



# RECOMMENCE

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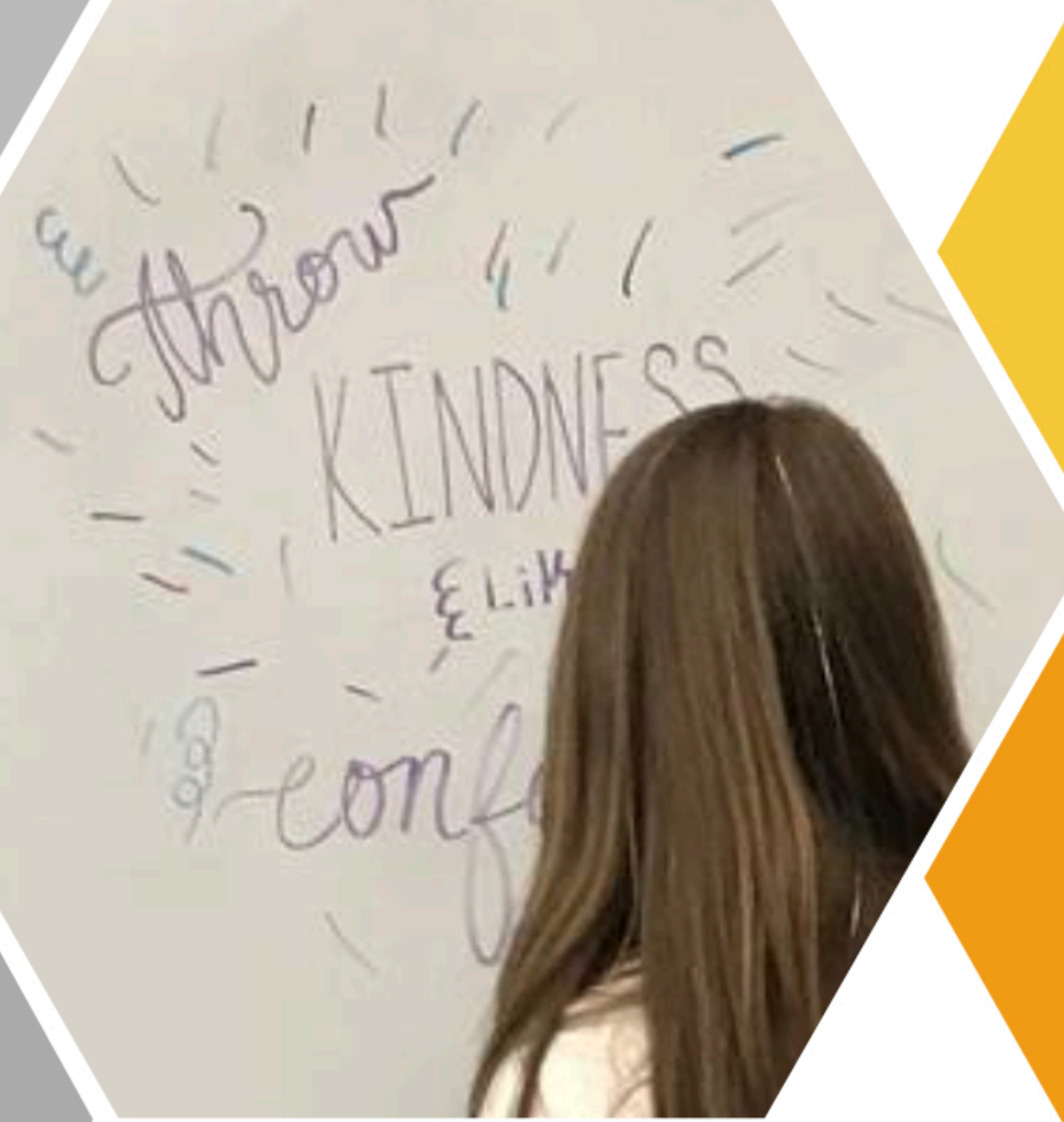
Recommence. *Re* is a prefix that is a way to indicate repetition, as well as to indicate the past while moving forward. *Commence* means to begin, and now is the time we start again. We were prepared to go remote at the beginning of the year, but we stayed strong, as jaguars do. From the first day of the school year with a musical pep rally to finals at the end of the year, we have regained the greatness of our school even through a pandemic. We are heading back to pre-COVID practices in which we get to socialize with our friends through normal lunchtimes and the hallway buzz. We are rebuilding the community through clubs that encourage change like Community Club and Sources of Strength. Even with a crazy tornado of events that we endured, students rediscovered the power of being back at school. Through thick and thin we stay together. We are the jaguars, the mighty black and gold!



