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# 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.




# SPORTS REPORTING

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tesseraeybk On the first day of JV lacrosse practice, freshman McKenna Morse listens to Coach Crane for direction on this years 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 Alexa Cates 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 Mykaela Reed

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

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tesseraeybk Freshman Angie McKane swims the breaststroke in her 200 IM at the pool tonight against Ithaca. She finished with a time of 2:16:16. "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 her time in the 100 Fly. Reporting by Mykaela Reed

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tesseraeybk 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 sucks that we have to practice in such bad weather, though," sophomore 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 lower mobility." Hughes said. Reporting by Aiden Roth

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tesseraeybk Girls lacrosse players got an afternoon on 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."

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# ACADEMICS

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tesseraeybk With cake and trophies, the Academic All-Stars celebrated their team's division win. "I got an invitation at school that said one of my teachers recommended me for All Stars, so I went to the first meeting and I loved it. I describe it as a jeopardy game. The questions range from science questions to math to some pop culture and history," senior Elyza Greene said. Since the Corning All Stars group is so large they split up into two teams: gold and black. After facing off against each other for the second year in the row, the gold team went on to the division championship against Naples. "I wasn't really sure what to expect when we went up against Naples. I believe they were undefeated at the time and we had lost three games. We always talk in between the questions to see who knows the answer, and try to pass it on to that person as quickly as we can. That is our main strategy to win," Greene said.


Reporting by Mykaela Reed

March 30

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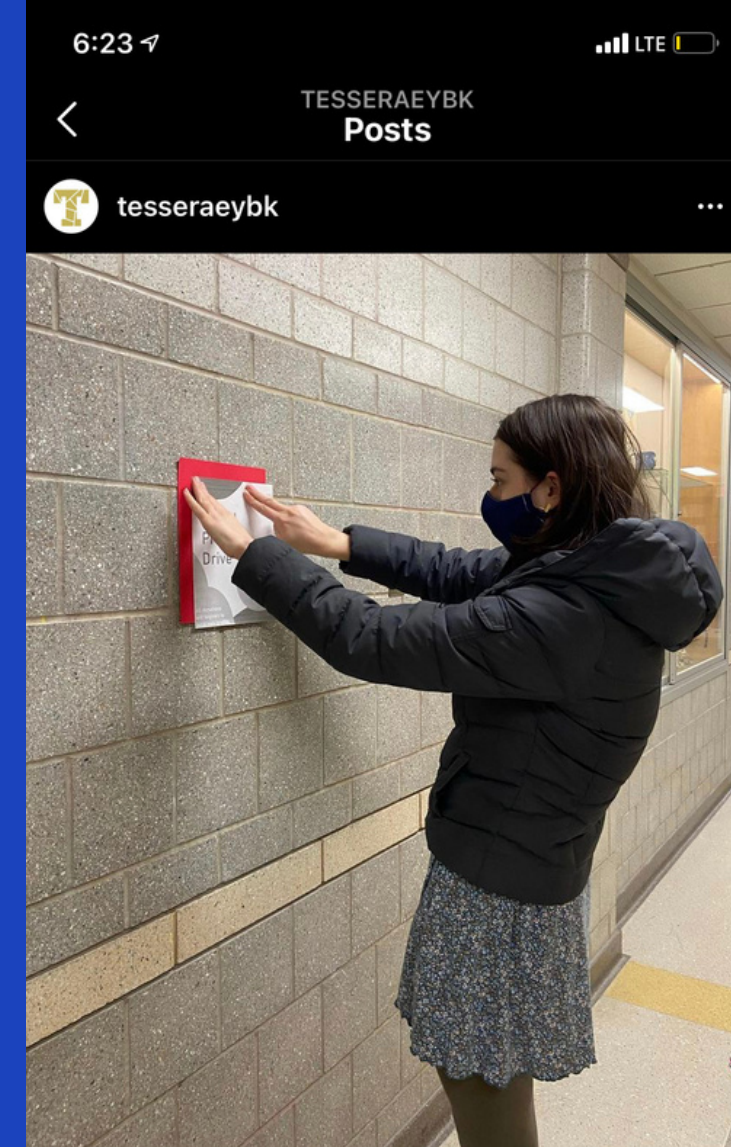


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tesseraeybk In the auditorium this morning, various students and teachers were recognized by Administrators and School Counselors for their outstanding work and achievements in the 2nd marking period. Students received thanks for their contributions 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, Alexieus Hathaway, Linus Law, Justin Makitra, Connor Martinec, MaddiLynne Nichols, Caleb Ross, Grace Stauffer, Domitri Valentin, Alexa Waksmunski and Jeremy Willis.

March 9



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tesseraeybk For their IB CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) project, seniors Elyza Greene, Mary Parker, and Kalea Faulk are putting together a period products drive. Parker gave her time after school today to put up posters promoting the project and set up drop-off boxes. "We're hoping to get donations of period products and donate them to places like the Potter's Hands foundation and other local places. The basis of the project was to create something that would help fill a need in our community," Parker said. "This is actually a legacy project, so it has been going on for three years, led by a different group of seniors each time. I think it's so important to advocate for the need of menstrual products because since it can be so hard to talk about, people end up not getting the help they need. If you cut your finger, you're not scared to ask for a bandaid, but asking for a new tampon or pad when you need one can be scary."

