

"I think the online classes probably will help with boredom but I don't know if students will want to do the work," said Brian Hernandez.

However, the online classes just did not work for others.

"I'm not going to online school. I've come to have no motivation for online classes since I like hands-on things that I can interact with others. The assignments aren't tough at all but it just feels like busy work. I do admit I feel guilty from not doing my assignments but I just can't help to get any motivation," said

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Old tricks...

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Kimberly Villafuerte: "I joined yearbook for the stories. I could write and I liked the people I got to work with in the class."

Louise Carrillo: "I love to read and write, yearbook offered both with editing and writing stories. Plus it felt cool to know that I would be part of something that people were going to pull out to look over years later."

Iliana Chavez: "I always wanted to join. I loved to write, talk to people, take photos and just make memories. I was basically the ideal candidate, no? I first helped with yearbook in my elementary school and I loved it! It was very different then. I wanted to be part of it in middle school but I was in band, so couldn't because of the time conflict (I think both classes were at the same time). In high school, I actually got squeezed into the class mid-semester. I actually had to walk in and ask Ms. D for permission. I still remember my excitement when she agreed and wrote me a note to get my schedule changed!! Yearbook class was definitely a highlight of my high school experience."

Milton Campos: "My high school best friend persuaded me to join it. At first I was hesitant, but with a charismatic teacher and friendly peers, yearbook became my favorite class."

Press: "How many years did you do yearbook?"

Kimberly Villafuerte: "Only did yearbook one year. Senior year. Wish I would have done it all throughout high school."

Louise Carillo: "Two years, my sophomore and junior year."

Iliana Chavez: "I spent around three or two and a half years. Somewhere in there I got in mid-semester."

Milton Campos: "I was in yearbook for two years, junior and senior year, and in yearbook I was everything. I enjoyed getting my feet wet in all facets of Yearbook. I even went to the extent of going to yearbook camp one summer."

Yearbook builds work ethic, it prepares us to work with others. Even during a pandemic, we're still working to produce a yearbook. If you would like to join Yearbook, you can contact Leticia Desrochers at leticia_desrochers@cjsud.net

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Diamonds Be careful wish

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as well. As a week before school started, the school offered drive-thru textbook, chromebook, and schedule pickups for students, allowing them to get the necessary materials for the school year. Although the school had good intentions with this approach, it fell on its face again.

"The textbook situation is a living nightmare. I live 30 minutes away from campus so I can't exactly just go on campus whenever I want. I did not get to change my schedule before getting my books, thus I ended up switching classes and not having the proper books to actually do a majority of my courses. Heck, I still have a pre-calculus book when I need an English and stats book. To top it all off, there's the issue of distributors actually giving you the wrong book or not having the book you want the day you're there! It's a mess," said Earianna Johnson.

That being said, with the way things are it's clear that students and teachers are in a rough spot. From campus closing, to internet problems, U.S. education was caught with its pants down. However, some students are hopeful things will get better.

Brandon Garcia, a senior living his final high school year, said, "We just need to be understanding and flexible with each other. The nation as a whole is in a rough patch so it's clear we are not the only ones suffering the effects of the virus. If we're kind, understanding, and courteous I guarantee everything will go back to normal."

Outsmarting...

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According to the CIF website, "Due to the need to move sports to non-traditional times of the year, the CIF is temporarily suspending Bylaws 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, and 605 for all sports for the 2020-21 school year. Accordingly, students will be allowed to participate on an outside team at the same time they participate on their high school team. As these guidelines change, CIF Sections may allow for athletic activity to potentially resume under the summer period rules of the local Section." Good news, if you are involved in travel clubs, you can play both high school and club at the same time. Bad news, even club teams are not playing.

Currently, football, cross country, volleyball and cheer are scheduled to start in December. All other sports are scheduled to start in March.

"I don't think there is going to be CIF for track this school year. I think schools would want to keep their athletes safe rather than expose them to COVID," said track runner Jose Ceja.

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Eduardo Garcia.

Luca Carballo managed to find a few things to do.

"Ever since COVID-19 all I have done is eaten food, watched TV, played FIFA, and gone to the park to play basketball. The park was full of people even when it shouldn't have been. It was really frustrating, like let me play basketball without people being near me," said Luca.

Band member Ivan Garcia was glad band's New Year's Eve trip to London wasn't canceled like so many other events.

