

# 060 **Plucky**

having or showing determined courage in the face of difficulties

## Feeling **Fall**

### *The Changing of the Seasons.*

Many students cancel or adjust their plans for fall activities due to the pandemic. Fall is normally a time to jump in leaves and get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle with friends and family, but some felt that fall was more cold and closed off than other years. With limited contact, **Anna Brenneman - 24** elaborated, "Fall feels more secluded than normal. Generally, I have a group of friends or a close knit community where I spend Halloween or Thanksgiving with, but recently I have felt more cut off from those opportunities and people." Despite the limitations, there were some students, like **Kelton Ayers - 23**, that didn't let the restrictions ruin their fall. He explained, "COVID has made the fall a bit more difficult, but it will not stop my friends and I from enjoying each others company." Also attempting to look on the bright side, **Makaela Eberling - 23** explained, "Fall is usually my favorite season and it still is, it just feels not as warm because I haven't seen my friends and extended family."



Hope Cracknell - 24



## Smartie Pants

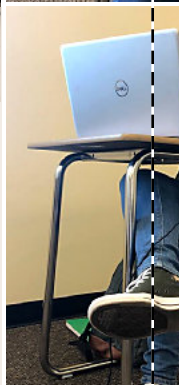


Most students take the PSAT, but scoring high has its perks. Recognized as a commended student, **Kate Giblin - 21** scored in the top three to four percent on the PSAT. She recollected, "When I learned that I had earned this recognition, I was proud of myself because I knew I worked really hard for it." Similarly, **Gage Schacher - 21** scored in the top one percent on the NMSQT-PSAT, meaning he was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He said, "I felt some relief that I actually knew for certain that I qualified, especially considering the semi-finalists for nearly every other state were already released."



## SLOW STUDYING

**Not so Fast.** With all that's been going on, it's hardly a surprise when slow internet is added to the list. Having participated in hybrid learning, **Grace Beck** and **Maddie Leyba - 23** both experienced Wi-Fi troubles. Maddie described, "There are six of us working in the same house with the same Wi-Fi, so sometimes it'll go down and you can't really get anything done. It's not our fault, but it's annoying sometimes because there will be teachers who will not realize the problem because you can't get in contact with them and they will mark you absent or they will do something with the assignment, mark it late or missing."





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# Credit Hours



**Stressful Situation.** With the quarter coming to a close, students reflect on the unpredictable year. **Allie Kirkpatrick** and **Helen Stegner - 23**, who took college US History, experienced hybrid learning their first quarter. Helen elaborated, "It's hard and it's stressful because it is a little bit different from our normal classes. You can't communicate with the teachers as easily because they are not high school teachers, but it's good. It's easier than I thought it was going to be." Adding on Helen said, "When the quarter ends, our section of the class ends, so we're taking a final at the end of this quarter, so it's super stressful." As the year passes by, **Brendan Stonecypher - 22** detailed how wild the school year



has been, "It feels like school just started, and it's already been a semester at the same time, so I'm feeling a little frazzled with the inner clock shift, but I'm adjusting." Similar to Brendan, **Hannah Rivera - 22** felt the school year zooming by. She explained, "I feel nervous with the first quarter about to end because that means I am a fourth done with my junior year, and that is scary."

# In My Bubble



**Big Move.** Teacher's desks have been uprooted from their classrooms and put in the commons. The moved desks allowed teachers to "see all your peers and students when they pass around you during your plan, whereas they were confined to their classrooms, and you may only see them in the teachers lounge or clubs," **Mr. Hartmann** remarked. Looking at the positives, **Mrs. Mitchell** commented, "I actually don't mind having my desk in the commons at all. It doesn't feel any different than in my classroom. It still feels like home to me every time I come here. I currently have A block off, so I'm not at my desk very often." However, **Mr. Ketcham** shared a different view, "The whole situation feels less personal because we don't have that opportunity to meet with students and talk to them in the same way we would normally."