For more information check out the poster on the last slide. You can drop products using the bins at the cafeteria and gym entrances until Jan. 29.

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tesseraeybk This afternoon, senior Cassidy Galusha and junior Kaila Stefanini received an Excellence in Action award from the CPP Board of Education for their work in design and the media arts, presented by board member Kristina Belanger. Galusha was recognized for her graphic design and logo design skills, along with her work as a student assistant in the library. Stefanini was acknowledged for her part in creating videos for the reopening of our schools, infographic design, and her membership in the district reopening Communications Committee. "Cassidy and Kaila volunteered their time, skills and talent to create a number of graphic design and video projects published on behalf of the high school and the district. This effort contributed not only to school spirit, but was a significant part of the district's communication effort in our fall 2020 reopening," Public Information Coordinator Bill Cameron said. The students will be officially recognized for their efforts at next week's Board of Education meeting.


Reporting by Mykaela Reed

February 4



# #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.

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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?

## #OneYearLater I Have

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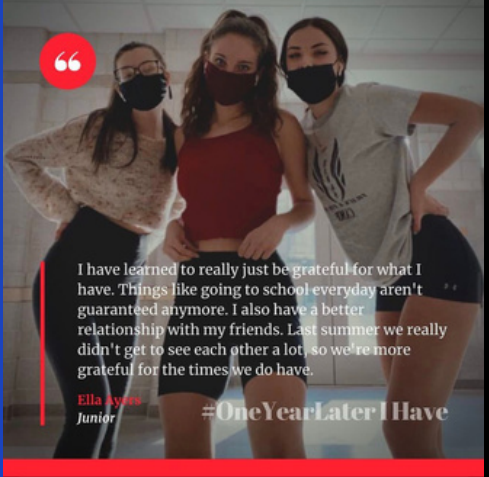


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tesseraeybk It has officially been one year since we closed. To remember all that we have experienced, we will be sharing stories from our students about what they have now, after one full year of COVID-19. You can look forward to those throughout the week. Use #OneYearLaterIHAVE to share your one year stories.

March 13

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

I have learned to really just be grateful for what I have. Things like going to school everyday aren't guaranteed anymore. I also have a better relationship with my friends. Last summer we really didn't get to see each other a lot, so we're more grateful for the times we do have.

Ella Ayers  
Junior

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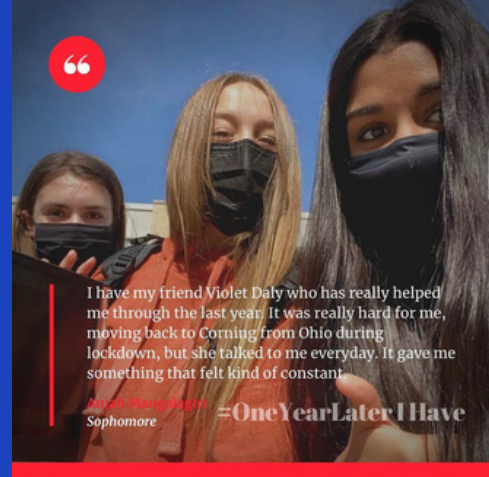
tesseraeybk "I remember I was at school - it was a Friday. I was in history and we were talking about everything that was going on in China with coronavirus. There were some kids who had just come back from Italy and we were worried that they had the virus. I wasn't really too nervous at the time, but it was a weird day when we closed. Everything was just off.

The beginning of quarantine was really boring for me, I just did schoolwork in the morning and whatever I wanted for the rest of the day. The hardest part was not being able to spend time with my family and friends. I don't think the distance has had any negative affects on our relationships, though. If anything it's made us closer because when we do get to see each other, we appreciate it more.

I feel like at this point I'm just used to COVID. It has made me think about things, though, like how nothing in life is guaranteed. I want to make sure that in the future I cherish every moment I have with my family and my friends."

Ella Ayers, Junior  
Reporting by Mykaela Reed  
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March 14

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I have my friend Violet Daly who has really helped me through the last year. It was really hard for me, moving back to Corning from Ohio during lockdown, but she talked to me everyday. It gave me something that felt kind of constant.

Anjali Mangalagiri  
Sophomore

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tesseraeybk "Initially I really thought this whole thing would last a couple of weeks and then we would be back to normal. My entire family was telling me no, but I was really hopeful. I remember all of the schools around mine in Ohio were shutting down and I was getting really scared.

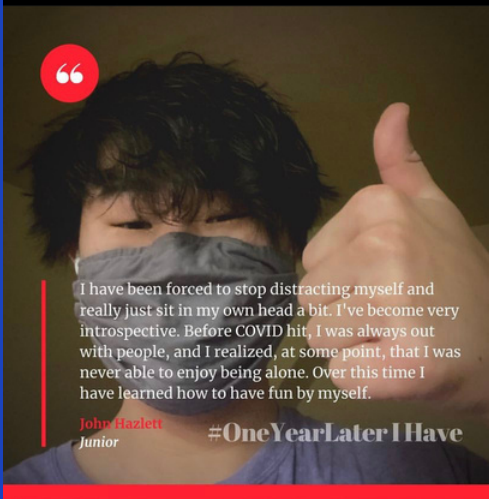
I was worried first of all about my family's health and making sure that they were all safe. I was also super annoyed with not being able to see my friends, and moving states in quarantine. It was really hard to not be able to say goodbye to my friends.

