

1. SIGN OF THE TIMES. Following the closure of all Colorado schools, the LHS marquis displays a message of calm and hope. During the turbulent times of the school closure, the faculty at Littleton put forth immense effort support students in creative ways, from the message on the marquis to daily positive videos sent to students' inboxes. *photo by Holly Rossman*

2. GROCERY STORE PANIC. Shelves at King Soopers sit empty amidst widespread panic when the virus first arrived in Colorado. Around the country, people began to buy massive amounts of toilet paper, masks, hand sanitizer, and food. *photo by Alexa Rapp*

3. EMPTY HALLWAYS. Ilena Smith (10) walks away from her locker after retrieving her belongings after it was announced that a return to the building was unclear due to the outbreak. Smith explained, "It was strange to see the halls so empty, it almost didn't feel real. I was sad; it made me realize that school is more important to me than I thought." *photo by Ivy Secrest*

4. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. A sign on highway 285 advertises avoiding unnecessary travel to prevent the spread of the virus. While outdoor recreation was still permitted, governor Polis urged Coloradans to avoid driving to small, vulnerable mountain towns and stay at home to exercise. *photo by Holly Rossman*



A NEW NORMAL

how the COVID-19 outbreak impacted our daily lives

If a senior like Ethan Hanson was asked at the beginning of the year to predict what the year would have held, a likely answer would have included enjoying his last sport seasons in high school, spending time with old friends before scattering around the country for college, and finally getting a turn to get involved with senior traditions that he had looked forward to for four years. Instead, Hanson, along with students around the country, spent the weeks following spring break at home, doing schoolwork online and staying home to slow the spread of COVID-19. "It's really sad," shared Hanson, a varsity lacrosse player. "I always had an image of what my senior season would look like, or what capstone newspaper stories I might write in the last few months, or just saying goodbye at graduation, grad parties, that whole start of summer celebration." But for Hanson and his classmates, those milestones never came; it was announced on April 3rd that in-person classes would not be resuming for the remainder of the semester, following an extended two week spring break and a week of online classes. Many students, seniors and underclassmen alike, found this news extremely disappointing. Junior Sofia Wasson shared, "I was really sad

because I won't be able to say goodbye to my senior friends before they leave."

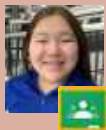
Amidst the sadness and disappointment, students were forced into a time of confusion and new normals. Stay-at-home orders were issued, preventing them from seeing their friends, and the CDC asked that people practice social distancing - maintaining a distance of six feet from one another. In a time when students needed each other the most, they were unable to be together. Not only were seniors accepting the loss of their final few weeks of childhood, but many also mourned the loss of a close friend. "Losing a friend is already such a hard experience," shared Zada Edgerly (12). "The current situation with the virus made it so much harder because the only way to really make yourself feel better is to be surrounded by people who loved them as well, and not being able to do that definitely made the healing process harder." Despite the challenges of grief, the Littleton community found ways to become unified and support one another as they always had.



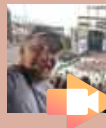
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MAKING THIS WORK

learning to navigate our new remote reality in an academic setting



GOOGLE CLASSROOM
 "Using Google Classroom has made me appreciate learning in class. I prefer interacting while learning, so it's nice for assignments but it's not everything."
DANIELLE AMMONS (10)



SCREENCASTIFY
 "Distance learning is not ideal. I think students are more engaged in the classroom. Screencastify allows me to give better instructions than just written clues."
MIKE MONTGOMERY, SCIENCE TEACHER



GOOGLE HANGOUTS
 "I like being able to catch up with my teachers on Hangout and it's nice being able to see them face to face."
TOWNES UHL (10)



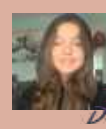
SMARTMUSIC
 "SmartMusic is pretty cool, we can all learn a piece and record it then put it together with everyone as if we were all there playing together."
ELIJAH HOFFMAN (11)



PLATFORM
 "It is difficult adapting to the new way of class, in addition to just working out in general. It's strange finding workouts instead of just going to the gym and sticking to the stuff I know."
WILL SCHUSTER (12)



ART CLASSES
 "I had more time to focus on my art, and made progress on my own. I work well like this and can get feedback via google classroom. However it's hard because I don't have all my materials at home."
GAIA WILLIAMS (12)



STEM CLASSES
 "Design Tech being online is super duper awesome. We do all our CAD and objectives at home. It has made me think how lucky we are to have the resources we do and how grateful I am to be a Littleton lion."
ELISKA MARTINEZ (12)

COMPARING PERSPECTIVES

how did the school closure affect students?



"I feel like I'm missing out on part of my freshman year, which was important because I could learn more about the school and what I can join and do. I also don't get to see my senior friends, it's their last year while I still have three. It's the worst for them, especially my senior band friends."
ELIZABETH DOTY (9)



"It's been very disappointing, because I've been looking forward to many of the things that got canceled. It's important we self isolate to not make the situation worse. I think if we are saving lives it's worth it. It's hard for all people to be kept from their friends no matter the grade they're in, but underclassmen have so much to look forward to."
SAMUEL TISCHMAN (12)

SOCIAL DISTANCE STYLIN'

students show off their dresses for their canceled prom



"I was looking forward to going to the dance with my best friend and getting all dressed up with everyone."
SARAH COLEMAN (11)



"Prom was going to be really fun this year, and I'm sad it had to get canceled. I can't wait to do it again senior year."
BELLA CARLSON (11)

AP'S PLAN B

AP junior Linus Anselmi reacts to the new online format of AP exams that took place amidst the pandemic

"The big change with the AP exams this year is that the test is only going to cover what we learned through March, and it's only going to be free response questions. Personally, I'm extremely bummed about it but it's generous of them to make the test easier by shortening it for students going through this difficult time."

CLASS OF COVID-19

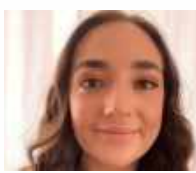
seniors express their frustrations with canceled events



STEVE ROJAS, PERFORMING ARTS
 "During the fall, our marching band state competition got canceled due to the snowfall, and now with the outbreak, our trip to Europe and our last two concerts have been canceled as well. Losing state was pretty heartbreaking for us seniors, but we were able to make up for it with an incredible send-off show. We're also planning on doing a virtual spring performance, but we can't really make up for the trip. It holds us together knowing Mr. Emmons is doing all he can for us."



DONOVAN MARSHALL, SPORTS
 "I feel really bummed out that I won't get to run track and field anymore with a team. It is disappointing that all of my pre-season work was for nothing. I still will train, and find motivation to keep running even though I won't get to race. This has changed my mindset because I can still find use of my talent and experience of being on the team for my future professions."



HANNAH WOOD, IB
 "I'm disappointed that I won't be taking a majority of the tests that I have worked hard to study for. In some ways it feels incomplete and like a lack of a great cathartic moment when I would finally be done with exams. I know that I'm not the only person struggling and it's all a part of a greater cause. It's more important to keep everyone safe. But it's difficult to imagine a senior year without these milestones."



AMELIA SACCO, CLUBS
 "Our FBLA state conference got canceled. It was going to be at the Gaylord, and we all had a chance to present or take a test we had spent months preparing for. It's especially sad for me because I'm the president of the club, so I didn't get my last state that I would have attended as the president. We would have killed it at state, we just worked so hard to get there."

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