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LONE STAR 2021

POPULATION CLASS **6**
2,945 STUDENTS
285 FACULTY & STAFF **DISTRICT 14**

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008	PHASE <i>ONE</i>
028	PHASE <i>TWO</i>
080	PHASE <i>THREE</i>
116	PHASE <i>FOUR</i>
158	PHASE <i>FIVE</i>
194	PEOPLE
264	REFERENCE



LOOKING back, Erin Folliard² participates in a drill at lacrosse practice. The girls lacrosse team practiced four times a week during the season to get ready for games. "My favorite part of practice was getting to do scrimmages because it let us put all of our skills we practiced that day to use," Folliard said. Photo by Mariah Barsotti

when will school
actually start?
what phase
are we even in?
when can we
meet again
under the tree?
what's hybrid
learning?
what's safe?
when will we
not need masks?
**will the
whole year
be like this?**

SO, YEAH,
WE HAD SOME QUESTIONS.

“as a color guard captain, it was hard to tell my team 'I DON'T KNOW' every time they asked what the season would look like.”

HALEY VOGT¹²

WE COULDN'T EVEN FIGURE OUT WHEN SCHOOL WAS STARTING.

well, well, well, well, well, until AUGUST. When it was postponed to SEPTEMBER. Plus three weeks of all virtual pushed in-person to OCTOBER.

& 2,800 even then, of us stayed at home.

THE YEAR JUST KEPT COMING BUT THE ANSWERS DIDN'T.

AT BEST, THE ANSWER WAS

to be determined.

HANDS at the ready for a pass, Cade Holzman¹³ yells for the ball during the Steele game on Dec. 5. Holzman's job as a small or power forward on the boys varsity basketball team included setting screens, scoring on the inside, and getting defensive stops. "When I'm on the court, I feel very passionate and competitive," Holzman said. "If we're on offense, I'll be thinking about what I have to do to get a bucket or help my team score. If we're on defense, I take it personally and tell myself that my [opponent] won't score, and I also do what I can to help my team." Photo by Mariah Barsotti



AT SOME ~~point,~~ WE JUST HAD TO EMBRACE THE NOT-KNOWING. IN A YEAR DICTATED BY phases & stages,

we had to let go of our
preconceived notions and roll with

THE PUNCHES.
& THE PANDEMIC.
& POLITICS.
& POWER OUTAGES.



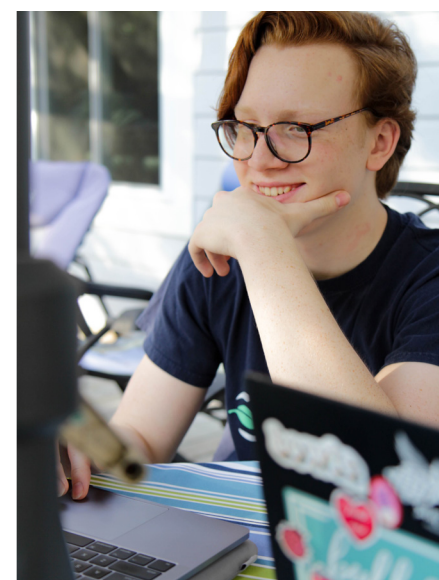
PAINTBRUSH in hand, James Woo² helps paint a maroon bench to be placed outside a portable at Patton Elementary for the school's daycare program. Woo earned hours for his service through NHS and spent the majority of his time working on the bench, as well as picking up trash and fixing up the playground area. "I felt that I had made a difference by improving their playscapes so the kids could have more fun," Woo said. "We made many contributions to the playground that will last many years and I think it was an excellent way to give back." *Photo by Mariah Barsotti*

GAZING down at her sheet music, Mercedes Solis² plays the bass guitar at the Bowie City Limits performance on May 7. The Jazz Band put on their show in the courtyard in order to allow an audience that could socially distance and give players the ability to perform safely. "I think the biggest challenge this year in Jazz was not being able to play together with people," Solis said. "Learning and playing music online exclusively isn't the same. But once sectionals began, we all started to relearn how to play in that setting again and it ended up being a really great end to my senior year with all of the wonderful performances." *Photo by Mariah Barsotti*

FOCUSED on the screen, Matthew Cluchey⁹ joins his Tech Theatre Zoom for remote class on Nov. 14. During virtual learning, topics included theatrical design, theatre history, and video editing. "We had to change things up a bit this year to account for the virtual aspect of the class," Cluchey said. "Tech 3/4 usually helps with the building of each show block. However, most of our show blocks were virtual this year. So with that in mind, we contributed to the editing and design of some of the virtual shows produced this year." *Photo by Tiffany Ard*



