

the second TRIMESTER

WE'RE GETTING THE HANG OF THINGS.

Kicking off November, the roars return to the stage when The Lion King makes its comeback, and everyone is here for it. Standing ovations for four sold out shows. Then we slide into Thanksgiving break. (Thank goodness!) Finally, more time to endlessly scroll through Tik Toks (soooooo productive).

COMING BACK TO SCHOOL BRINGS ANOTHER HUGE COMEBACK:

The basketball tournament! It's an event we all look forward to, only this time there's a light revolt when some classes don't make the list for attendance. "We can't all go to see it? Stupid COVID!" But there's still the Door Decorating Contest and holiday concerts. The pace has started to pick up.

IT FEELS LIKE WE KNOW HOW TO DO SCHOOL NOW.

Aaaand, then there's another break. TWO weeks off this time! (Whew!) Looking through Tik Toks, talking to friends (or that *special person*) and doing absolutely nothing school related until two days before New Year's. That's when we see it.

THE HEADLINES READ: MARSHALL FIRE.

This can not be happening! Things were just getting better! It's a little too close to home. When we return, everyone's talking about it, but in middle school life, there is no time to stop. Everything just keeps going. The pace picks up again. The work starts to build up. (Oh, have mercy!)

THEN IN FEBRUARY THE BIGGEST NEWS: NO MASKS STARTING FEBRUARY 12TH.

"Woah, no way! That's what you look like?!" It's strange, but our smiles return to the halls. It feels like things are starting to happen, in a good way this time.



CUT IT OUT. Wielding scissors, Jereimyah Berry works in robotics class. "I liked building robots and getting to drive them on the boards," said Berry. Thanks to his work in the class he "learned a little more about math, too." **TASTE TEST.** FACS student Ben Blair (8) stirs pretzel batter as his partner, Keegan Millikan (8) sneaks a taste, even in the face of the standing mask policy. Family and Consumer Sciences was one of Millikan's favorite classes. "I loved it! Ms. Herrin's amazing, and I learned stuff. If I wanted to, I could cook something now," Millikan said.



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