



**YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE** going full remote in November might not have allowed us to see our friends in-person at lunch, but instead **WE** deepened our bonds like Mrs. LeeAnne Sheets and Mr. Lawrence Chavers who relied on family and friends for strength. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE** this year's been a challenge, but **WE** found ways to persevere, playing club sports and securing victory like football athlete David McGowan, 06, and basketball star Ava Budler, 07. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE WE** looked up to our favorite pop icons, like Gillian Steinhart and Alexa LeDuff, 07, and **WE** made future plans like Evie Rogers, 08, who hopes to become a doctor. **YOU** see, no matter what **WE** had each other's backs. **WE** are Pumas. **WE BELIEVE WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER. WE DO.** And you should too.



**1. JAMMIN' OUT,** Grace Gummelt and MaryJane Gardner, 08, take advantage of a mental health break in math. "It really gives us an outlet for our energy and a way to connect in a deeper way," Gardner said. *photo by n. johns*  
**2. IN SCIENCE,** Benjamin Miller Suh, Kathryn Murphy, Tytan Williams, Leyton Reeves, Kenley Yaworski and Dagan Worth, 07, work in collaboration. "We were doing a weathering lab. I really enjoy doing labs," Worth said. "I like being with the teacher and learning new things," Reeves said. Suh agreed, collaboration is essential to learning. "It's important to work with others because I was able to work on the computer and talk to others when I needed help," Suh said. *photo by n. johns*

**3. CLOWNING AROUND,** Kaden Garvey, Spencer Heath, Jacob Cumley-Gonzales, Royce Gomez and Kaden Henning, 08, have been friends since the beginning of middle school. "I BELIEVE that we really have become closer friends over quarantine because we have more time to talk and connect," Cumley-Gonzales said. *photo by m. delachapelle*  
**4. PLAYING OUTSIDE,** Emery Dunn, 06, and members of the 6th grade Orchestra get some one-on-one time with Mr. David Eilert. "I have been teaching for seven years and I love it. I love how I get to impact each student's life in a different way," Eilert said. *photo by m. gardner*



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