Sept. 21  
Oct. 4

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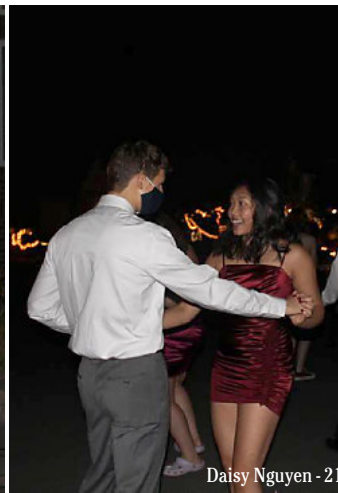
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## Zealous

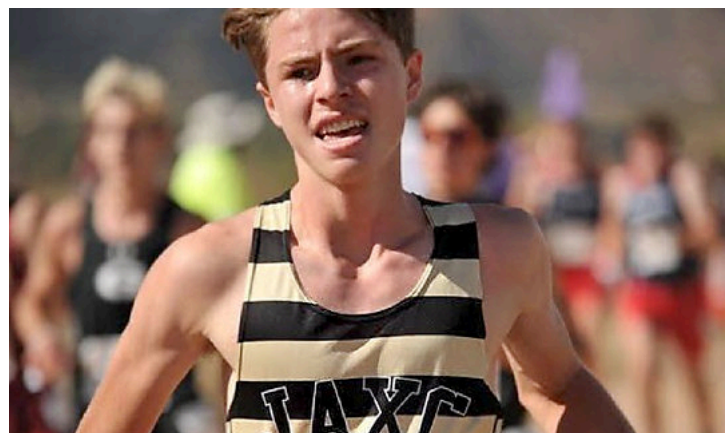
having or showing great energy or enthusiasm

### Senior Soirée

**Time to Boogie.** Unwilling to miss another dance, many seniors decide to get together and host their own homecoming. Twinkly lights, street lamps, and the moonlight illuminated the make-shift cul-de-sac dance floor. **John Stegner** and his band played the music for the beginning of the dance and got many dancing. The nostalgia was strong for **Aaron Strauber** when he danced beside his classmates of 12 years for the first time in over a year.



Daisy Nguyen - 21

Hunter Johnson - 21  
Logan Hanley - 21

## The Last Mile

Running at the State XC meet is considered a big deal, no matter if it is the first or fourth time. The meet is the highest form of competition in the state, and the course is extremely difficult. For the runners competing at this meet for the first time, like **Sean Beasley - 24** and **Seth Nuncio-Cagle - 23**, the course felt intimidating with its many inclines and rolling hills. For experienced runners, like **Jacob Crookston - 21**, who know how the course feels, the goal is to run strong and try to set a course personal record. As **Maya Ross - 24** led the girls team to their highest placement at state, ninth, it was also the first time she got to run at the state meet. She commented, "The course was brutal and had so many dips and turns. It was also really hard on corners because everyone is either cutting you off or pushing you to the side." Maya also shared that so many people helped her in her first season, including "the coaches and my teammates! But one person who honestly I can't thank enough is Jocey. She is such a great captain to all of us and I would never be where I am today without her."







Sarah Risma - 21



Reagan Hawk - 21  
Jessica Beck - 21

# A PIGMENT of imagination



During the first quarter, students in the graphic design art class learn a lot on their own. **Avery Linton - 23** said, "I really learned how to create beautiful, simple art using inspiration from my house and neighborhood." **Matthew Vandyke - 23** added, "I feel like I'm teaching myself lessons."



## F.O.C.O.

Homecoming is a school activity that many look forward to every year. Because the normal school wide Homecoming got canceled, many students decided to host their own replacement dance. **Kate Runyon** posed with with **Helen Stegner - 23** showing off their dresses. Helen explained, "My friends and I took pictures and got dinner. I definitely missed the big group of people." **Daisy Kramer - 22** also got with her friends like **Gianna Niccolai** and **Teia Pelletier - 22** and commented, "I will always remember this 'Homecoming' because of the strange year I've had already," as she posed on her balcony with her sister, **Kate Kramer - 23**.

Oct. 5  
Oct. 18



# 064 **Tran·scend·ent**

beyond the scope of normal  
human experience

## Horror At Home

**A Howlin' Good Time.** Even with quieter streets and almost no trick or treating, students make the best of their Halloween night and don't let the pandemic dim their spirit. By dressing up and spending the night with friends, **Hunter Hogsett, Tatum Boyles, Jacob Mullane, and Dani Jaramillo - 22** celebrated the spooky spirit of Halloween. For **Elise Lien, Addie Grip, Sophie Renner, Tessa Stadler, Sofia Hiller, and Carolyn Ennis - 23**, the night was celebrated together at Sophie's house. Sofia exclaimed, "We just listened to music, talked, played games, and watched movies." **Amiah Chavez and Marin McCarty - 23** also spent the holiday together. Amiah stated, "It was super fun because I got to see Marin, and we haven't really been able to hang out as much because of all the restrictions." Also spending the night with friends, **Kaiya Vierra - 21** dressed up as a "steam punk version of the Mad Hatter" and watched scary movies. Kaiya explained, "I've been obsessed with the steam punk aesthetic and I've been wanting to do an industrial look. My friend and I have been planning this costume since June. Even though we didn't get to go anywhere, I still enjoyed putting the look together."

