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**PERFORMING AT THE FINE
ARTS FALL FESTIVAL**

on October 6th, Concert Band members Nathan Wember '22, on Trombone, Darens Bretous, '23, on Flute, Megan Bechtel '21, on Flute, perform from John William's Classics: *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, and *E.T.* The musicians performed outside on McNicholas Green due to Covid regulations. "We wanted to take advantage of the warmer weather for a safe and fun concert outside for our families. I was very proud of the Concert Band to learn so much music within a month and a half and get together for the first time and play a remarkable concert," Bernie Sauer, Band Director, said. Photo by Sarah Faestel '22.

**EVEN THOUGH THEIR SEASON
WAS MOVED TO THE SPRING,**

that doesn't stop girls' rugby from practicing. Team members Erin Croke '24, Hunter McGowan '24, Ava Rogala '23, and Sophie Walz '21 enjoyed some team bonding after a hard practice. Photo by Reilly Wible '22.



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TOTAL POPULATION: 1925

SENIORS: 383

JUNIORS: 414

SOPHOMORES: 414

FRESHMEN: 474

FACULTY & STAFF: 240

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

WE DIDN'T EXPECT THIS.

BY ABBY WOODARD & EMMA ACKERMAN

When we stepped on campus **TOGETHER** in August **WE THOUGHT** things would be different.

It was supposed to be melted chocolate chip cookies during Academic Support in the Steele Center Friday nights wearing painted overalls and chanting

"ole, ole, ole" in the student section as

RED AND WHITE flooded out of the locker room.

Coming in late to Mrs. Dimmer's Ceramic class with a Venti pink drink in hand and taking a seat right next to our best friend...

Mosh pits at **HOMECOMING**

high-fives from our teammates after a big win against Mullen.

Giving the sign of peace at mass,

Performing "Bright Star" in front of a

PACKED THEATER,

And walking through the quad as it echoed with laughter.

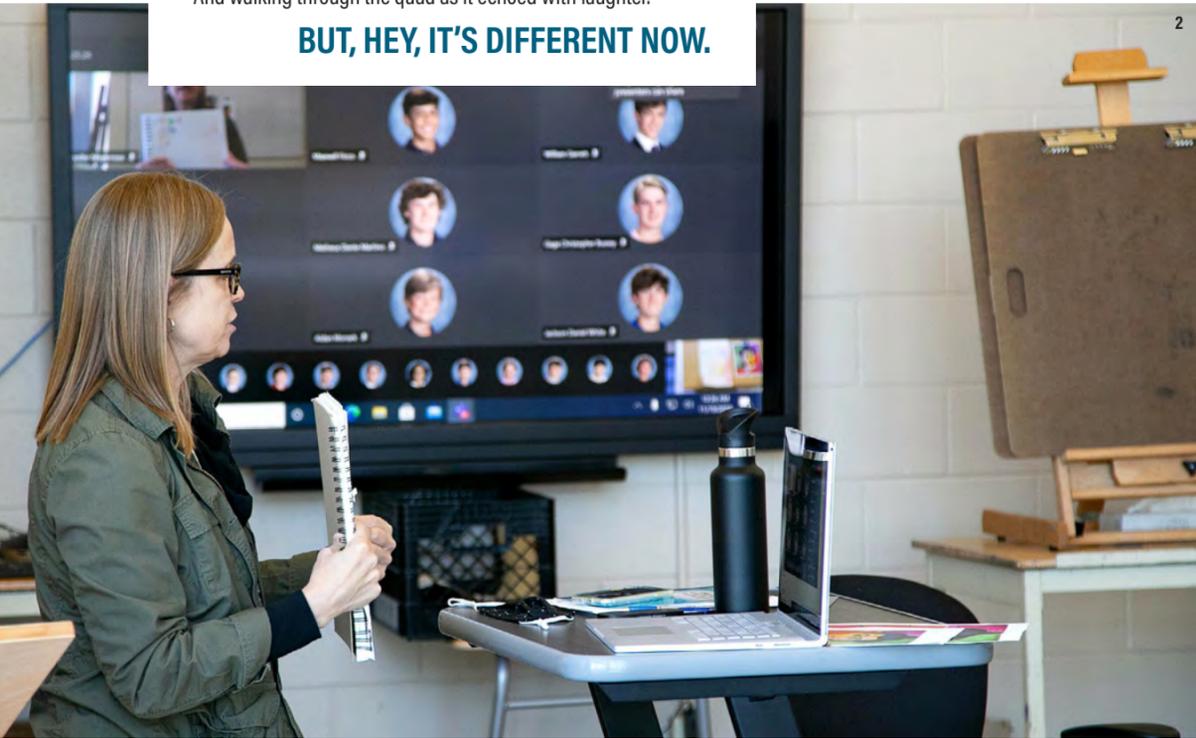
BUT, HEY, IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.