# EXPERIENCE AGAIN

## coming back to school

After over a year and a half of being stuck in the house, people are re-experiencing somewhat normal life like it was before COVID. **Lillie Murillo** expressed, "It felt very weird coming back to school but I'm glad I'm able to be here." Not everyone was shocked coming back to school, **Blake Nickels** said school was the same for him except the homework load was lighter when he came in person.



# SPREADING THE JOY

## finding the good

In these hard times of the pandemic, people are still trying to see the good in everything. **Sabrina Madruga** explained, "A lot of the times, your day will be going so well and you should recognize that." She continued to say that one minor set back can turn your day around, but she tries to outweigh the bad things with the good things. **Jessie Buckner** said, "Life is pretty happy but then things happen and life stops and shuts down." COVID was an unexpected time but with a little positivity the joy can begin again.



# REBUILD



# HONOR THE HONORS

## the best of the best

Students who try very hard and do well in their core classes get to be included in honors. In order to qualify for honors, students have to participate in the Science Fair.

**Kimberly Lighthart** explained, "I just tried out for general science so that I could feel like I had done more." She said that next year she will probably consider more honors class. On the other hand, **Nia Weiss** wanted to try for honors because she wanted to see if she could advance her learning. Nia believes, "It gets fairly stressful doing honors so you have to work hard." Honors can be hard but it is worth it the end.



# ALL FOR VOLLEYBALL

## building teamwork

With the beginning of a new season, the volleyball team has to get to know each other, but that certainly isn't a problem for them. [Keeley McCormick](#) stated, "It is a lot of fun! My friends are there, and it is an awesome team sport!" During their season, a bond grew between the players, creating what many considered to be a second family. [pg. 34-35](#)



Tristan Fowler

# AMASSING WHILE PASSING

## last year vs. this year

Last year, the halls were practically devoid of students clamoring to reach their next classes. This year, they are back to normal, but some students are not enjoying it. [Liam Wall](#) stated, "I prefer moving from class to class, but the crowded hallways are not always the best." Although passing periods are chaotic, it is a better system than not getting to move around at all. [pg. 26-27](#)



# RECONNECT



Jordan Laschuk

# THE ART OF SPIRIT WEEK

## convey your spirit

Spirit Week is a great way for students to have fun expressing themselves and show school spirit, whether it's Western Day or Pajama Day. "I like to dress up for Spirit Week because it lets me show my creative side and I can make fun of myself when looking back at pictures of me dressed up," commented [Polly Ruskova](#). Spirit Week offered a fun outlet for students. [pg. 28-29](#)



Mrs. Daste



# SEUSSIFIED TOGETHER

## the joy of acting

*Seussified Christmas Carol* is a play that Ms. Grace's D block worked on. **Abigail Goltz** said, "I love getting ready for the show the most. Seeing everything; the costumes, sets, lights and everything is the coolest!"

**Haley Nolan** added, "I loved being able to design my own costume." **Olivia Burgower** and **Dj Petrie**

explained that they liked the sets the best. Acting is a great way to express creativity and passion.

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# TIME FOR RELAXATION

## winter break bliss

Winter break is something that most everybody looks forward to. Vacations are very common during winter break, and many joyful and exciting things occur. **Chase Wittman** went to Hawaii over break and declared, "I prefer Colorado over Hawaii. Hawaii is fun, but doesn't match the same vibe as Colorado. Both are very pretty, to say the least."

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# REJOIN



Caidence Hodges  
Hannah Douglas



# WHICH JOB?

## educating speeches

Career Day is when speakers from all over come and talk about their jobs and explain them thoroughly for the interests of students. Every year, new speakers turn up. "I really liked the noxious weed speaker," **Anna Waters** shared. **Berlyn Parker** stated, "My favorite speaker was the police officer. She was incredibly inspirational and powerful." **Avah Berlin** and **Myra High** shared the experience with Berlyn. Career Day is also a great way for students to figure out job interests.