"Right now, I mainly play video games or do chores my parents tell me to do. I miss band because it's where I get to see some of my best friends. Band was full of so many funny and great memories. Much like high school, I know that I will never be able to experience these memories again," said Ivan.

And there is always those who can see the bright spot in any pandemic.

"I feel sad and happy because I miss my friends and teachers but happy because I can relax all day doing nothing," said Miguel Cano.



Happier Times

Obviously, a pre-COVID get together. Seniors gather for the tradition panorama photo on Nov. 21. Due to bad weather, the panorama was done inside the gym. S-Isabel Enriquez; E-Aisha Campos; N-Ruby Ortiz I-Evelyn Harbor; O-Frank Urbina; R-Valeria Ramirez-Pena; S-Manuel Lievanos. "My favorite part of high school was participating in the rallies when I was still in cheer. Now I enjoy being in auto shop because of the love I have for cars," said Ruby Ortiz.

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First day

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Miranda Pozos said, "I had difficulties connecting to the internet; my chemistry class was added late so that kind of sucked and I was confused. I was kind of sad because I was looking forward to going back to school to see my friends."

Just trying to find a quiet spot for classes was a struggle for some. Zoe Del Manzano said, "I was both a babysitter, teacher and student. It is difficult to keep a four-year old focused in class and to keep up with my own class work. Now all I wish for is to go back to school and leave the teaching to the professionals."

Xochitl Martinez said, "I have a desk in my room where I do my work. I do experience issues with online learning. Sometimes my Wi-Fi acts weird and it takes a while to load certain pages. Other times, I don't completely understand the lesson. I'm also very easily distracted and I have a hard time concentrating especially in a home environment."

"My first day of school could have been better, but it was fine. The only complication that I had was trying to log into the virtual meetings. I prefer the first day of school being on campus because the virtual meetings were kind of complicated for the first day. Meeting the teachers for the first time was weird

because I couldn't really interact with them through a screen. My learning environment is in the kitchen. It is a quiet place to learn but I do get distracted easily, like by my phone and the TV," said Nataly Naranjo.

The first day of school wasn't much fun for teachers either.

"There were many issues: essentially, anything that needed to be distributed, i.e., books, took much longer than usual to get to the hands of students. Many students did not log on, possibly owing to technical difficulties on their end," said Mr. Jesse Guiles, English teacher.

Added Ms. Elizabeth Morlock, math department chair, "I had never done actual school online like this (it was so much different than last year). I was worried about people not showing up to class. I was also really incredibly sad because I love teaching and I love being around my students and I was so upset that I wasn't going to be able to build relationships with you the way that I've been able to in the past. I was really anxious and sad because I hate the way things have to be right now."

To make matters worse, there were hundreds of kids who got unexpected schedule changes when an English and a social

Embarrassing moments in the age of COVID-19

In the age of COVID-19 and masks, there are bound to be some oopies.

"Dude you have it on wrong... well there's no sign on how to use it," said Anthony Reyes, a senior who mistakenly wore the mask on backwards. The masks have no instructions on how it's to be worn, and this may cause individuals to put it on incorrectly. People tend to put them upside down, backwards, and inside out at times because of this lack of instructions.

Other embarrassing moments:

"One day my mom and I went out to eat hamburgers and I had forgotten that I was wearing a mask, when I went in to bite the hamburger, my mask got covered with ketchup and mustard," said Yuritz Gonzalez.

"I forgot I had my mask on and I tried to eat pizza and got it all over my mask, said Angel Pineda.

Samantha Esquivel did something that we all have done. "I forgot my mask at home the day we were supposed to pick up our books so I had to use my jackets hood."

science teacher were not hired and their classes were closed. Add this to the normal changing of classes and confusion ensued. Andrea Zermeno was one of those students.

"Yes, this was the worst part of starting school. I had my schedule changed about five times."

"When I first got my schedule I did not have economics class which did not complete my graduation requirements, so I had to constantly email my counselor until I finally got moved into Mr. Moses' economics class. I thought virtual learning would be easy, but I realized it was much

harder than anticipated. So I changed my pre-calc class to a home period to help with my anxiety and stress," said Nylah Gordon.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for kids and teachers on the first day of school. There were some bright spots along the way.

"On the first day I had no issues. I liked all my teachers and classes. I was excited I actually got ready and had my camera on for each class because I wanted to show off my outfit even if we weren't face to face. I kept a positive attitude and I was mainly happy to start senior year finally," said Earrianna Johnson.