1. IN DR. RINNER'S AP LANGUAGE CLASS, Adan Sanchez '22, stands on a picnic table while he reads Fredrick Douglass's famous and powerful speech, "What, to the Slave, is the Fourth of July." "Reading this out loud, in front of my classmates, allowed me to place myself in Douglass' shoes and understand the challenges that he and many people have gone through," Sanchez said. Some classes were held outside in the fall to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Photo taken by the staff. **2. TEACHING ART REMOTEELY,** Jennifer Meyerrose explains the project of the day. "Online teaching was technologically complicated and challenging to make sure the students had supplies to work with, yet it was exciting to plan and teach collaboratively and in new ways," Meyerrose said. Photo take by Fr. Tom Rochford.



3. Handing out the host at mass, Deacon John Ferraro and the sophomore girls celebrate mass outside in the Lou Kellogg stadium. The Celebration of mass was very different this year as there were no all school masses in the gym and class masses were held with only half of each class. Although the entire school could not gather at once to celebrate, everyone still made the best of what the current times allowed for. Photo by Riley Fitzgerald '21 **4. ENJOYING SOME SPORTS AND CHICKEN TENDERS,** seniors Dawit Gebremariam '21 and D'Shawn Burke '21, tried out the newly opened Slim Chickens Restaurant in Centennial. Seniors took advantage of the shorter school day to have lunch with friends and enjoy some sense of normality. Photo by Nati Solomon '21.





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“REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, OUR TEAM IS FULL OF BROTHERS, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE EACH OTHERS' BACKS NO MATTER WHAT.”

DALLAS MACIAS '22

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1. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, Sophomore Josiah Harris and senior Julian Alexander kneel alongside senior David Dody and junior Dallas Macias who stand in solidarity during the national anthem. “Placing my hands on their shoulders felt natural. I just wanted to support my brothers,” Dody said. The team won 34-7 against Mountain Vista in their first game of the season. Photo by Zion Taylor **2. BASKING IN THE SUN,** Mr. Davenport intrigues Ellie Turner, Abby Twomey, and Rachel Odle with his lessons in AP Literature. “AP Lit is my favorite class, I would recommend it 11/10,” Twomey said. Photo taken by staff **3. WORKING ON A PROJECT IN THE ROBOTICS CLASS,** Chike Ibegbu '24 works on wiring a robot during Robotics class. “What I enjoyed most about that class was helping assemble the robot,” Ibegbu said. Photo taken by staff **4. DURING THE NHS BLOOD DRIVE** Interpersonal Communication and Speech and Debate teacher Ms. Gough gets her blood drawn. This year's blood drive, like many other things, was very different from previous years. “The reason I donate blood is because it means a few minutes for me, but a lifetime for someone else,” Gough said. Photo by John Plumleigh

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TOGETHER

WE ARE GREETED BY

Nurse Dwyre and Padre's **ENTHUSIASTIC HELLO'S** as they scan our Ruvna QR code and we proceed to the temperature towers for the all clear.

We meet **NEW FRIENDS** in the Loyola or Xavier cohorts.

We **NOW** carry our backpacks in the hallways, put on our mandatory lanyards over our collared shirts, and wear our masks with pride.

WE ARE **MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS.** We attend **CLASS OUTSIDE** and bask

in the sun during Mr. Davenport's AP Literature class while he sits in his favorite lawn chair on McNicholas Green.