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# COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

*to be or not to be*

Starting to think and plan ahead is key in the last few years of school. College is one that some may put off until the last moment. Yet, this day of visiting different presenters, representing college's from around the states, lead to tough decisions. It comes down to the question, what college am I looking for? **Dylan Lindberg** explained how he wanted to visit CU Boulder but the room was too full. This can be disappointing in the search for future colleges, as it leaves more unknown for what is to come.

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# REDISCOVER

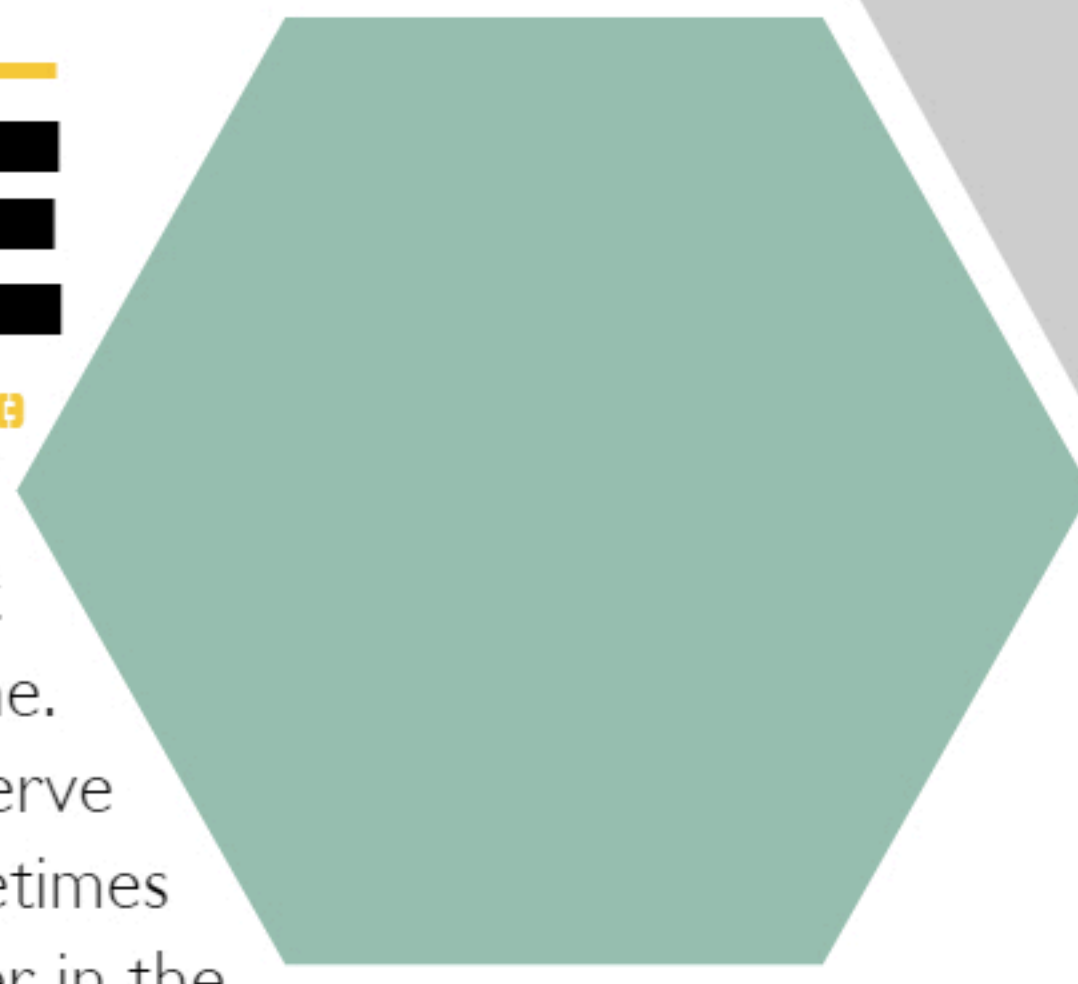


# MENTAL GAME

*get your head in the game*

The atmosphere is a big part of an athlete's success because it determines their mental game. Crowds can be exciting and nerve racking to play in front of. Sometimes teammates are what gets a player in the mental state to play a winning game. As for **Brynn Neal**, she explained, "I feel like the team is more pumped up during practice than the game and sometimes it is flipped." Reality sets in and a game face must be put on to defeat some of our biggest rivals.

