



this is

*Today is all we have.
Yesterday is always gone and tomorrow is never here.
We need to take advantage of every moment.
Every play
Every football game
Every march
Every toss of the flour at kickoff
Every dance
Every last-minute party and late work night and unproductive practice.
Every opportunity
Every adventure
Because every minute counts
Every second counts.
Now is everything.
And yes
Now is brutal
Now is loud
Now is unexpected
But now is our time.*

*This is high school
This is dramatic
This is chaotic
This is uncontrollable
This is overwhelming
This is all or nothing
This is drowning in the AP Lit homework
This is ignoring the essay and going out anyway
This is sobbing on the bathroom floor
This is spraying each other with water
and laughing uncontrollably in science class
This is screaming One Direction
at the top of your lungs in the middle
of the night driving in your beat-up Subaru with your friends
This is the deafening screams at Spangenberg Field
This is the breath you take when you know it's all worth it
This is the time when you know you feel
like these amazing days and nights will never end
This is every single moment.*

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NOW.



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FALL

Now is when the leaves change colors and we slowly move inside for lunch because it's too cold, but you don't mind because then you get to listen to the new album that just dropped from your favorite artist in your friend's car on your way to get a pumpkin spice latte, and you get to spend the night dancing on the turf football field for Homecoming and picking out the best costume for Halloween because you actually get to go to parties this year, and the days start to get shorter and you start to get busier, but it doesn't matter because you're doing what you care about, whether it's staying late after school in the library or to rehearse for the play and you have to learn how to balance it all, but it's beautiful because school comes alive again, burgers get grilled and friendships get formed, and you start to meet up at Paul's to cram for Chem tests, and all at once life starts to hit you because it's time for fall.

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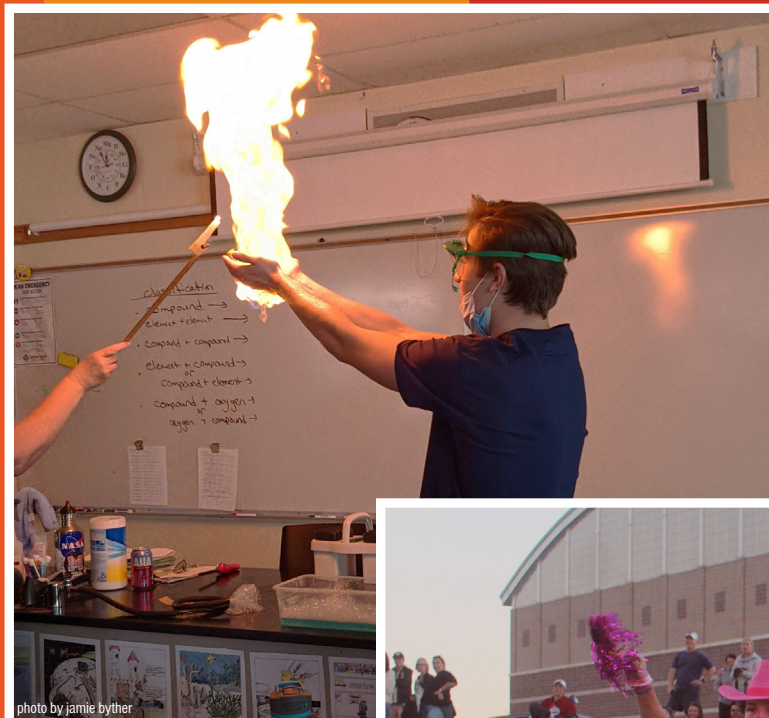


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HOPS FOR DAYS Maddie Brotz (10), Sophie Kubiak (12), Julia Jupille (12), and Leah Kugel (11) celebrate after scoring a point during the game against Legacy on Oct. 26. "I remember jumping a lot," Kubiak said. "It was one of those things I would do after one of my teammates did something amazing and all my energy would come out." **SUPPORTIVE SENIORS** Hank Tucker (12), Garrett Meyers (12), and Brody Ewing (12) celebrate with the rest of the seniors during the Powder Puff game on Sept. 22 after the Seniors scored. "We were getting rowdy and excited for the girls, supporting our senior class," Tucker said.



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BURNING UP Evan Tenerowicz (12) holds fire in Kathy Packard's AP chemistry class on Oct. 27. "I like doing it because I think it looks like magic," Packard said. "Students love doing it. I've had students tell me that the only reason they sign up for AP chemistry is to do exactly that. They put up with that kind of torture to get a video of themselves setting their hands on fire." **FIGHT FOR THE WIN** PE teacher Alex Esposito and Spanish teacher David Tencer fight over the last chair during the faculty musical chairs game on Sept. 24 at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. "We wrestled the chair back and forth, and I finally won," Tencer said.