We cozy up **UNDER BLANKETS** on our beds during remote days and

tune in to classes from home through Microsoft Teams. We take advantage of the **SHORTENED DAYS** and grab a bite with friends

before returning to campus for our activities. And even though things have

changed, we still start and end our day dedicating all of our thoughts, words, and actions to the **GREATER GLORY OF GOD** BECAUSE TOGETHER

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LIFE

BY EMMA ACKERMAN

LOOKS DIFFERENT NOW.

Waking up and logging into class from the top of a ski lift, so we can use **HALF DAYS** to hit the slopes.

Celebrating "foco" with friends while we **GET DRESSED UP** and go out to eat in

order to still get a homecoming experience.

Warm weather hikes and **SPIKEBALL TOURNAMENTS** to get together in a safe way.

Coming to school in new "fits" thrown together from the quarantine online shopping. **MUSIC ECHOING** through the green as the "Bright Star" cast members perform outside.

IN-N-OUT coming to town, allowing friends to have an acceptable reason to sit in their cars for three hours.

Scrolling for **HOURS ON TIK TOK** and learning the "corvette corvette" dance or making tik tok pasta with siblings... **TOGETHER WE FOUND A WAY.**

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IT HAS BEEN REALLY AWESOME TO HAVE EXTRA TIME THIS YEAR TO GET OUT AND SKI WHEN WE HAVE BEEN ONLINE."

AIDAN FREI '21

1. CHLOE VALDEZ, '21, ZIPS ACROSS COSTA RICA in an attempt to relax from the hectic first semester while on vacation with her family in December. Many students used the time off to travel and recoup from the constant back and forth of online learning during the first semester. "This trip was a great way to unwind from the crazy semester of online learning that we had at the beginning of this school year," Valdez said. Photo provided by Chloe Valdez. **2. AFTER A LONG DAY OF ONLINE CLASSES,** Aidan Frei, '21, likes to hit the slopes to shred that fresh "pow" and catch some sick air at his favorite mountain, Winter Park. "Skiing allows you to throw fear, negativity, and judgement out the window and allows you to purely exist in nature. It has been really awesome to have extra time this year to get out and ski when we have been online," Frei said. Photo provided by Aidan Frei. **3. PERFORMING AT THE FALL STORYTELLER SERIES,** Jordan Miller '21 acts out a story written and narrated by other members of theater. Students narrated the stories while actors performed everything out in real time, which made for a unique and challenging experience. "Performing is the best way to connect people to a meaning or an idea or philosophy and the experience during a pandemic is priceless," Miller said. Photo by Reilly Wible



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LIGHTS

BY EMMA ACKERMAN

ON AT 7:58AM

rolling out from under your comforter and throwing on a hoodie before online class.

CAMERAS ON for team meetings from 8:00 to 12:40, watching your other cohort classmates but from the comfort of your own kitchen.

Staring at your **FRIENDS' ICONS** during all-online days and over-hearing someone scrolling

through their TIK TOK when they accidentally **FORGET TO MUTE THEMSELVES.**

Teachers constantly asking "Can you guys hear me okay?" or pleading for us to "Turn your cameras on."

