

ONE WAY ALL DAY

Life takes a new path as directional hallways arise

Written by Ava Booth

To try and prevent the spread of Covid, precautions were put in place to limit student interaction. One strategy was to make one way hallways and single direction stairs. "It can be inconvenient but I don't mind it. It would sometimes be easier to go up a down staircase or down an up staircase," Kaya Senderack (7) said. *Photo by Ava Booth*



NEVER FORGET

The day America stood still

Written by Sarah Breed and Lizzie Homer

As we remember the fateful day of 9/11, Health and PE teacher, Mr. Ryan Morken, reflects on how that day impacted him 19 years ago. "I remember in 2001, I had lived in Colorado for about a year and I was on my way to work. The radio came on while I was driving on I-25 at 10 am, I just sat there stunned at what was happening. I got to work and the first thing everyone did was turn on the TV and watch the news. Live on TV, you could see people jumping from the buildings because they were on fire, and the first responders were there trying to help. It was all over the TV for days," Ryan Morken said. *Photo courtesy of Medium.com*



IT'S A SNAPSHOT

SMILE! SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Written by Lizzie Homer

"Picture day was different this year because last year, the whole seventh grade got their pictures taken at the same time, but this year there were only two advisement classes. The lines went way faster this year and your picture was taken really fast, and you got your ID really fast. Plus, the lines would take up like half the gym because we had to social distance. You also had to wear a mask up until you got your picture taken, which was really weird. Every year when I would get my photo taken, the photo people would always tell you to do this and that and you always feel awkward, but this year they didn't. They were definitely a distance away because of everything that is going on. They also didn't physically get any closer than 6 feet, and it was definitely something different."

Caroline Ashworth (8)



1. CAPTURE THE MOMENT After one last glance in the mirror to prepare for ID photos, Caroline Ashworth (8) is ready for her close-up, Sept. 2. "When we were taking our pictures, the photographer was farther away this year compared to other years, and they weren't all up in our face. Plus we had to put our masks away because they didn't want them in the photo. It was definitely weird and very different," Ashworth said. *Photo by Lizzie Homer*

2. SAY CHEESE With ID in hand, Caroline Ashworth (8) peeks at this year's photo, Sept. 2. "The pictures were taken really fast and you got your ID really fast, almost like last year. I was really nervous when I was about to get my ID because I was afraid that it was gonna turn out really bad, but it turned out decent, and I was satisfied with it," Ashworth said. *Photo by Lizzie Homer*

3. MEMORIES IN A SNAP Socially distant from the other students with a mask on, Rylee Reichard (7) prepares for her photo, Sept. 2. "This year was different because you had to stay six feet apart and wear a mask until it was your turn to take the photo. I was unprepared to take a picture, so it did not look too good, but it was weird to take my mask off and then smile," Reichard said. *Photo by Lizzie Homer*

4. FRAME YOUR LIFE In line, Tessa Ivy (8) prepares to quickly grab her ID and go back to class, Sept. 2. "We had to wear masks until we actually got the picture taken. There were dots on the ground you would stand on six feet apart and the line was a lot longer and took more time. But once you got your ID you had to go straight back to class," Ivy said. *Photo by Lizzie Homer*

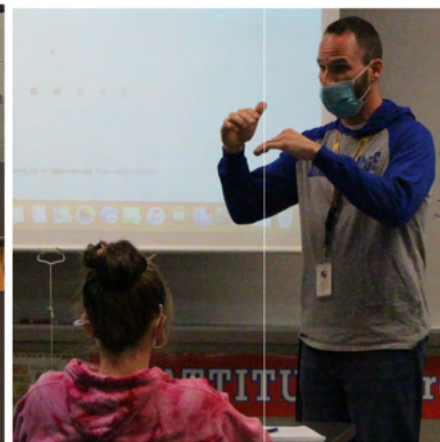


SMALLER CLASS BIGGER PLANS

Working your way through a pandemic.

Written by Ava Booth, Taylor Graham, and Alexandra Zents

Teaching with the new schedule can cause a different experience. There are many pros and cons to the new learning schedule for a teacher. "For hybrid learning, it seems to add a little bit more difficulty; making sure we have enough work for people to be doing at home, and then we have our in-person class as well, so it's kind of doing twice as much in a longer time. I do like having the smaller classes, I think it's nice to build relationships with students with smaller groups rather than everyone at once. I get to have those one-on-one conversations a little bit more in 50 minutes." Mr. Eric Sonnentag, Gawain science teacher, said. *Photos by Ava Booth and Sadie Canaday.*



**Meaningful
Adaptable
Smart
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Safe** A frustrating way to stay safe.

Written by Taylor Graham

The use of masks is one of the new COVID-19 procedures to keep us safe. "I feel that going to a new school means you are in a new environment, so it felt kind of weird at first. To add a pandemic on top of it all it just felt all over the place. Nobody really knew what to expect because it is just so different. Masks made me feel in between emotions because I'm okay with wearing the masks if it does anything to help, but during PE, I don't like them because they just don't work out," Kate Weiskopf (7) said. *Photo by Ava Harding*

BAKE THE CAKE

Consumer Family Studies Makes Mug Cakes

Written by Annika Visser

What is your favorite part of CFS and making the mug cakes?

