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## A Middle School Reflection

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Grade 8

Middle school is one of the most chaotic periods of development for students. These are the years where students begin to understand and find out who they are and what they're capable of. This year's 8th graders have never lived through the "normal" middle school life. COVID affected all of our lives, but we 8th-grade students question what having a normal middle school life might have been like.

As 6th graders, we were all learning the new school, new people, and trying to find a place to fit in. Covid 19 hit us right when we were finally getting comfortable with one another. Not only did that affect us physically, but emotionally as well. Most of us worried about what school would be like at home, and it took us a while to get used to the new procedures, but it worked out.

Some of us were excited to be at home instead of being in person. We were warned that we would be off school for about two weeks. Those two weeks turned into multiple weeks, and then months, and then.... our first middle school year was over. After a while, many of us got tired and bored of being at home and wished that we could finally go back to our school.

Most of us expected to go to school full time in our 7th-grade year, and it would be all normal, but..... nope. That is not what happened. It got more confusing. Students were split into two cohorts and weren't able to see all their friends like they wished, due to the covid safety standards. Many students were afraid and cautious about what could happen to their families and themselves. Trying to balance our homework while being worried about what could happen to our friends or relatives, really affected the way we behaved.

Everything that happened, affected our behaviors as students and made us forget how to act in general. We constantly misbehaved through the halls and disrespected not only the teachers but our classmates and friends as well. All this pressure that was on our shoulders from doing work online and then switching our learning environment constantly, made us stressed and doubtful of ourselves. Some of us found no point in doing anything and giving up was our easiest option.

We now know that we are very strong students who got to live through this very interesting life event. The obstacles that we came across have made us learn many skills needed for our future life. Now that this school year is almost coming to an end, we want to thank our teachers and staff for being by our side when we were struggling. We appreciate all that you have done. Hopefully, just maybe, we might have a normal head start on our high school career that's coming up soon.

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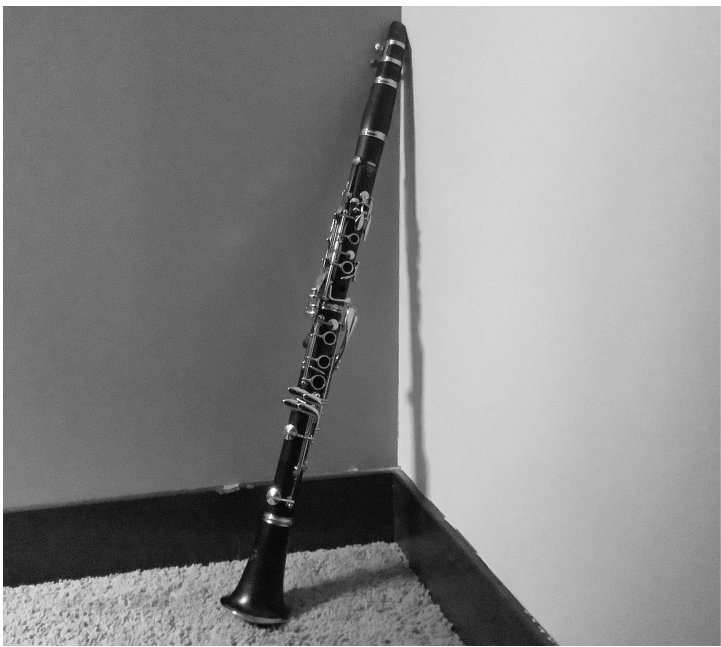
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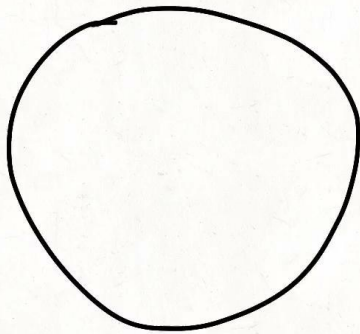
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