I'm honestly feeling a lot better about COVID recently because we've been getting so much news about people getting vaccinated and vaccines becoming much more accessible. I'm really missing sports and student sections, though. Also just being able to see everybody in school without things being so chopped up.

Overall, I've learned that it's really important for everyone to be able to work together to fight against this. I don't think I would undo it if I could because if COVID had never happened, I would not have moved back to Corning."

Anjali Mangalagiri, sophomore  
Reporting by Mykaela Reed  
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March 16

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I have been forced to stop distracting myself and really just sit in my own head a bit. I've become very introspective. Before COVID hit, I was always out with people, and I realized, at some point, that I was never able to enjoy being alone. Over this time I have learned how to have fun by myself.

John Hazlett  
Junior

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tesseraeybk "The first thing I saw about COVID-19 was literally just memes on Instagram. People started to joke around so it didn't seem like much of a big deal to me. I thought maybe a couple of people through the country would have it, and it would maybe spike in some big cities. That is obviously not what happened.


I was pretty annoyed by quarantine at first because I just wanted to get out and do stuff with people in the nicer weather. For those first couple of weeks, I really missed seeing my people like my friends and random people in the hallway. I was annoyed having to sit at home all day.

For me it feels like the marker for when this all ends just keeps getting placed further and further away - like we are stepping towards it but it keeps getting pushed. I miss feeling like I could breathe freely.

I'm content with the belief that this whole thing has reshaped me in a lot of different ways, and I think I've come out of it more satisfied with myself. I don't think I would undo it if I could. I can't say whether or not I would have ended up in the same place had this not happened. The pandemic gave me time to realize so many things about myself."

John Hazlett, junior  
Reporting by Mykaela Reed  
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March 15

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I have become much more cautious about what I'm touching this year. Last year I would touch all the gym equipment and the desks without really thinking about it. Now I can't stop thinking about all the germs that are around. I have that bottle of hand sanitizer out every period.

Taylor Farrell  
Freshman

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tesseraeybk "This year has definitely gone by way faster than I thought it was going to. When we first shut down I remember I was at a friends house and I just thought it would be so much fun to have time off school and hang out with my friends. After a week or two it kind of sunk in that that wasn't going to happen. I was going really crazy in my house and getting pretty lonely.

I've found that people in general are just as scared as I am. Some people who I thought maybe wouldn't care so much about something like this have really changed to be safe.

I thought I was an introvert before all this, but I really don't like being inside as much as I thought. I needed to go outside everyday to not lose my mind. I also didn't realize how much I talked to my friends in school, so we definitely needed to FaceTime more in quarantine. That was a big change for me.