Finally, Some control in the Senior photos 2021

We finally have a plan in place for the taking of your 2021 Senior Photos. In order to create a situation that you are most comfortable with in this time of COVID, we are offering you THREE ways to have your senior photo taken and sent to the 2021 Bruin Yearbook.

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- Look for the Lifetouch/Prestige email and postcard.
- Schedule an appointment with Lifetouch Studios/Prestige.
- Log into the Lifetouch/Prestige portal at go.lifetouch.com
- Follow the directions for setting up an appointment.
- Currently, Lifetouch has the Ontario studio open. But if you want the full experience of a once in a lifetime photo opportunity, this is your option. Background changes, props, clothing changes will only be offered at the studio. Cap and gown will be offered at the studio and at BHS.
- A sitting fee will be charged either at the time of setting up the appointment or when you arrive at the studio. Sitting fees range from \$25-\$45 depending on the package you select. For this year only, you may select ANY photo taken at the studio as your yearbook photo.

**Due to COVID, space is extremely limited. Please do not miss your appointment. You might not get a chance to re-schedule before the deadline.

Last day for an appointment is: Oct. 10, 2020.

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- Schedule an appointment to take your photo at BHS in the MPR building.
- Email Ms. Desrochers at: leticia_desrochers@cjsud.net to set up a time and date. She will also be sending out a web link to speak to her in person if necessary. Walk-ins will not be accepted.
- Dates are: **Oct. 1, Oct. 2 and Oct. 5 from 2:00 pm to 9pm** at this time.
- This is an extremely limited option.
- Safety measures like wearing masks and social distancing will be observed.
- No, you do not have to wear your mask for the actual photo.
- Lifetouch will have safety measures in place including disinfecting surfaces and hand sanitizer.
- This is a SENIOR ONLY portrait. Different backgrounds or props cannot be offered at this time. If you chose, you can elect to take a photo with a cap and gown.
- If you choose a cap and gown portrait, you will not be able to take another photo in another outfit.
- Lifetouch will have suit jackets, ties, dress shirts, drapes, and cap and gown available for anyone who wants to borrow such items for your photo. Every item will be sanitized after use.
- Appointments will be set for every 15 minutes. Please, do not be late OR miss your appointment. We cannot guarantee another slot will open.
- There will be a \$20 sitting fee to be paid by check, cash or credit card at time of appointment.

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- For this year only, students may submit their own photo to the app [YEARBOOK SNAP](#). The app is free. Our code is: [bruin2021](#). Please make sure you include your official FIRST AND LAST NAME and school email and submit in the [PORTRAIT](#) category.
- Iphone, Android cell phone photos will be welcomed but must be set on the highest quality.
- Only high quality JPEG photos will be accepted; screenshots, photos off of Instagram or other communication platforms will not be allowed. Filters will not be allowed. Inappropriate backgrounds will not be allowed.
- There will be a dress code. No baseball hats, sunglasses, spaghetti straps, shorts, tee-shirts, graphic tee-shirts, tube tops, muscle shirts, tank tops will be allowed. For a full list, see your email regarding what you can and cannot wear.
- **Yearbook editorial staff reserves the right to refuse to include any photo that is offensive or inappropriate for the school setting.**
- Your photo must be submitted to YEARBOOK SNAP by Oct. 10.



These are some acceptable poses and ideas for your submission.

** Please watch your emails for updates and last minute information
Questions? Email:

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Summer school stress

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in March, like technical issues, broken chromebooks, Wi-Fi crashes, slow Internet, or trouble logging into Google Classroom.

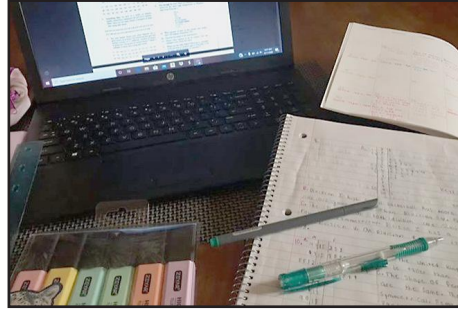
"Not going to lie, I had trouble with some of it because some assignments got locked out of nowhere. Mrs. (Patricia) Gonzalez helped me out a lot. She helped me pass her class when I probably shouldn't have. I would have picked physical school because it's harder to get distracted and your teachers kind of pace you instead of having to do it yourself. I took English 3 at BHS. My advice is not to fall behind in class and get your stuff done on time no matter what cause then it'll get worse for you," said Castillo-Coronel who did both Options and BHS summer school.