"My favorite part was baking them and seeing how they turned out."

What was one of the struggles of making them?

"Marking the measurements was the most challenging."

What was the best part of the assignment?

"The best part was eating it and making it!"

Was it hard or easy to make them?

"It was pretty easy to make them!"

Corynn Alley (7)

MUG CAKE RECIPES

With so much time stuck indoors, why not try a mug cake at home???

Chocolate Mug Cake

- 1/4 cup All-Purpose Flour
- 1/4 cup White Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Cocoa Powder
- 1/8 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/8 tsp Salt
- 3 Tbsp Milk
- 2 Tbsp Canola Oil
- 1 Tbsp Water
- 1/4 tsp Vanilla Extract

Mix flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt in a large microwave-safe mug; stir in milk, canola oil, water, and vanilla extract. Cook in microwave until cake is done, about 1 minute in 20 second intervals.

Vanilla Mug Cake with Sprinkles

- Heaping 1/3 cup Flour
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
- 1/8 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/8 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 2 Tbsp natural Greek Yogurt
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract

Give these ingredients a quick stir with a fork until they are nice and blended. Add 2 Tablespoons of melted, unsalted butter and mix with a fork. Add 2 Tablespoons of sprinkles and stir together. Cook in the microwave for about 2 minutes and 10 seconds in 20 second intervals.



1. **A PIECE OF CAKE** Carefully measuring ingredients, Elaina Campbell (7) prepares her mug cake in Consumer Family Studies, Sept. 18. "I don't remember all of the ingredients I added into the mug cakes but some of the interesting ingredients were Greek yogurt and sprinkles," Campbell said. The mug cakes did not turn out the exact way Campbell hoped, but she still had fun. "I liked making them because I love baking, but they tasted more like sweet bread than a cake," Campbell said. Photo by Taylor Graham



2. **A BIT OF A STRETCH** Pulling back her rubber band, Noelle Herre (8) gets ready to shoot it for a project to see if the stretch length of a rubber band effects how far it travels, Sept. 16. "When I was doing the science project, I loved going outside because I didn't feel cooped up in a classroom. I felt free," Herre said. Photo by Annika Visser



3. **DISH IT OUT** As her class wraps up, Ms. Nicole Donathan washes some dishes from the day's mug cake lesson, Sept. 18. "I have made mug cakes with my own children before and they love doing this. I figured middle schoolers would like it too, especially since its dessert!" Donathan said. Photo by Taylor Graham



4. **CALLING THE SHOTS** After the NJHS election, Keyan Lundvall (8) talks to fellow officers, Sept. 27. He was up against two fellow competitors and hopes to make it a fun year. "I was very happy when I was elected President of the 2020-21 NJHS," Lundvall said. Photo courtesy of Lily Davidson

5. **BAKE UP A STORM** Ready for mixing, Ella Brandow (7) pours the oil, her last ingredient, Sept. 18. One thing Brandow found difficult was making them in a short amount of time. "My cake didn't taste good. I chose the chocolate mug cake. Most of the chocolate cakes turned out bad, however the vanilla ones didn't. My favorite part of this project was getting to taste them, even though I didn't like mine," Brandow said. Photo by Taylor Graham

COVID UNDER CONTROL

Galahad in Quarantine

Written by Greyson Walter

As our school opened for the new year, we took many precautions to try and avoid Covid-19. One of them was making sure covid outbreaks stayed in one pod. Galahad pod was quarantined Sept. 28 - Oct 8, due to a student having symptoms. "The week before fall break, I went to school Tuesday, but I didn't feel good, I didn't want to get anyone sick, so I did online work on Wednesday and Thursday. I didn't really do anything over fall break, but I went to school on Tuesday coming back from break. Honestly, I didn't mind doing quarantine school, I mean it felt the same as our virtual days, and I had the same assignments I would usually have." VanOrnum said. Photo courtesy of Tripp VanOrnum.



LARGER THAN LIFE

RBG's Career Story

Written by Deidra Hooper



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second female Supreme Court Justice, fought for women's rights, gender equality and civil rights in her 27 years on the bench. On September 18, Ginsburg died from complications of pancreatic cancer. This sent waves around the country, and was all over the news. "I was so sad when she died because she was an inspiration and such a strong person," Susan Baird (8) said. Ginsburg's courage inspired Baird the most. "Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an amazing person; she was an activist for women's rights and did amazing things to help the women's rights movement. She was a hero because she let nothing stop her, even prejudice," Baird said. Photos courtesy of Unsplash and Steve Petteway

WORK FROM HOME

Effects of the new online school schedule

Written by Adelynn Hall

Which do you like better, online or in school?

