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1. Vista athletes gather six feet apart on the field for the Fall Senior Night.
 2. **Faith Longoria, 12,** and **Brookly Case, 12,** are enjoying time spent together at the city-wide Senior Sunrise. An off campus Senior Sunrise was arranged by students outside of Vista to allow for seniors to maintain the tradition of gathering with peers to watch the sunrise at the start of their senior year.

3. **Chiara De Micco, 12,** an exchange student from Italy, wanted to capture her first day of in-person learning to show her friends back home. She was very excited to come to the USA and has fallen in love with Colorado. She enjoyed seeing the football games and some of our school's traditions.
 4. The trash cans that decorate the halls of Vista have been a tradition for so many years. Each year **Mr. Ager** and the art club students create a fresh new design for our hallways.





WELCOME TO THE HOWLING 20's

WHY DO WOLVES HOWL?

They howl when they're alone and need to find their pack. They howl as a pack to reinforce family bonds. They howl to tell other packs to stay away from their territory. As we start the year on our own behind computers we are howling to be with friends, to be in school, and to be back on the field defending our turf. What does Vista howl about? It's us celebrating the first senior class to graduate from Vista 10 years ago. It's the decorated trash cans throughout the halls. It's the secret pool under the gym. It's Challenge Week where we remember that we can "Be the Change." It's late start Thursdays. As the world is changing, Vista is too. This year is full of surprises, and everyone is saying we need to adapt to this new normal. But, we also want to preserve our traditions while building new ones.

Some traditions are evolving. Our class colors now represent Vista Blue, Black, and Gray. Big events that we look forward to like Senior Sunrise, are now taking place from our own front yards while on Zoom. What used to be morning Dutch or Taco Express runs on Thursdays, has turned into sleeping in until the last minute before hopping online for class at 9:00. Our pack has expanded as students and teachers have gotten more personal bringing pets and family members into the frames of online classes. We're howling into the 20s, and we're seeing everyone make comparisons to the past. However this year goes, we're going to be there for it. We're howling to remember our traditions. We're howling for our old way of life. We're howling to embrace the change and make new memories.

H OWLING GOOD TIMES

STUDENT LIFE



Let the good times roll! Vista has been through a lot this past year and we are excited to embark on this 2020-2021 journey. Even though we learn and socialize through a screen nowadays Vista is looking forward to learning and growing as a community. There is so much to be excited about this year. Athletes are hopeful for a season, STUCO and Yearbook kids look forward to planning and capturing the moments to keep as memories for years to come.

There are some clubs who are still working hard like NHS and HOA, even if it is through a screen. Seniors are looking forward to painting their parking spots and Senior Prom. Although school may not be "normal" this year, it is still all about the journey and getting stronger as students, friends, and people in general. Thinking back to March 2020 it is incredible how far we have already come as a school. Here is to hoping this year can still be filled with memories and laughs!



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1. Vista Staff and Students celebrate Vista's 1st annual Senior Car Parade. All of the staff bundled in negative weather to cheer on the students who braved the cold to celebrate their school pride.
 2. Addison Becker, 12, and her friends Madeline Breckon, 12, Jaecey Harris, 12, and class of '20 Jessica Spivey ventured to downtown Denver to a selfie museum and had a blast taking photos and enjoying each others company.

3. Helaina Medina, 11, went to a pumpkin patch in the fall to celebrate the season and enjoy the fall weather. Many students enjoyed outdoor activities during this masked time in their lives.
 4. VR's wolf in the front office even masks up to show students how to wear a mask and to commemorate the COVID year.



T THE HOWLING WOLVES

PEOPLE SECTION

No matter the grade, group, sport, or extracurricular, VR students stick together. Through thick and thin all students have hope for 2021, for the normal to set in again. Freshman through Seniors look forward to special traditions that make their year count. Whether it's their first homecoming or their final night in the stands at a home game, students find a way to be a part of the pack.