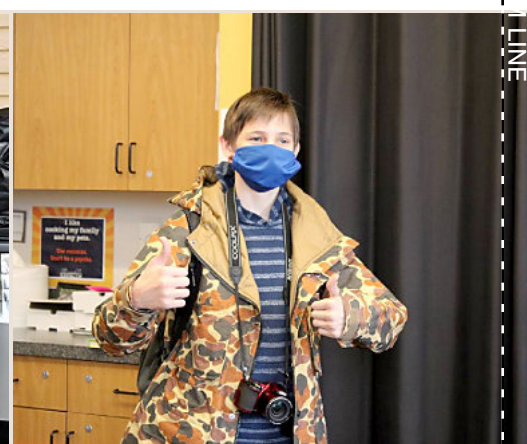


Beau Narum - 22

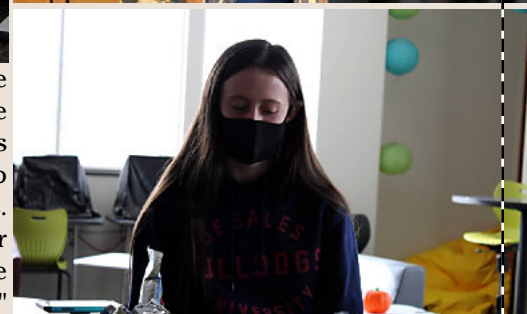


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## BOOKS AND BROS



**Always Book on the Bright Side of Life.** SLAB's read-in provides students the opportunity to kick back, relax, and read with the company of others. The club's sponsor and school librarian, **Mrs. Buechner** watched over as participants arrived to read. Meanwhile, **Kennedy Cowles - 21** and **Andy Adams - 23** showed up to sit and enjoy the comforting environment to read their books. **Jessie Schaffer - 24** commented, "I liked being able to see and talk to other people from school that I haven't seen in a while because of COVID. It was the first school event I'd gone to since quarantine pretty much."





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# On a Different Note

With all the different music platforms available like Pandora and Apple Music, **Caleb Floyd - 22** prefers Spotify because it is free. Caleb listens to country, which is his favorite genre of music, most often during classes on Zoom. Regarding new music releases, he enjoyed Luke Combs album *What You See Ain't Always What You Get*, specifically the song *Forever After All*.

Spotify is a favorite among many students, but for **Sasha Pereskokova - 21** she also uses YouTube to find more funky songs. Sasha listens to music mainly late at night from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. and likes international music, which includes German, Russian, and French rap. She also enjoys the artist Dated because of all the scary melodies in their music.

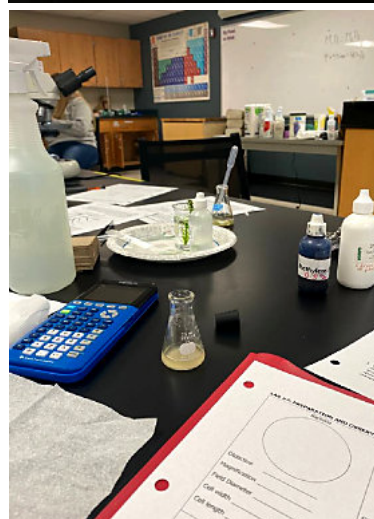
Like many students, **Judah Weir - 23** says that music assists him while completing his school work. His favorite type of music to listen to while doing school is "cello music because it makes me write super fast." To get hyped up and gain energy, Judah said he plays rap music when working out and even has a playlist called *Big Booty* that he plays on leg day. On the other hand, he listens to "chill music with my sister and with my brothers it's way more crazy music."



Mr. Kirkley



Grace St. John - 21



## Scientific Phenomena

**Lab Rats.** With the Bio 1 college course being one of the only college classes that meet in person, students work on completing a lab at Front Range Community College. For **Katie McAnally - 22** and many others in her class, "the labs are much more effective in person and also more fun to do," she commented. "It is really confusing trying to understand the instructions and results without a teacher there with you. It's not [Mr. Kirkley's] fault, but the circumstances with COVID and all just make it difficult," Katie added. For Katie's lab partner **Aanya Thapa - 22**, she found the labs as a way to get to see her friends again, something she missed as a remote student. "We have had funny moments in class where we will look at each other and mouth words like we would in regular class settings and then realize that we can't do that because our masks are in the way," Aanya noted.

Oct. 19  
Nov. 1

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