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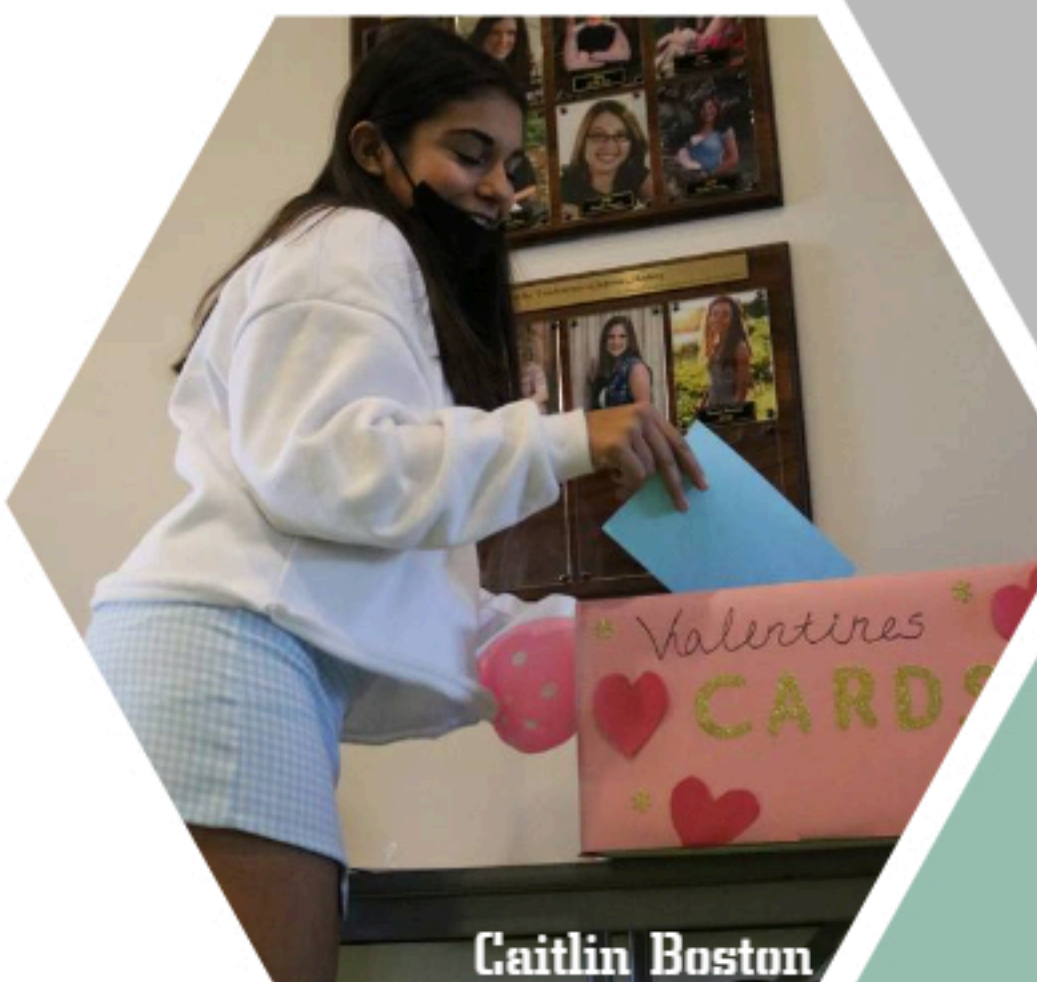
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# HEART TO HEART

*a day to remember*

From secret admirers to friendships, feelings are expressed through a rose or even a singing embrace. Hearts are filled with joy and compassion. Celebrating Valentine's Day with your best friends or possibly a special someone can be fun. "I think it is a very cool way for the students, teachers, and staff to share how much they care for one another," **Mr. Cloonan** laughed. Valentine's Day is a way and day to show how much someone matters to you. Others enjoy the holiday because "it's fun," and "the colors are nice," as **Lillie Murillo** described.

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Caitlin Boston



# REMEMBER

As the year comes to a close, we say goodbye to our peers, faculty, and classes. We remember the sunny times and the rainy times; memories and experiences. We have recommenced our year and now we conclude this chapter. Our school has begun to rebuild, reform, and reshape our community. Students and staff have persevered through the hardest of times and thrived through the best. As we look back on a great year, we can be proud of how far we have come. Our pride is in you, Jefferson Academy.