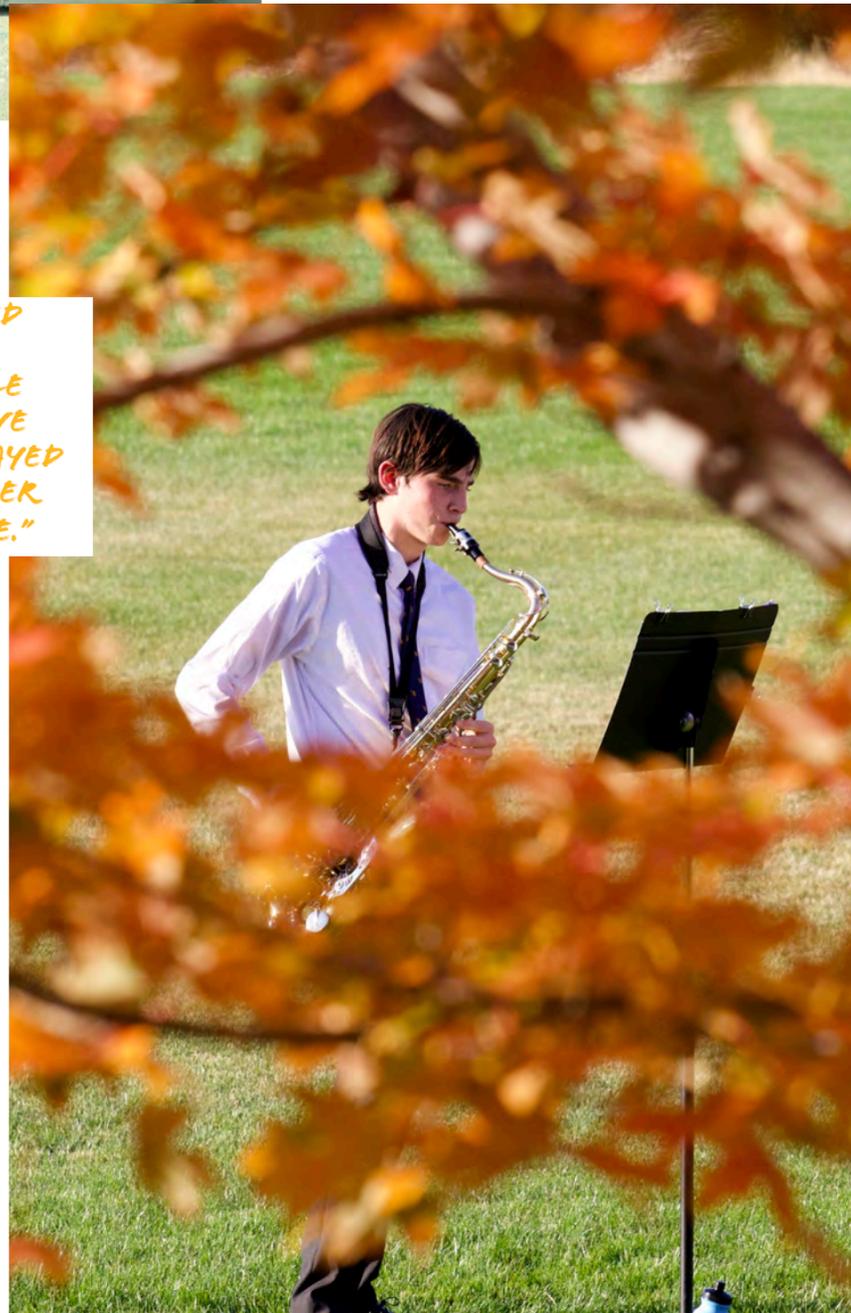
IN-PERSON STUDY HALLS implemented instead of 2RW on white days. Seating charts put in place in every class for **CONTACT TRACING PURPOSES.**

Partner labs utilizing the teams breakout rooms in Mrs. Willson's and Mrs. Buehler's chemistry classes. Service learning and Indie Life sports being confined to campus only activities. **BAND CLASS ON MCNICHOLAS GREEN** with the sound of saxophones echoing through the campus.

Still managing to **BE TOGETHER TO LEARN AND FIND NEW PASSIONS.**



1. GETTING SLIMED, senior Stella Fitzgerald participates in her AP Biology lab by placing gooey, glucose-covered potatoes on a scale to advance her knowledge of membrane permeability. Photo by Emma Ackerman **2. DURING THE FINE ARTS FALL FESTIVAL**, sophomore Liam Kleinberg plays the theme song to Jurassic Park. The band performed an outside concert in October on McNicholas Green so their families could attend. "It was definitely different performing outside. It was odd playing in our own area of grass; it was like we were a marching band without the marching. Despite that, it was much nicer playing outside as we could see the scenery with the color of the trees and the sun setting, and it added a form of style when we all played together," Kleinberg said. Photo by Reilly Wible **3. AFTER A DEMONSTRATION IN CHEMISTRY**, Garrett Pierce, Sully Martin, Devin McCausland, Mario Torales, and Jake Neuhausen step up to feel the nitrogen after-effects. Students in Mrs. Weed's chemistry class watched her demonstrate a liquid nitrogen experiment on McNicholas Green. "It was a cool experiment! It's crazy how you can add liquid nitrogen and make a ping pong ball shoot up," Torales said. Photo by staff



IT ADDED A FORM OF STYLE WHEN WE ALL PLAYED TOGETHER OUTSIDE."