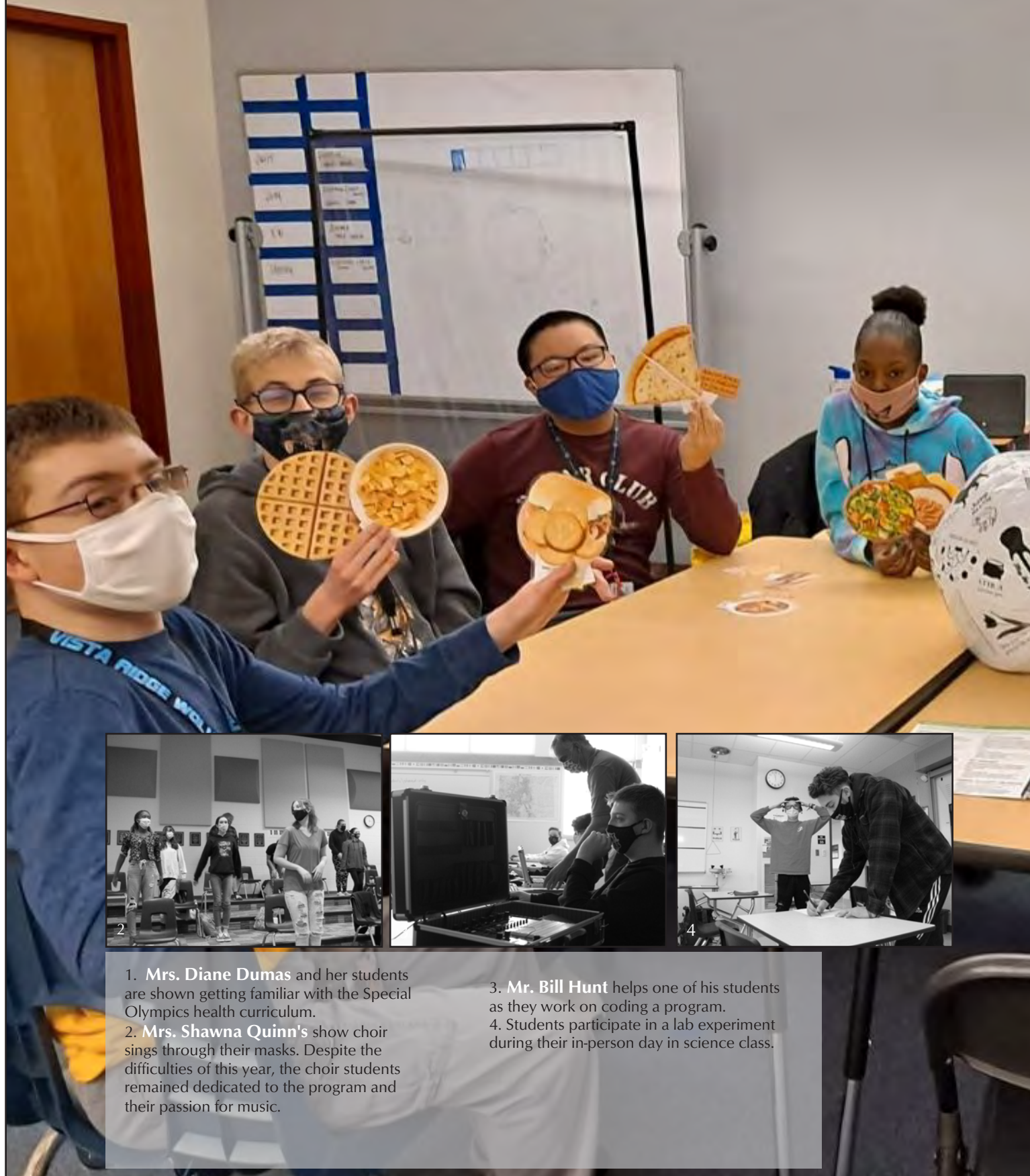
Classes remain online and partly in person this school year, which is tough, but VR students strive to keep their connections strong. As the year continues we overcome the tech, the personal, and the school issues that staff and students face. We hope to see a Prom this year and maybe even a play. We're howling for those traditions to return.



