SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTING
The Tesserae staff worked this year to use their Instagram feed as a forum for even more great reporting content. Throughout the year, the @TesseraeYBK Instagram account was posted on consistently with topics such as sports starting, political rallies, and a series of posts looking back at the effects of COVID-19.
On the first day of JV lacrosse practice, freshman McKenna Moseley listens to Coach Crane for direction on this year’s team. Along with the JV girls’ lacrosse team, the rest of the spring sports started their seasons today, getting back into practice for the first time since 2019. “It feels so good to be back on the court and back with my team,” senior tennis player Alexe Bates said. “I’m most excited to play singles this year, it’ll be my first year playing singles. Also just to have a brand new team. All of the challenges with returning have been really nerve racking, but overall I’m excited.”

Reporting by Mykolas Reed

Freshman Angie McKane swims the breaststroke in her 200 IM at the pool tonight against Ilcica. She finished with a time of 2:05:18. “The practices have been tough but the meets make it worth it. I get to see my hard work pay off,” McKane said. Having broken various records this season, McKane is currently ranked eighth in NY state for his time in the 100 Fly. Reporting by Mykolas Reed

Senior DiFi Molino celebrates with the varsity soccer team after Jackson Casey scored 27 seconds into the game against the Ilcica Little Red this afternoon at the stadium. Casey, a sophomore, is the leading scorer on the team, with seven goals this season.

The football team started practicing on the turf this week, despite the winter weather, marking the beginning of the fall sports season. They usually start practice in August, but with the condensed schedules, their season was moved. “Football finally started back up this Monday and practices are going really smoothly. It suits us that we have to practice in such bad weather, though,” senior Brady Hughes said. “This season is a lot shorter and there aren’t as many games, plus the weather is a huge factor. It makes it a lot harder to practice because your hands get super cold and you have to wear a lot of layers, which means fewer mobility,” Hughes said.

Reporting by Aidan Roth

Girls lacrosse players got an afternoon off the turf after school on Friday. “When they said lacrosse in December, I wasn’t sure,” Coach Corrine Mayer said. “But it’s been a nice couple of weeks. The girls are conditioning on their own, we’re just working on getting their sticks back in their hands after so much time off.”

Reporting by Aidan Roth
tesseraeYBK In the auditorium this morning, various students and teachers were recognized by Administrators and School Counselors for their outstanding work and achievements in the 2nd marking period. Students received thanks for their contributions to the climate and the culture at the school, and teachers for their exceptional efforts with our Corning-Painted Post High School students during the 2nd Marking Period. Congratulations to Hayden Allington, Alexander Clark, Angel Cooke, Genevieve Griffin, Alexius Hathaway, Linus Law, Justin Makita, Connor Martinez, Marielyyne Nichols, Caleb Ross, Grace Stauffer, Domitri Valentin, Alexa Waksmsnuski and Jeremy Willis.

March 9
One year ago today, our school shut down.

We were in ninth period when the news came: Schools were officially closing. We saw it happening around the world, but never thought it could reach us. Excited for a long spring break—unaware of what was ahead, we left. Now looking back on all of the unexpected moments over the last year, we ask: What have we learned? What have we hated, loved and missed? This pandemic is one thing that the entire world has in common. So what do we have to show for it?

#OneYearLaterIHAVE

A series of Instagram posts telling the stories of what people gained, learned, and took away from the pandemic one year after the school was shut down.
#ONEYEARLATERIHAVE

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tesseraeybk: "I remember it was literally my birthday when we shut down. We were out furniture shopping and I got the message that we would not be going to school the next week. I thought, ‘Oh my god, this is crazy!’ I began talking with the other social workers just to kind of wrap our heads around who we really needed to stay in touch with. It was more of the immediate needs because the long term goals were not even on our scope.

We started by reaching out through the phone numbers and emails we had in SchoolTutor. I set up a Google Voice so that students had the texting option, too. I’m starting to feel more comfortable having these online interactions, rather than having a student in my chair talking to me. Also, Mrs. Allard and I set up a virtual office so that students can fill out a form to talk to us. That has a lot of coping skills and resources for them to use on their own. As something we could physically get to a student, we came up with these folders with a bunch of different resources. There’s journals prompts, mindful activities, coloring sheets, and more.