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FALL sports

This is the moment to throw yourself into it and you practice every day perfecting that swing or that spike or that kick and then walk up the stairs with burning quads for a week, but it's worth it because

you get to be the kid who makes the tourney-winning shot and because you're not able to stop smiling after those late night team dinners, and then you find yourself crushed after the loss and exhausted by the all-consuming time and pressure, but you never quit because you love the feeling of being a part

of something bigger than yourself, coming home with knees wrapped with KT tape and a face drenched in dirt and sweat, laying on the floor of your room because you can't even make it to your bed and then waking up to do it all over again because it helps you

to breathe even when you're out of breath and it gives you that rush of knowing you're entirely alive and this is the moment when you realize this is it.



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SOCCKER SUPERSTAR George Flora (12) dribbles the ball during a game against Dakota Ridge on Sept. 2. **RUNNING THE BASES** Alyssa Adams (10) runs the bases on Oct. 7 during a game against Fairview. **CROSS COUNTRY COOL CATS** Layla Fisher (10) and Amanda Rampy (11) run in a meet at Battle Mountain on Aug. 28.

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Now is the time to make some grown up decisions because you get to decide if you're going to wear a mask or not and some of your friends are and some aren't and one of your friend's mom has cancer and you don't know what's right so you take a "short" TikTok break and four hours later you're confused about how your homework isn't done and this is the time to go absolutely numb because your town burned down and you're living in a hotel and your best friend doesn't have a house and you look at their new sneakers and you think they're really cool and then you realize that of course they're new because all her other shoes burned but you somehow still manage to smile and do the Wordle and get coffee at Ziggi's because coffee fixes everything and have a makeup New Year's party on Jan. 16 and go to breakfast at iHop when a gas leak closes school and you ask for grace because life is getting really tough and you realize this moment really is all you've got right now.

this is **WINTER**



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SHARKTASTIC Ella Kohuth (12) takes a picture of the shark dissection in Marine Biology class. Kohuth and her classmates learned about fish and sharks so they got to investigate dogfish sharks. "We were dissecting a shark and we all had roles in it," she said. "I was the videographer/photographer, which was super cool because I got to see everything and take pictures, but I didn't have to actually cut or touch the shark." **CROC IT OUT** Frankie Kramer (11) stands in the gym as she waits to pick out her crocs on Feb. 11. Crocs gave free shoes to all students and staff because of the Marshall Fire. "Croc distribution went really smoothly," Kramer said. "It was done really well. I was able to get my Crocs within minutes. I thought it was interesting that we all got crocs instead of just the people directly affected. It was nice to see everybody happy again after such a tough time."



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FLIPPING FOR FANS Daniel Schenkel (12) does a flip during the boys basketball game against Broomfield on Feb. 17. "I did it because a kid from Broomfield started doing them, and I felt like I had to for the Mohi community," Schenkel said. **WORDS OF WISDOM** Students sit in the library and listen to Pulitzer Prize winning author, Sonia Nazario speak on Feb. 18. "I'm more grateful than words that Sonia agreed to come out on the heels of such a hard school year and bring a little inspiration of what can be done when people still believe," librarian Beatrice Gerrish said.

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WINTER sports

Now is the time to push hard and be at practice late but you don't care because the adrenaline you get from that buzzer beater is like nothing else and hearing that girls swim is going to state and the wrestling team is going at state and boys basketball is going to state and girls basketball is going to state and the hockey team is going to state makes you shake your head because you didn't think all the sports got to have good seasons all at once and it gives you such a sense of pride to be able to say you go to Monarch and you share smiles about winning and being at the top of your game with your teammates with masks around your chins and the student section at basketball games overflow with screaming students dressed up like Mr. Anderson and you get another season of going to Cosmos and Dairy Queen after games and it just feels like a typical high school movie where we win the games and laugh until midnight and right now, this moment, all that we have feels right.



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SUSPENSEFUL Reese Trobaugh (10), Lindsay Pleva (10) and Erin Hagelin (10) celebrate after a crazy play during a game against Fossil Ridge on Jan. 18. "It's always super fun to watch or play in a tight game and I love the energy around that," Trobaugh said. "I think winning such a close game gives more satisfaction than blowing out a team because you know you really worked hard for that win and deserved it."