1. Angelique Norman, 12, Alyssa Wheeler, 11, & Cheyenne Dyess, 10, carry a log during wrestling conditioning as they learn to work together and find their strength.
2. The football team takes a knee as they listen to their coach before taking to the field hoping for a win.

3. Jacob Freeman, 12, and Owen Lawrence, 12, get ready to take some event photos for the Ridgeline yearbook.
4. AFJROTC members delivered treats to staff members on a Friday PD day.

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1. **Mrs. Diane Dumas** and her students are shown getting familiar with the Special Olympics health curriculum.

2. **Mrs. Shawna Quinn's** show choir sings through their masks. Despite the difficulties of this year, the choir students remained dedicated to the program and their passion for music.

3. **Mr. Bill Hunt** helps one of his students as they work on coding a program.

4. Students participate in a lab experiment during their in-person day in science class.

LEADING THE PACK

CLUBS AND ACADEMICS



Vista's academic programs offer endless opportunities for growth and participation. There are a ton of course options and fun, hands-on activities in each class. BioMed spends time investigating a death. English explores literature and writing. Social Studies makes history hands on. Art allows students to express themselves through a variety of mediums.

Students have the opportunity to take classes geared toward their future careers such as Teacher Cadet and Engineering. Vista also offers Concurrent Enrollment, where high schoolers can take college classes through Pikes Peak Community College. With so many course offerings the VR wolves are sure to find new interests and courses or clubs to howl about.



D E F E N D I N G O U R T U R E

ATHLETICS



2. **Nicole Garcia, 10**, lines up in the batter's box and prepares for the pitch.



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3. **Mikah, Kennedy, 10**, wraps up his opponent from Cheyenne Mountain High School in a leg lock and works on taking him down in the match.

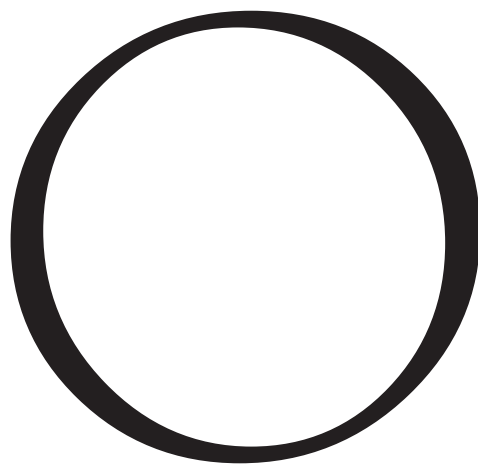


4. **Brayden Dorman, 10**, Lines up to shoot a basket during one of the Varsity Boys Basketball games.



Athletes from every sport were very grateful to still have a competitive season even if it meant it was modified. The seasons were shortened for many of Vista's sports. When CHSSAA canceled sports seasons last spring, the pack was devastated, but hopeful for the next season to come. Sports resumed this school year, and our wolves could get back to defending our turf.

Athletes in most sports were required to wear masks while playing. This was a challenge for some of the athletes, but many were willing to mask up to compete. As things are slowly going back to our Pre-Covid existence, the Vista athletes cannot wait to show what they have to larger crowds of students, staff, and parents when the restrictions no longer exist.



UP PLACE IN THE PACK

REFERENCE

This is why Wolves Howl!

This is the start of the Reference Section. All of the things that go on at Vista like our clubs, organizations and sports teams can be found here. Wolves can look up their name in the index and see what page or pages they are featured on. Parents might celebrate their senior in an ad with some embarrassing baby photos. The big groups shots capture everyone involved. Mr. Devin Allen is a huge support each year by working with coaches to take team photos.

Cassidy Queen,12, and Lillian Davis,12, worked hard to meet with clubs and organizations. When a club wasn't meeting at school they found a perfect workaround for this section. Their homework is to make sure each team and group is represented because they know these teams, clubs, and people are why Vista's Wolves howl.

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Our families are close and we celebrated new years with a roarings 20's theme and got to dress up.

**Alyssa Guiao ,9, &
Kaitlyn Anders, 12**

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“ My favorite memory was meeting congressman Doug Lamborn and receiving a nomination to the Air Force Academy
Garrett Hake, 12

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“ My favorite memory from this year was basketball practice because of how we all come together, and when we handed out Christmas dinners as a team.