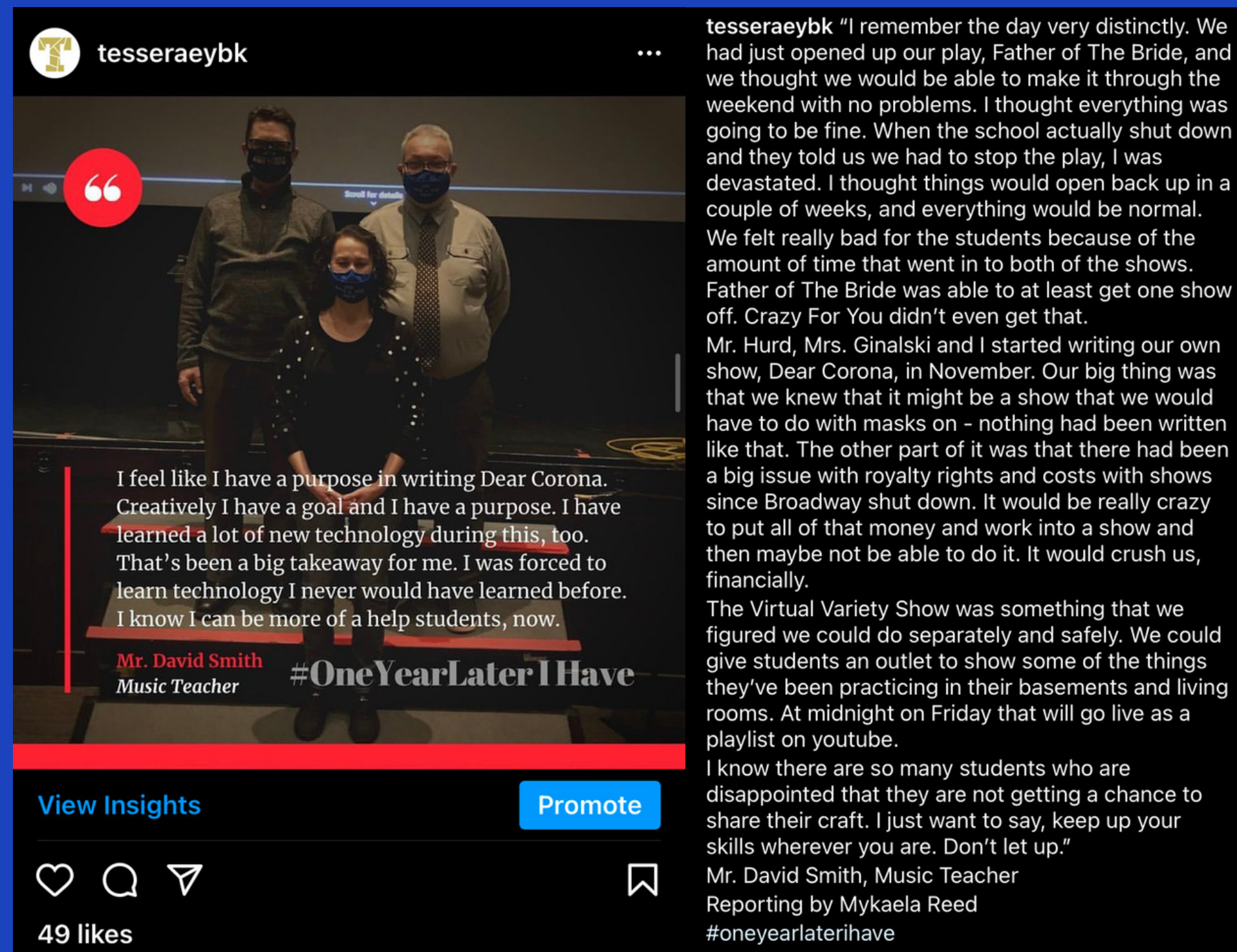
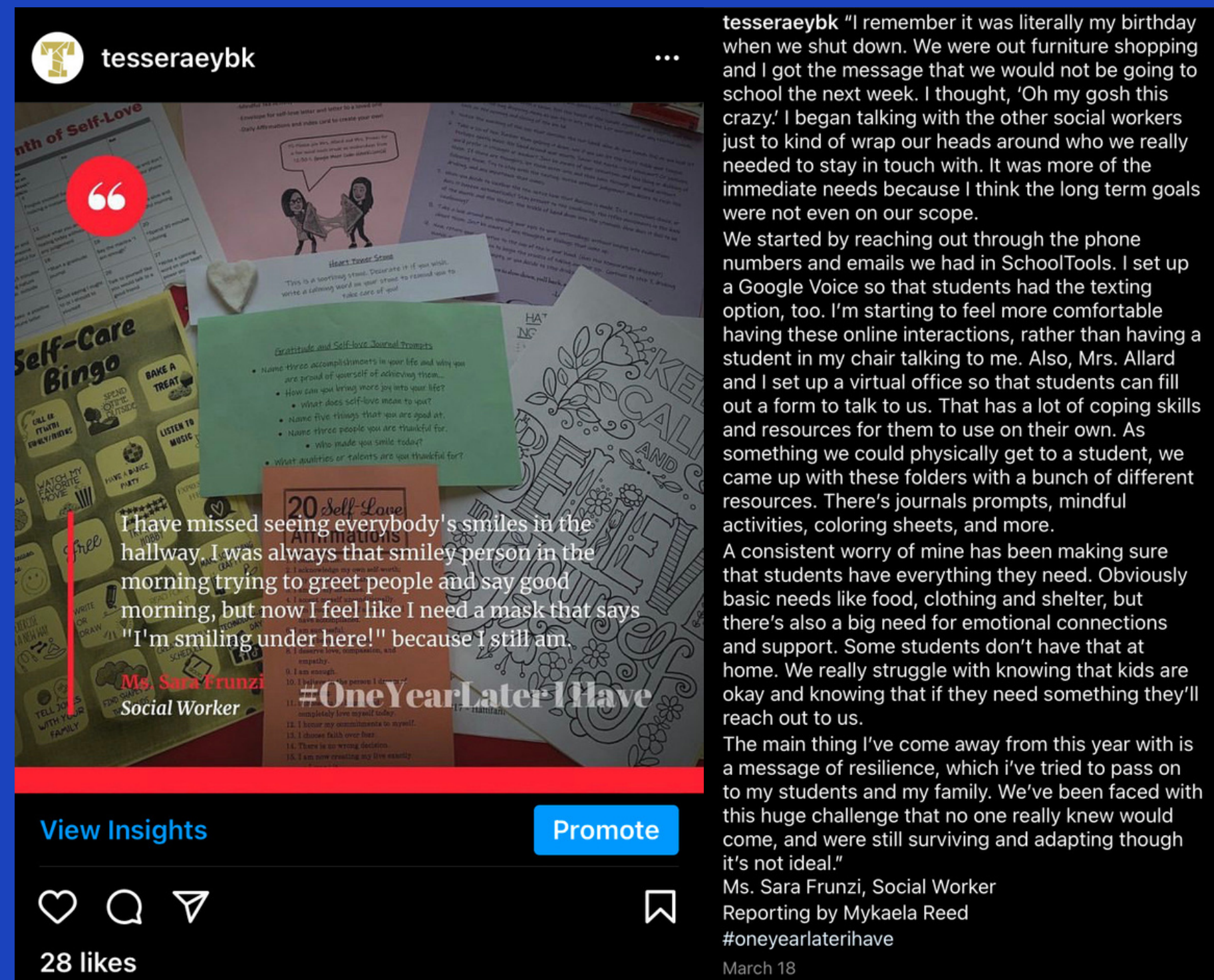
Obviously I learned many new things this year, but there have been way too many deaths to be comfortable with. I definitely would have done something to stop COVID in the beginning if I could. There have been so many people affected by this and so many people who have lost their jobs and are now relying on help. I would definitely go back in time to change that."