LIAM KLEINBERG '23



LEARN

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EMPTY

BY EMMA ACKERMAN

BLEACHERS AND A QUIET KELLOGG STADIUM

caused by the spectator limitations at games.

STUDENTS FLOCKING to away games that accept visitors to get a chance at

being in the stands for at least one season game.

HEAVY BREATHING INTO MASKS during conditioning and having to pull them up constantly.

Season A sports happening in the fall and **SEASON B, C,**

AND D sports happening in the spring and even extending into the summer.

Finally getting to make a splash in the

BRAND NEW BUBBLE.

Teams participating in all online school during their season to

PREVENT BEING

QUARANTINED and maximize playing time.

And at the end of the day coaches and players alike just being

GLAD THEY'RE GETTING TO COMPETE TOGETHER.



1. PREPARING FOR COMPETITION Varsity Poms members Kayleigh Muniz '23, Erika Lewis '22, and Maggie Gregory '22 work on their routine for the upcoming competition. The girls rarely practiced in the gym so they took advantage and worked hard to ensure their choreography was on point for their upcoming competition. Photo by Chloe Simon '23 **2. RUNNING FOR THE FIRST DOWN** David Dody '21 throws down opposing rival Creek player, Luis JR Lozano, and continues on to make a big play in a key playoff game in the Elite Eight. "A highlight from the season for me was when we beat Pine Creek in the last game of the regular season to secure a playoff spot. It was a last second field goal and then the whole team ran onto the field to celebrate," Dody said. Photo by Chloe Simon '23 **3. FLYING ACROSS THE POOL** Sophia Gwaltney '23 cuts through the water with her butterfly stroke. The bubble had a complete makeover this year to ensure a safe environment for the swimmers. Photo provided by swim team

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DAVID DODY '21



BY EMMA ACKERMAN

FRESHMEN

DAY OF FUN FILLED

with socially distanced dodgeball and eating lunch on McNicholas Green. **NEW RAIDERS** joining clubs and sports teams to kick off their Regis experience.

SOPHOMORES made DMV appointments months in advance to get their license, And had the perk of parking in junior lots instead of in FCC for part of the hybrid year.

JUNIORS EXPERIENCED KAIROS sleeping in the RJ hallways and indulging in Flik food. They balanced the hardest academic year of high school while hanging onto their mental sanity through the pandemic.

SENIORS GRASPED ONTO the smaller traditions like senior sunset and painted overalls for spirit week instead of at the big game.

OFF CAMPUS LUNCH WAS REPLACED with lunch after class at 1PM, and we all ran to the main office to get Nutrigrain bars between classes so our tummies wouldn't growl during fourth period, embracing the new normal so we could be

TOGETHER THIS YEAR.



WORKING ON A SELF PORTRAIT assignment in Graphic Design 1 during first semester, Caroline Kessenich '22, searches for photos on her phone to use in her project. This year students worked on their iPads primarily given the uncertainty of the hybrid schedule. Students were split into cohorts first semester so some students attended class from home while others were in the classroom. **MCING THE SENIOR SUNSET** Olivia Taylor '21 gets the crowd pumped up Tuesday November 3, for the first ever Senior Sunset put on by the servant leadership class. Students had to register to attend due to a government mandate put in place to limit group sizes due to the concern of spreading the virus. Given the pandemic many senior activities were canceled or postponed. **3. PARTICIPATING IN A YEARBOOK** photo activity, Charlie Hallam '21 and Dawit Gebremariam '21 play the oreo minute to win it game. While they played the game several of the yearbook students were taking photos to practice the photography skills of composition. Being on yearbook staff gives students the opportunity to learn about photography, writing, page layout and so much more. Photos by staff



AS THE MC OF THE EVENT OLIVIA BROUGHT ENERGY AND HEART TO THE SENIOR SUNSET ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD.

OLIVIA TAYLOR '21



DEPARTING

BY EMMA ACKERMAN

CAMPUS AND RETURNING

for sports practice with your teammates after lunch a couple hours later.

NHS TUTORING VIA TEAMS

meetings in the beginning of the year before being able to do in-school library sessions.