Jacob Myers, 10

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“ My favorite memory from the school year was getting to bring my children to school with me while we were 100% online. We had a lot of fun playing hangman and walking the track on our breaks.

Amy Rodgers, staff

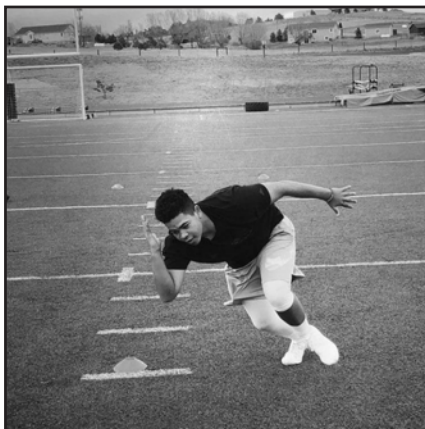
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“ My favorite memory from yearbook was the zoom scavenger hunt we had. There is a camaraderie in yearbook that other classes don't have and that's what makes it so enjoyable.

Lillian Davis, 12

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“ My favorite memory This year was strange, however, I was so impressed on how we worked with it. Some of the best times in yearbook were spent taking photos at events with you guys, especially in the freezing temperatures.

Cassidy Queen, 12

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“ My favorite memory this year was beating Rampart in overtime for Varsity Football.

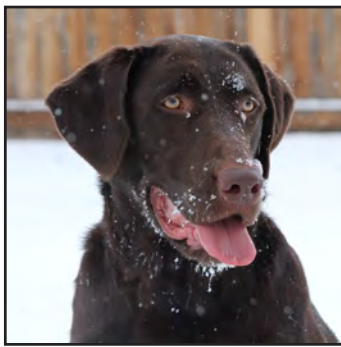
Trevyn Bell, 11

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Snow Day Fun Day: Ridgeline staffers were asked to go out in the snow on our first Snow Day/Remote Learning day of the 20-21 school year. Staffers showed off their creative sides and individual personalities!



HOWLING FOR YOU

Vista we're howling for you!

We asked, and you answered! Throughout this whole year we've asked students and staff to help us cover the events that are still happening even though we can't always see them. You've answered with emails, Google Forms, and social media posts. Thank you VR! Because of you we've been able to continue to tell this year's story. We've covered the pandemic, the election, eLearning, mask wearing, covid traveling, and more pandemic!

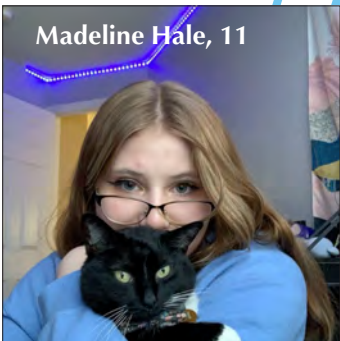
Thank you Ridgeline staff! When your editors [Karissa Martin](#) and [Gabby Gioscia](#) asked you to cover stories and events, you did. When I assigned, "Go play in the snow and take a photo" on a remote learning snow day, you did! You scraped cars, shoveled driveways, and threw snow in the air! [Katy Claar](#) built a snowman. [Morgan Hampton](#) bundled in her burrito blanket. [Lillian Davis](#) had a photo shoot with her dog, and [Lucas Holm](#) went sunbathing because, Why Not! We're just showing off how we're surviving a pandemic!

When we are all back in the building, all 1700 of us, We will be howling together! For now, as your yearbook staff, we'll do what we do best. We'll ask, you'll answer, and we'll continue to tell Vista's story!

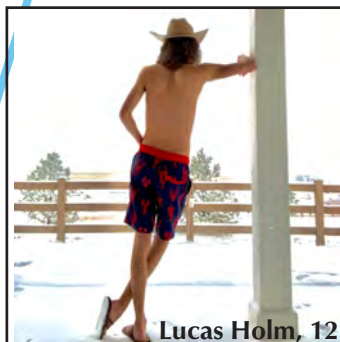
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