A consistent worry of mine has been making sure that students have everything they need. Obviously basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, but there’s also a big need for emotional connections and support. Some students don’t have that at home. We really struggle with knowing that kids are okay and knowing that if they need anything they’ll reach out to us.

The main thing I’ve come away from this year with is a message of resilience, which I’ve tried to pass on to my students and my family. We’ve been faced with this huge challenge that no one really knew would come, and we’re still surviving and adapting though it’s not ideal."

Ms. Sara Fronz, Social Worker

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I have missed seeing everybody’s smiles in the hallway. I was always that smiley person in the morning trying to greet people and say good morning, but now I feel like I need a mask that says ‘I’m smiling under here!’ because I still am.

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tesseraeybk: "I feel like I have a purpose in writing Dear Corona. Creatively I have a goal and I have a purpose. I have learned a lot of new technology during this, too. That’s been a big takeaway for me. I was forced to learn technology I never would have learned before. I know I can be more of a help to students now.

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Mr. David Smith
Music Teacher

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tesseraeybk: "I remember the day very distinctly. We had just opened up our play, Father of The Bride, and we thought we would be able to make it through the weekend with no problems. I thought everything was going to be fine. When the school actually shut down and they told us we had to stop the play, I was devastated. I thought things would open back up in a couple of weeks, and everything would be normal.

We felt really bad for the students because of the amount of time that went into both of the shows. Father of The Bride was able to at least get one show off. Crazy For You didn’t even get that.

Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Ginalske and I started writing our own show, Dear Corona, in November. Our big thing was that we knew that it might be a show that we would have to do with masks on — nothing had been written like that. The other part of it was that there had been a big issue with royalty rights and costs with shows since Broadway shut down. It would be really crazy to put all of that money and work into a show and then maybe not be able to do it. It would crush us, financially.

The Virtual Variety Show was something that we figured we could do separately and safely. We could give students an outlet to show some of the things they’ve been practicing in their basements and living rooms. At midnight on Friday that will go live as a playlist on youtube.

I know there are so many students who are disappointed that they are not getting a chance to share their craft. Just want to say, keep up your skills wherever you are. Don’t let up."

Mr. David Smith, Music Teacher
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tesseraeybk Supporters of presidential incumbent Donald Trump gathered on Saturday, Oct. 24 to drive through our area in a Trump parade sporting their flags and apparel through the town. “It was super fun, really positive, and there wasn’t anything bad that happened. I felt super safe and comfortable. I mean, normally in big groups you don’t really feel that way, but honestly I did. I never felt out of place or anything like that at all even with how many people were there,” sophomore Devyn Button said. “I did see the protesters on the side and just felt like, there will always be people who don’t agree with you. Most of them weren’t rude, I mean there were some, but they weren’t really that negative, they just believe what they believe.”

The parade was greeted by a small crowd of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris supporters outside Card Carrying Bookstore on Market Street, including about half a dozen CPPHS students. “I just felt very toxic energy. A lot of people have been flipping us off and just being unnecessarily aggressive. It’s almost as if they make it a personality trait just to be supporting somebody that’s not even going to be winning in a month,” junior Dylan Almy said. “In my whole life I have never experienced something like this before, and I think that it kind of reflects on Trump as a person, because if he was somebody else do we really think that this would be happening right now?”

Reporting by Mykaela Reed and Kaila Stefanini
tesseraeybk On Tuesday, Jan. 5, students were finally able to come together at the annual activities fair to find out about new clubs and how to sign up. This year, however, looked emptier most. “We are at the activities fair today and I am representing the Winter Guard. In previous years there have been more people roaming the halls over here and actually looking into all of the clubs. Most clubs are very hands-on so I think Covid-19 has really hindered a lot of the collaborative aspects of those programs,” senior Gabriella Gerbino said.

The Sister Cities club looked different also, as their club was heavily affected by this year’s challenges. “I am here for the Sister Cities club. We give students opportunities to travel to Italy and Japan, and we are Sister Cities with San Giovanni, a city in Italy, and a city in Ukraine. The biggest issue this year is that we’re not sure if we’ll be able to travel with the strict guidelines in different countries. We also probably won’t be able to hold too many big events like we usually do,” junior Laura Smith said.

There will be another activities fair today, Thursday, Jan. 7, for Cohort B students. Don’t forget to stop by during periods 5, 6, or 7 to see how you can get involved this year.

Reporting by Mykaela Reed
January 7