YOU MIGHT THINK this year will go down in the history books as the worst ever. **YOU'D** be wrong. **WE** might not have been able to participate in school-wide assemblies or dances, but we still enjoyed a piggyback ride from a friend, like Korinne Culp, 08. **WE** relied on our Sources of Strength more than ever before. **YOU** might think that missing out on musical performances wrecked us. Not a chance. **WE** came back to full in-person on March 16th, played 1st Chair in Orchestra and welcomed the traffic jams in the 8th grade science wing. **YOU** might think we missed out on the "normal" middle school journey, but we maintained our stride just like Gabrielle Roche, 08, in the 20 minute run. **WE'VE** got news for you, **WE** were **BETTER FOR IT. WE** made the most of each day and soared like Natalee Gunnell, 08. It might not have been easy, but in the end, **WE** were **BETTER TOGETHER.** No matter what **YOU** might think, **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE** it's always a great day to be a Puma. **WE DO.** And **YOU** should too.

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"I BELIEVE IN FREEDOM AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICES."
VIOLET JOHNSON, 08

IN SCIENCE, KyraAnn Enley, Violet Johnson, Matteo DeNittis, Liam Gilbert and Jackson Beeman, 08, participate in a solar system activity. "I BELIEVE that Mr. Genson really makes science more enjoyable. He really creates a positive learning environment," DeNittis said. *photo by e. humphries* **MID FLIGHT,** Natalee Gunnell, 08, soars at the end of recess. "I BELIEVE it's important to get outside to get fresh air and sunlight since we are all stuck inside due to quarantine," Gunnell said. *photo by a. spehar* **STRONGER TOGETHER.** Sophia Calvanese and Korinne Culp, 08, socialize during recess. Preferring distance learning, Calvanese loved sleeping in on Distance Days. "I have talked to Culp a lot more than in years past," Calvanese said. *photo by m. mcmonigle* **MUSICIANS IN ORCHESTRA.** Courtney Carlson and Noah Endlich, 06, rehearse together. "Mr. Eilert gives us a lot of time to practice to get better at our instruments," Endlich said. *photo by a. morgan*

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