Taylor Farrell, freshman  
Reporting by Mykaela Reed  
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March 17



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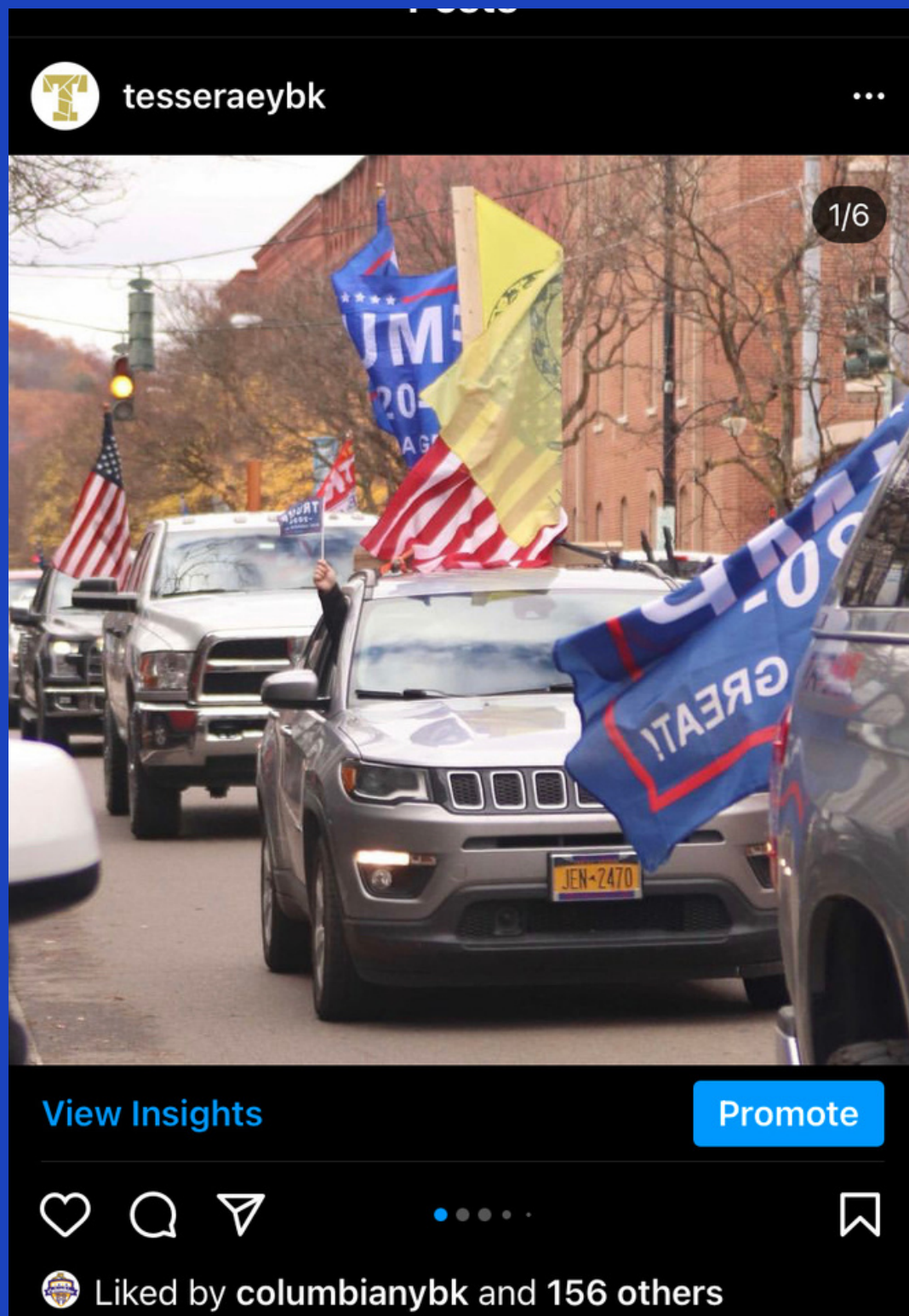
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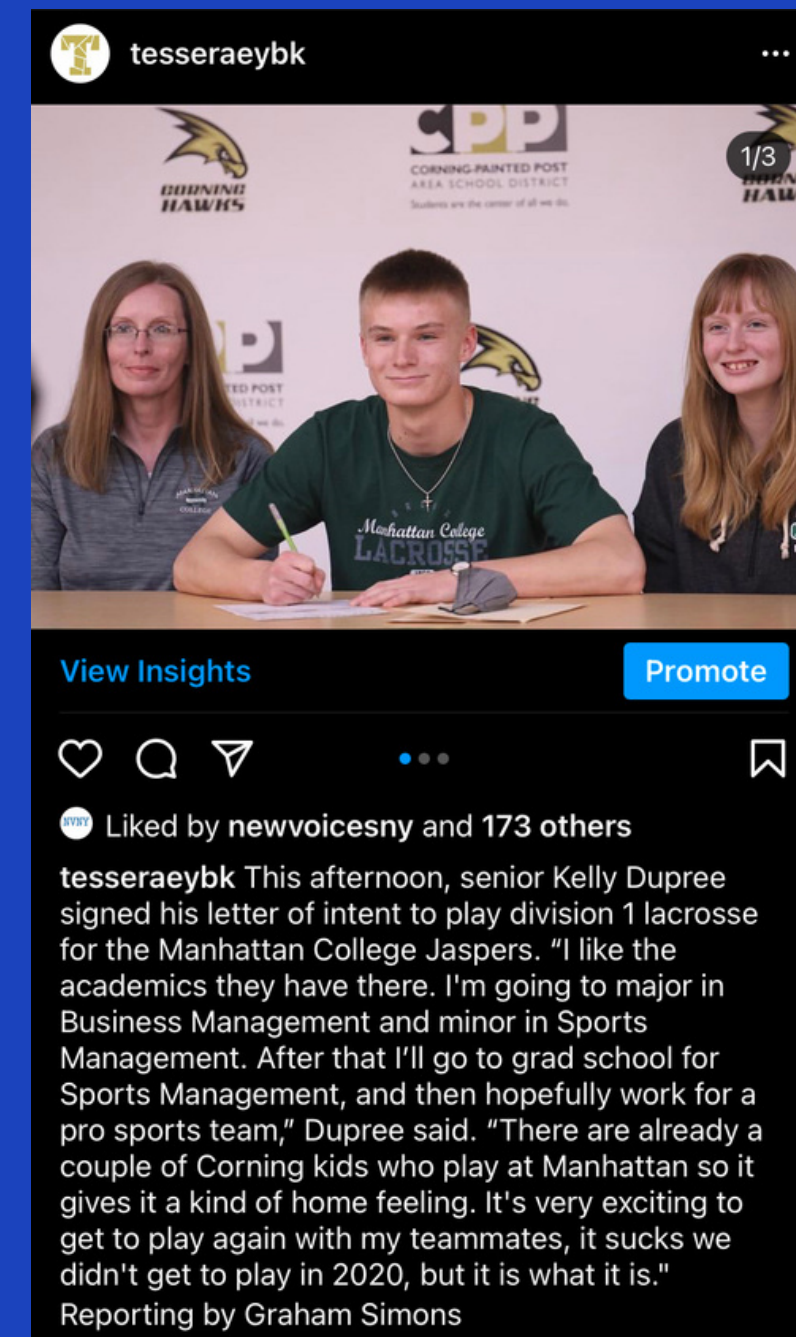
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**tesseraeybk** Supporters of presidential incumbent Donald Trump gathered on Saturday, Oct. 24 to drive through our area in a Trump parade sporting their flags and apparel through the town. "It was super fun, really positive, and there wasn't anything 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?"