"The main concern was just organization and communication. They changed my teachers six times before I even started. There was no official meeting with the teacher and your teacher didn't email you and say, 'Ok it's the first day get started.' You kind of had to figure that out on your own," said Earianna Johnson.

Online summer school was certainly not for everyone; there were those who did not finish their course for any number of reasons, including time management or not having access to a teacher. According to Mrs. Mack, at least one-third who started Options or Method did not finish. "They don't expect the workload and they weren't prepared to do so

many hours online," Mack stated.

"I took food and nutrition and driver's ed. through Options. The easiest part was the homework they gave. It had a video for all of them which had all the answers for the worksheets they gave us.



The teacher was very nice and helpful, but we only met twice a week. The hard part was all the worksheets/units I had to get done in two weeks, which is why I wasn't able to pass them both," said Evelin Vazquez-Dias.

"Honestly I just procrastinated too much and got pretty lazy so I didn't finish.. If they (other students) stay on top of their work, unlike me, then, yes, for sure I'd recommend Options. I did it the summer after freshman year and it was really easy and self-paced," said Denise Iracheta.

"The easiest part was when we had the staff from Options help us complete our registrations. The hardest part was that everything was online and that there wasn't much explaining in the sub-

jects that I needed help with. I didn't complete the program because I needed to be one on one with a teacher to understand the subject that I needed help with which was math. So, I decided to keep the math until we got back to school and actually have a teacher explain the lesson," said Elizabeth Abdel.

Not only was time a factor, but sometimes life just got in the way...which could happen during traditional physical summer school.

"I took econ and government, but I didn't finish because I had an emergency trip to Modesto, which is five hours away so I left without a thought. I couldn't take a whole computer over there so it (school work) backed me up. I had a lot of piled up homework and it was way too much for me to catch back up afterwards," said Michelle Barajas.

Then there were those who did well. No computer issues, no time management issues; they just got down to business.

"The thing that was good about Method online summer school was it was self-paced, meaning we would get assignments and we could manage our time so we could finish the assignments whenever we had liked too. In all, the experience was very good and we did have plenty of time to complete our assignments. I did finish my course one day before our school started and I would definitely do this option again if needed. I took two semesters of PE," said Navneet Kaur.

Clothes impose

We get it, so far your senior year has been CHAOTIC. So let's embrace the chaos a little bit with your senior photos. SENIORS, you can choose your own clothing and backgrounds (different backgrounds are for studio appointments only) for your YEARBOOK picture. This applies ONLY for the 2020-2021 school year. And of course, we must have some CONTROL in this CHAOS so there are some things you cannot wear. Get your outfit together now. **SENIOR photo information will be announced very soon.**

Students may wear:

- Tux
- Suit and tie
- Dress shirt and tie
- Dress shirt
- Official dress blues ROTC uniform
- Sweater
- Vest
- Blouse
- Dress
- Black drape
- Hats, only if they are stylish and appropriate (like a fedora)
- Cap and gown

Lifetouch will provide certain items for a more professional look for students who may not have formal or business attire:

- Tux (top only)
- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Jacket
- Drape
- Cap and gown

What students CANNOT wear for their photo:

- Tee-shirts, muscle shirts, tank top, graphic tee-shirts
- Spaghetti straps
- Bra straps showing
- Too much cleavage or other inappropriate body parts showing
- Baseball hats, beanies
- Sunglasses
- Tube tops
- Excessive makeup
- If possible, please cover tattoos if they will show in photo
- No gang affiliated attire
- Bandanas
- Team jerseys

Remember, this is your SENIOR PHOTO, something your children and grandchildren will see when you're old.

CAP and GOWN photos can be taken at the BHS site, however another change of clothes cannot be done. For more options, you will need to schedule an appointment at the Lifetouch/Prestige studios. **More information to follow.**

**** Important: If you want an appointment for your photo to be taken at the BHS campus, you must contact Ms. Desrochers at: Leticia_desrochers@cjusd.net. **More information to follow.**

We reserve the right to reject any senior photo submitted that may be inappropriate for the school setting.

Getting ready for your SENIOR photo? Check out the do's and don'ts of dress here