MOCK TRIAL MAKING

BIG LEAPS during their season and earning second at state after all their hard work and virtual tournaments.

The French Honors Society students **PICKING UP CANDLES** from Mrs. Kuttner during the day and lighting them during the evening online ceremony on their own at home.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS not being able to do the basketball game assembly and students having to show their support from a far.

SENIOR PARENTS

LIFTING UP THEIR CHILDREN

through the chaos of the pandemic and seeing how far they've come in their life.

Even though the pandemic left us isolated, we **WERE ABLE TO BE TEAMS, CLUBS, AND FAMILIES TOGETHER.**



1. PARTICIPATING IN BOXING CLUB Lauryn Glynn '22 takes a boxer's stance. Even though we were fully remote the club still gathered together on McNicholas Green to practice some boxing moves. Students used clubs as a way to gather with students with the same interests. Photo by staff **2. WORKING ON PAINTING ART** for the set for the Bright Star Musical, head paint designer, Caitlin Miller '22, works diligently to make sure it's ready for show time. She, and her small paint crew, painted every single set piece, sometimes, needing to stay after rehearsal to finish the job. "The most rewarding part of managing paint crew was seeing everyone getting excited about incorporating their own ideas and helping bring the show to life," Miller said. The tech crew was even more essential this year as the set had to be continuously moved from inside to McNicholas Green where the performances took place. Photo by staff **3. HELPING TO TUNE A GUITAR** during Song Writing Club, Juan Paredes '24 and Skeeter Tionson '24, use an app to get it right. The students were performing a mini concert in the GD Quad. The Song Writing Club offered students with similar interests the opportunity to bounce their ideas off each other and enjoy the art of song writing as well. Photo by staff



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CAITLIN MILLER



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"I WANTED TO GIVE THE RESIDENTS OF CHELSEA PLACE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET GO OF THEIR WORRIES FOR A BIT AND JUST BE HAPPY. EVERYONE DESERVES THAT CHANCE AND I'M OVERJOYED I WAS PART OF THAT."
SOPHIA MITSUOKA '23

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1. STANDING TOGETHER, Evan Jones '22, Charlie Rogan '21, Charlie Dubet '21, and Clay Nanke '21 demonstrate both their patriotism and their brotherhood by standing in solidarity next to each other during the playing of the national anthem prior to their game. Photo by John Plumleigh **2. COMING TOGETHER AS A TEAM**, after practice, The wrestling boys, Danny Lovato '24, KJ McHugh '24, Andre Zdanowicz '24 help move the wrestling mats between divisions. Photo by staff **3. WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING?** Friends Moira Newman '22 and Alaina Linnell sit together on the top floor of the Steele Center and knock out some theology work together for their classes. "We were being pretty pessimistic about the whole thing but having a buddy to work with always makes schoolwork better," Newman said. **4. ON VALENTINES DAY**, Arrupe club members Sophia Mitsuoka '23 and Noelle Twomey '23 work hard to put together a Valentines parade and spread the spirit of love to the folks at Chelsea place. "Participating in the parade has been one of the highlights of my year. As for someone's who in the Faber Cohort all of second semester, it's was easy for me to relate to the trapped feeling the residents are experiencing because of the pandemic," Mitsuoka said. Photo provided by Chelsea place

TOGETHER WE FOUND OUR WAY

WE MADE IT.

We became a community **ACCUSTOMED TO CHANGE**. With schedules switching from hybrid to 100% capacity. Study halls every 2W while Faber students took naps. And **WATCHING OUR LOVED ONES** and teachers surrounding us get vaccinated. But we also still maintained Regis tradition. We nailed Mr. Tricco in the **ANNUAL MISSION WEEK** dodgeball game as it was broadcasted live for classrooms to watch. We learned about **INCLUSION AND RACIAL JUSTICE** from Dr. Cornell West over teams during Diversity Week. Cadre still supported Father Woodys Haven of Hope with donation days. Teams **WORKED HARD TO DOMINATE** their sports despite the A, B, C and D seasons. We snuck in high fives and hugs in the hallway while Feik wasn't watching. **SENIORS HELD ON TO HOPE** for prom and real graduation. And every Friday we represented the **RED AND WHITE** on Raider days and showed our school spirit because

CLOSING