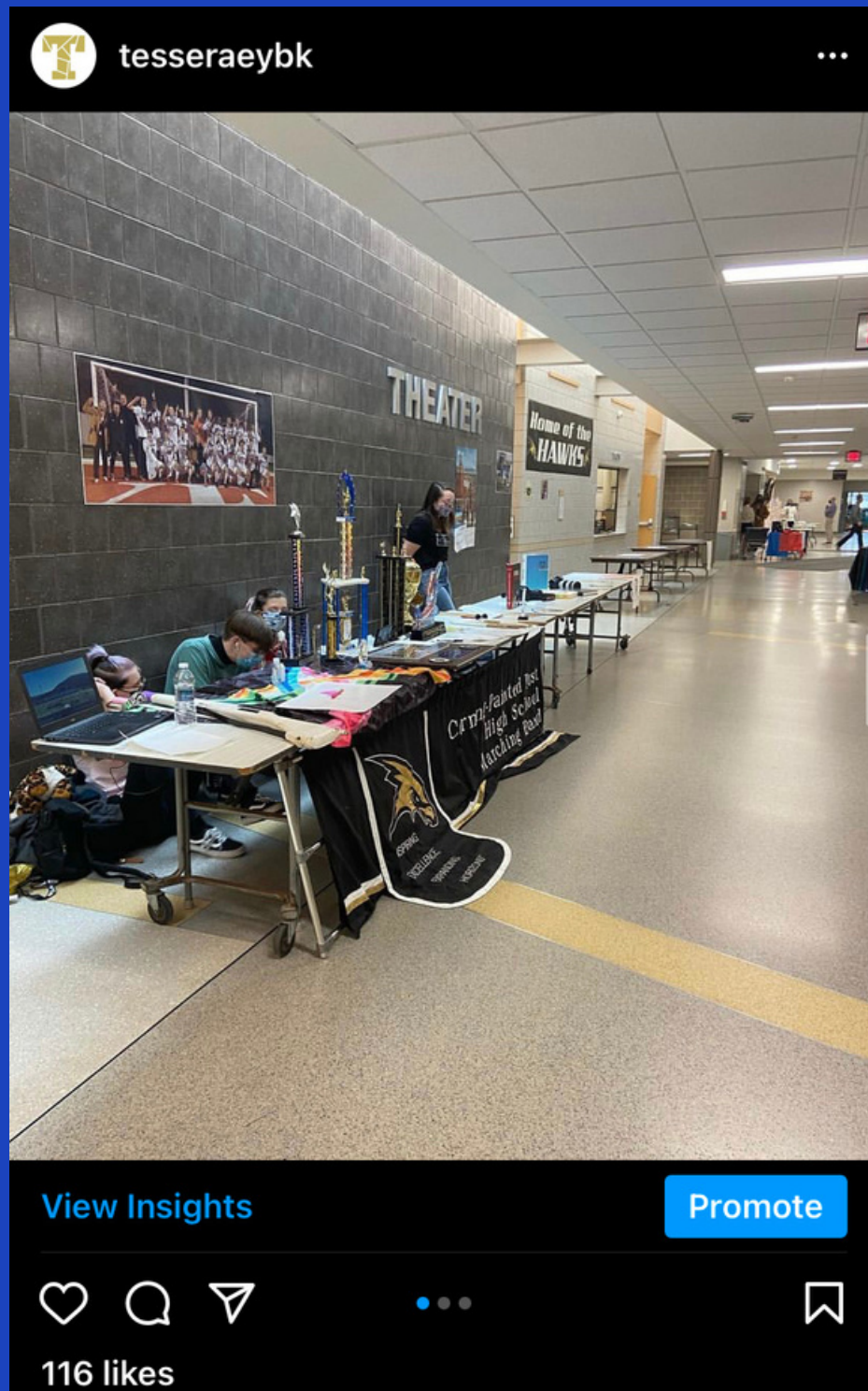
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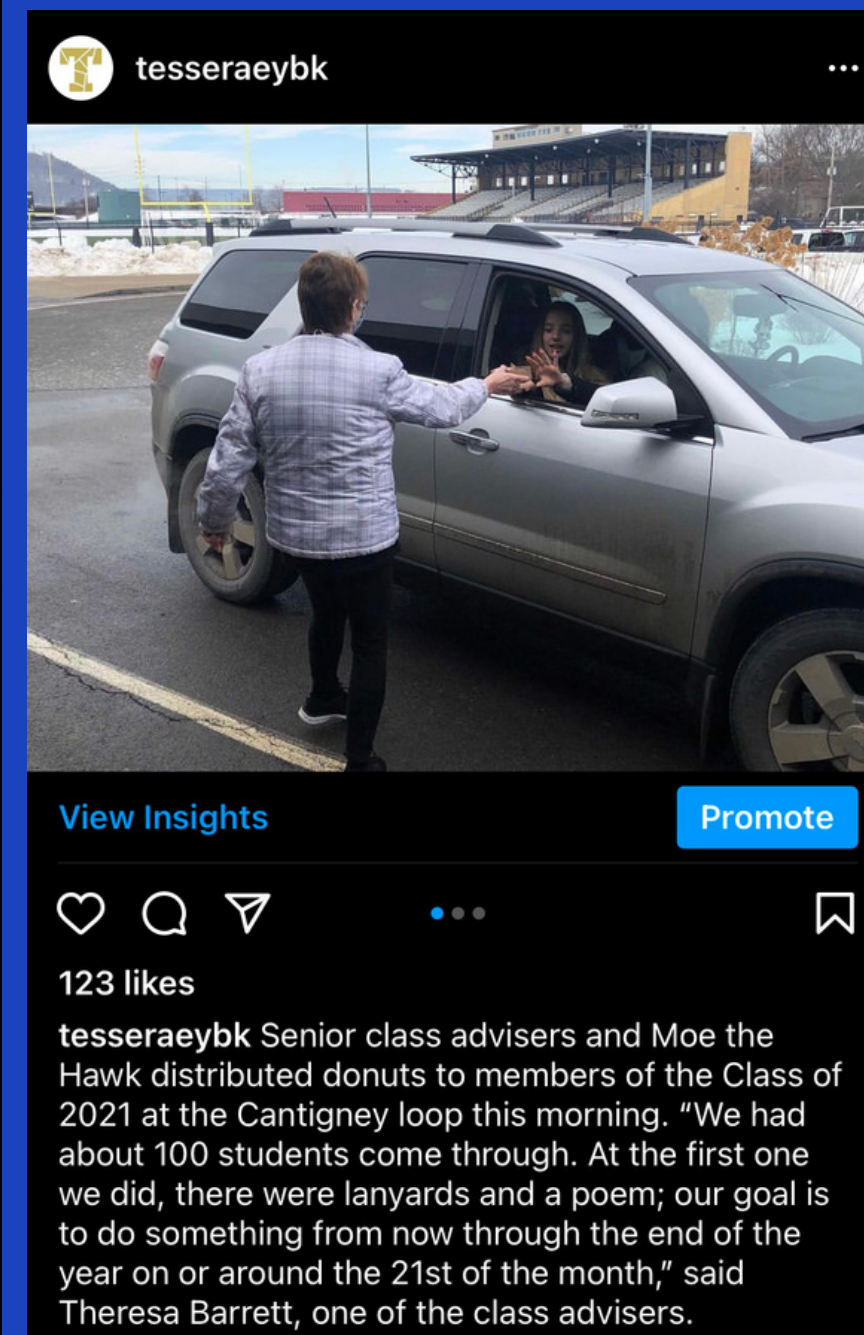
**tesseraeybk** On Tuesday, Jan. 5, students were finally able to come together at the annual activities fair to find out about new clubs and how to sign up. This year, however, looked emptier most. "We are at the activities fair today and I am representing the Winter Guard. In previous years there have 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.

