

“ I went to Mexico and swam with dolphins,”
sophomore Madison Powell

I camped outside during a very rainy night storm,”
sophomore Doraalicia Callejas-Gomez

I went to Mackinac Island for a few days,”
sophomore Brayton Dickerson

I got my braces off,”
junior William Manchester

I worked over 40 hours a week,”
sophomore Lorna Jefre

I stayed home all summer,”
sophomore Amar AL-Ebidi

I did homework,”
sophomore Heidi Miao

I slept 13 hours,”
sophomore Jerry Yang

I watched Forest Gump,”
junior Stacey Choi

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SUMMER SNAPSHOT

Favorite memories and trips from the summer of 2020

During a day trip before fourth of July, senior Daniela Walbridge, juniors Katrina Walbridge and Abigail Klinich spend time skateboarding through downtown South Haven. “We ended up watching the sun go down at the beach which was very cool.” Daniela Walbridge said.

Photo courtesy of Daniela Walbridge

As part of a family trip, junior Camron Ray toured Vanderbilt University in Tennessee with his cousins and extended family. While they weren’t able to tour the buildings themselves, Ray still met with the head of housing and part of the nursing department. “It was an amazing experience they have a large campus with lots of trees.” Ray said.

Photo courtesy of Ray

On Crystal Lake, juniors Chris Stocking and Aidan Drabant kayaked with their families as part of a trip up north. “In the beginning it was really hard because COVID went through my family. Once things started to open up it got easier because I could start to see friends again.” Stocking said.

Photo courtesy of Stocking

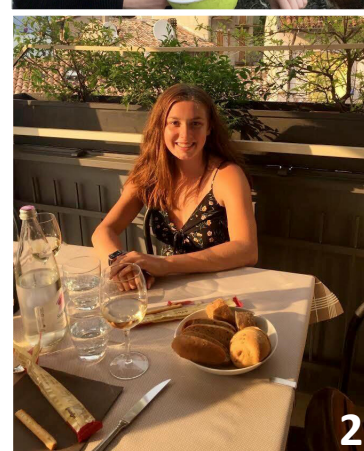
With COVID travel restrictions, senior Kristin Thorsdottir got innovative with how she traveled. With her siblings third-grader Emilia Thorsdottir and freshman Karl Thorsson she explored Glen Arbor and spent time on Lake Michigan. “My summer was adventurous. I had a lot of fun discovering new places in Ann Arbor.” Kristin Thorsdottir said.

Photo courtesy of Kristin Thorsdottir

1. As part of her grandparents home in Germany, senior Clara Bowman tended to animals. “This was the first time that I wasn’t strictly on vacation in Germany.”

2. At the end of her time in Europe, Bowman and her family traveled to Northern Italy. They spent an evening at a restaurant balcony section in a scenic area of Lake Garda in Northern Italy enjoying appetizers such as olive oil with bread. Making plans for her next trip, Bowman looks forward to when she will spend time in Europe again. “I am even considering going back for six weeks or so in February or March since it seems like school is virtual.”

Photos courtesy of Bowman



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WHEN IN ITALY

Embarking on a routine journey through Europe just as COVID-19 cases rise

When senior Clara Bowman had gone for her annual European tour to pay extended family a visit she knew about the soon to be brewing pandemic but of course could never have comprehended the scale that it would reach in Europe and beyond. Regardless she chose to make the very most out of it.

“Germany is my happy place, I have no regrets,” Bowman said. “I wouldn’t have been able to spend four months with my family in Germany if it weren’t for COVID-19. Taking the trip was certainly a risk, but it was definitely worth it for me.”

Bowman later visited other parts of Europe when it was deemed safe.

“I would have never guessed that I would end up spending my birthday in Germany or windsurfing in Italy,” Bowman said. “I watched the German news every night and it was amusing how they portrayed America’s handling of the pandemic...One day we biked around a portion of [Lake Constance] and went through Switzerland and Austria before coming back to Germany.”

Most of all, Bowman was very clear that these new experiences were a close second to visiting her family.

“I was able to spend time with my grandparents, aunt and uncle like never before,” Bowman said. “Seeing my 94-year-old great grandmother was nice too.”

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Sporting twin cones, senior Clara Bowman poses with her aunt outside of Gelato al Naturale in Heidelberg, Germany. “My aunt and I have a tradition that we go shopping every time I visit. The city was much quieter than usual and it was really strange. Two days after we went, everything shut down. We felt lucky that we took advantage before things shut down.”

Bowman said.
Photo courtesy of Bowman

BAND CAMPIN' OUT

“We were all skeptical, but it turned out great. It was extraordinary to keep our traditions alive.”
Band Director Robert Ash

“I personally thought band camp was fun and helpful. I don’t think it was as good as an in-person band camp, but it’s the next best thing and I would do it again.”
freshman Sarah Conley

“My experience at band camp was fun. It was helpful because I got to meet other people [who] are older than me and helped me with the peice we did for band.”
freshman Lucas Weintraub

“Band camp was a very fun and educational experience. It helped us learn more about music and our instruments even through a virtual setting.”
freshman Ryan Lin



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Motivations behind various summer jobs for students

“I worked at a Subway in Saline because I wanted the extra money for college. My favorite moments were just getting to know the staff.”
junior Teresa Moncada

“I decided to work this summer to gain experience so I could work a better and possibly higher paying job in the future.”
senior Easton Rem

“I worked at Breakout Escape Rooms. I had a job before but I decided to get a second one to fill time and make money.”
senior Alyse Rork

SPENDIN' SUMMER OUT

Three of senior Luna Alkassam's favorite summer spots

1. Hocking Hills State Park in Logan, Ohio. Photos courtesy of Alkassam

2. The Harvest Coffeehouse in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

3. Sunflower field near Logan, Ohio.

With the intention of being a newspaper designer, junior Amy Xiu signed up for The Emery at the end of her sophomore year. Due to this, she received information about the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association’s journalism summer camp and immediately signed up. “I wasn’t really doing anything this summer. This year I had started doing more design work and I decided to try and see if I would like camp.” Xiu said. Before MIPA, Xiu’s skills only extended to Photoshop but she worked to learn Indesign and other adobe platforms. “I don’t know if I’ll do design as my future career but it definitely helped with newspaper.”

Photo courtesy of James Xiu

MAKING IT AT MIPA

In an effort to get better at graphic design, junior Amy Xiu ends up winning excellence award



SINGING SUMMER AWAY

Some of senior Ali Beghidja's favorite summer tunes

Out of all of the various music genres, rap speaks to senior Ali Beghidja in a different way. Even within rap, Beghidja likes a variety of artists and sounds. Some of his favorite songs include Rolex by Ayo and Teo and Rockstar by Post Malone. “I feel cool when I listen to rap. It sometimes calms me down when I’m upset.”

Scan the Spotify codes to the right to listen to some of Begidja's favorite songs.



“ I couldn’t believe the amount of people who were hanging out in close contact without masks,”
senior Devynn Wilderman

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