BRADEN THE BLOCKER Braden Luther (12) defends a player on the Fort Collins team on Jan. 21. "I was thinking about not getting another foul because I had four fouls that game," Luther said. "The game went really well for us. We hadn't won a home game in a while. That was really the turning point in our season."



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Now is when you stay at school later than you thought because you notice that a baseball game is going on and you end up doing cartwheels in the grass with friends because it's warm enough and the sun is out and even though it's hot and sweaty in C-Hall, everything feels happy because you get to wear shorts and T-shirts without bringing a jacket and we get back from spring break and here we go again because Mamma Mia is about to debut and student council election signs decorate the hallways and the green grows through the black where everything burned, which means life is starting to grow again, and we're going to dance under the stars at prom but we're also going to dance under airplanes and it feels surreal and you get to practice outside because everyone's practicing outside at the same time, and then before you know it you can hear seniors running full force down the hallways with all that they have left because Spoon Game has started and this is spring.

this is **SPRING**



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PLAY TO WIN Sam Riecken (12) looks down the field in a game against Heritage High School on March 14. "I'm just really competitive, and I just like to compete, to have fun with it," Riecken said. "I like to go out there with my friends and play for them." **STRONG START** Cameron Ayandele (10) dribbles the ball in a game against Mead High School on March 15. "The season started off really strong with a great group of girls," she said. "Our opening game against Mead set the tone for the rest of the season with a 3-2 win."



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SMILING FACES Ben McCorrison (11), Eliza Maxfield (11), and Evelyn Gussenbauer (12) perform at an Indoor Percussion competition at Longmont High School on Mar. 19. "It's just fun to smile at people," McCorrison said. "Just being able to see their faces looking at you. There's definitely that anxiety beforehand, butterflies really swirling around your whole entire body. But it's just really fun to see smiling faces and that's awesome." **MAMMA MIA!** Tessa Awald (11), Hannah Arvidsson (12), Marina Eissenstat (9), Zoe Wiley (10), Ellawyn Snyder (10), Lara Beckley (9), and Annika Holecek (12) rehearse scenes for the spring musical, Mamma Mia! "I love singing and dancing especially when you're friends with everybody and you've been close for four years," Holecek said. "It's our senior year, so it's just a lot of fun."

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Marshall Fire sweeps Louisville, Superior

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IT?

It was five days after Christmas. Our gifts were barely opened, and our trees were still adorned with the ornaments we so lovingly hung. Some of us were on vacation, in exotic destinations or simply visiting family stateside just like every other holiday. Most of us were at home. Texting with friends, shopping, making lunch, sleeping in.

Because it was a normal day.
Until the smoke came.

Then our little bubble of winter vacation burst. Our Netflix binges were interrupted by evacuation alerts and frantic text messages from family and friends. We were forced to choose with a clouded

mind which of our many possessions was most precious.

Some of us didn't even get that opportunity. Whether we were able to save something or had nothing but the clothes on our backs, we had to leave our homes behind.

Dec. 30 was a sleepless night as we checked in with our friends and watched the news, hoping beyond hope that the next clip they showed wasn't our home being turned to ash. We wished the snow would come faster, as we watched our community go up in smoke and flame with one question on our minds:

"Is this it?"

JUST THE BEGINNING Houses begin to burn in a neighborhood in Superior in the Marshall Fire on Dec. 30. The fire destroyed thousands of structures in the most devastating wildfire in Colorado history.

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NOW.

*And that sentence doesn't make sense
But neither did this year
And because of that,
We lived in the now.
Looking back traumatized us
And looking forward was pointless.
The now was all we had
We reached a point where
It didn't matter what happened
We took it and we ran with it
We had to wear masks
We didn't have to wear masks
We watched our town burn down
Yeah
That happened
It snowed every Wednesday
Like clockwork
We wanted to not be at school
But we had Gas Leak Days
And Gas Leak Late Start Days
And they didn't even phase us*

***We took life for what it was
In the moment
We took what was given to us and walked
through strong
Because if we didn't
We would never get the chance to do it again.
And time was unpredictable
Time was broken
So we broke away from time
We drove shopping carts and pulled kayaks and
Mini fridges in the hallways for spirit week
We kneed ourselves in the face in the bouncy
Castle at Winter Ball
We all panicked when the lights went out
And we exhaled when the weather got warm
We learned this year that
You have to live your life
Even in the times when life stops
The world keeps spinning.
We've changed.
The year is over and done.***

that was

IT.