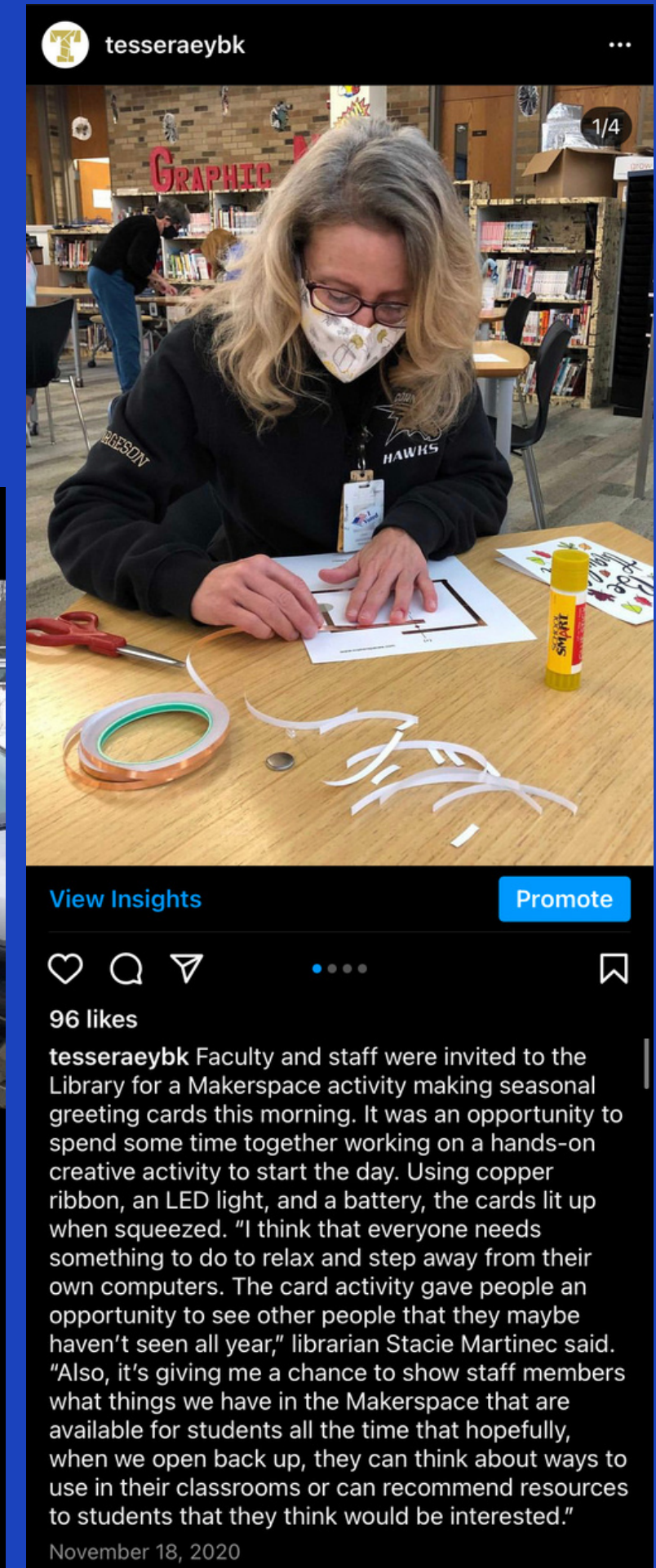
There will be another activities fair today, Thursday, Jan. 7, for Cohort B students. Don't forget to stop by during periods 5, 6, or 7 to see how you can get involved this year.

Reporting by Mykaela Reed

January 7



**tesseraeybk** Senior class advisers and Moe the Hawk distributed donuts to members of the Class of 2021 at the Cantigney loop this morning. "We had about 100 students come through. At the first one we did, there were lanyards and a poem; our goal is to do something from now through the end of the year on or around the 21st of the month," said Theresa Barrett, one of the class advisers.



**tesseraeybk** Faculty and staff were invited to the Library for a Makerspace activity making seasonal greeting cards this morning. It was an opportunity to spend some time together working on a hands-on creative activity to start the day. Using copper ribbon, an LED light, and a battery, the cards lit up when squeezed. "I think that everyone needs something to do to relax and step away from their own computers. The card activity gave people an opportunity to see other people that they maybe haven't seen all year," librarian Stacie Martinec said. "Also, it's giving me a chance to show staff members what things we have in the Makerspace that are available for students all the time that hopefully, when we open back up, they can think about ways to use in their classrooms or can recommend resources to students that they think would be interested."

November 18, 2020