"In school definitely because you get to interact with other people and you get to physically talk to them, and you don't have to stare at them on a screen."

Hannah Cicero (8)

What do you do during online school?

"I do independent work and try to finish all my assignments before they are due. I would say I have at least an hour of work for each class."

Hannah Cicero (8)

Do you have any distractions?

"Sometimes my brother because he is doing his work next door and sometimes is loud."

Hannah Cicero (8)

Do you like in person or at home learning?

"I would want to go back to school full time because I like to see my teachers, my friends, and I like being in class."

Brynn Merrick (8)

How have you changed from last year?

"I have changed by doing work better and being more organized in my room."

Brynn Merrick (8)

What does an online day look like for you?

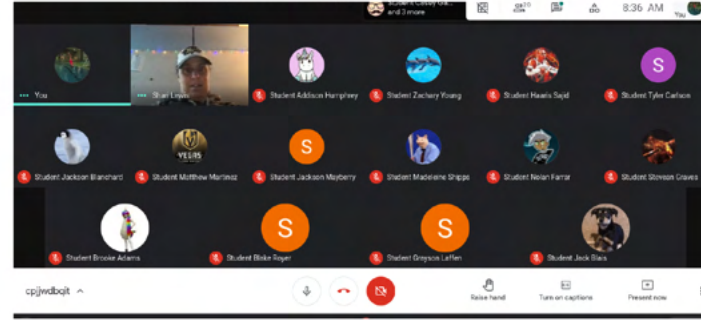
"I work in my room, and during lunch time I have lunch and see how my brothers are doing, or help them if they need it."

Brynn Merrick (8)

A NEW WORLD

The Impact of School From Home

Written by Charlotte Shipps



In 1492, Christopher Columbus thought he found a new route to India, yet he landed in North America. Lancelot social studies teacher, Ms. Sheri Lewis, talks about who Columbus was and what he did during her class Google Meet, Dec. 15. "Some misconceptions about Columbus are that he discovered America, and that he was the first one there, but he wasn't. All these populations were soon devastated by the Europeans," Lewis said. This year, people are recognizing Columbus day as Indigenous People's Day. Photo by Madison Medjo

1. SCHOOL IS COOL Busy at work, Brody Crotzer (8) tries to finish off his school work for the day, Oct. 16. Crotzer likes to stick to a routine when it comes to doing online work. "I wake up at 8:00, and then by 9:00, I am checked in and online. Then I am doing school until about 11:00," Crotzer said. Photo courtesy of Brody Crotzer



2. TIME OUTSIDE With this new hybrid schedule, Caroline Ashworth (8) makes the best out of her situation, Oct. 12. After online school work is done, Ashworth likes to spend her time off screens outside. "I play basketball and lacrosse competitively, so I am always at practices, scrimmages, or I am just practicing by myself at home. I also go outside and do ball handling and other things for basketball," Ashworth said. Photo courtesy of Caroline Ashworth **3. PASS THE CLASS** With different assignments from each class, Ava Jones (8) works on one of her projects, Oct. 14. Jones is all right with the amount of work she has for each class and doesn't worry too much about the workload. "Every class might have taken at least 15 minutes and maybe 30 minutes at the most," Jones said. Photo courtesy of Ava Jones



AMONG THE PLAYERS



Graphic created by Madeleine Shipps
324 total students surveyed
179 7th graders, 149 8th graders

The fuss over Among Us
Written by Madeleine Shipps
It took two years from the original release date of June 15, 2019, for the Among Us app to explode on several platforms. It is a multi-player game where you join random lobbies or play a game with friends with a room code. The game is also very popular because it can be played on several devices. This game also has the setting that allows its players to completely customize their character, like colors and hats. You can also purchase pets that follow you around the game and stay in the spot in which you died that round.

BAKE OVER BREAK

Written by Adelynn Hall

Trips cancelled due to the virus



The Humphrey Family was supposed to visit their grandparents in Montrose, but stayed home and made a unique cookie recipe. "Fall break was different this year because we usually travel on breaks but we couldn't do that this year," Brooke Humphrey (8) said. Photo courtesy of Brooke Humphrey

HOT OR COLD LUNCH

What do you prefer?

The school provides fruit, veggies, milk, snacks, and a main course to choose from.



"I like that they have many different options of snacks and stuff to pick from. I also think it's cool that when you bring your ID card, you can skip the line."
Sydney Tucker (7)



"With home lunch you can put in whatever you want. With hot lunch, you have to wait to get it, but with cold lunch you can just sit down and eat and they are bigger."
Kai Skaer (8)