HOLDING the camera steady towards the green screen, Eimear Harriman¹¹ films the theatre Fall Shows on Oct. 29. Harriman filmed the wide shot, which encompassed the entire stage during each scene. "My year was impacted by COVID in good and bad ways," Harriman said. "Theatre-wise, it was hard to make our shows possible when most kids are remote and don't want to come in. We did make it work, and did every show block, but it was definitely tough." *Photo by Tiffany Ard*



BUT WE'RE GETTING AHEAD
OF OURSELVES.
there's
A LOT more **tbd**
(you'll see) (you'll see).
(you'll see)

phase one

SUMMER - SEPT. 7

2020 PARADE & GRADUATION
SUMMER TRENDS
SUMMER VACATIONS
ROAD TRIPS
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
SUMMER STAYCATION
YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION
ACTIVISM
QUARANTINE HOBBIES & PETS

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WHAT WE
wondered

DURING PHASE ONE

Will we be able to go on summer vacation?
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Is strength and conditioning
going to get shut down?
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How do I get my yearbook?
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tbd
tbd
tbd



I REALLY
HAVE TO
anticipate

MY JUMP & THE
FORCE
BECAUSE, IF I'M NOT
READY, IT WILL
THROW ME
OFF & HURT ME.

”

WALKER DEMEIDEROS

IN a freefall, Walker Demeideros¹¹ releases his pole to clear the bar. Once past the bar, vaulters release their pole and lean back to fall onto the pads. "First, I feel my run going up to the pit, and I'm thinking about how I'm going to plant the pole and position my body for a good jump," Demeideros said. "The second you hit and jump over the pit, your body takes over, and you do what you have practiced. I have the best feeling when I clear a height, and when you're free falling, it just feels electric and freeing." Photo by Mariah Barsotti

phase two

SEPT. 8 - DEC. 31

BACK TO SCHOOL
VIRTUAL

MASKS

BACK TO
SPORTS

OVERGROWN

BINGE
WATCHING

OCT. 5-18

#EVANSTRONG

OCT. 19 - NOV. 1

ELECTION

NOV. 2-15

MARCHING
BAND

FINE ARTS
EXTRAVAGANZA

NOV. 16-29

BUSINESSES

CROSS
COUNTRY

NOV. 30 - DEC. 13

VARSITY
VOLLEYBALL

JV & FRESHMAN
VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY
FOOTBALL

JV & FRESHMAN
FOOTBALL

CHEER

SILVER
STARS

DEC. 14-31

NEW
YEAR

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wondered

DURING PHASE TWO

When will we start school again?
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be different?
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“
I HAD TO
BE SUPER
cautious

WHEN DANCING
INSIDE

BECAUSE I DIDN'T
WANT TO RUN
INTO WALLS
OR FALL DOWN
THE STAIRS.

”

ELLIE GEESLIN¹²

ARM outstretched in front of her, Ellie Geeslin¹² practices her ballet in front of her iPad Zoom class. Silver Stars practiced both in person and virtually in order to work around COVID-19 and maintain their skills. “I moved all of my furniture in my upstairs living room so I could have space, and then I went on Zoom,” Geeslin said. “It was kind of tough learning dances virtually, but the officers and directors did a great job explaining things. If the weather was nice, I would take my class outside.” Photo by Tiffany Ard

phase three

JAN. 1 - FEB. 14

RUNNING along the sideline, Sophie Meyer¹⁰ races for control of the ball. Meyer usually plays outside defender or forward for the team. "[The] soccer season was fun, but it was very different from last year," Meyer said. "We ran into problems like other teams having to quarantine due to COVID exposure and weather conditions that made us miss a lot of games. Normal seasons we played a lot more games than we did this season."

Photo by Mariah Barsotti

“THE MOST
challenging

PART FOR ME WAS
HAVING TO JOIN THE
SEASON
BECAUSE THEY
DIDN'T WANT TO
CROSS CONTAMINATE
THE DIFFERENT TEAMS.

”

SOPHIE MEYER¹⁰

WHAT WE
wondered

DURING PHASE THREE

When will we be able to get vaccinated?
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Will Starlight Theatre Company
put on the musical?
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experiments at home?
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phase five

APRIL 1 - MAY 15

ARM extended with her phone in hand, Lauren Youngblood[®] takes a selfie of her varsity softball teammates after the 6-3 championship victory over Hays on April 26. The team celebrated a win after Anya German[®] hit a walk-off grand slam to secure the district title. "The bases were loaded and it was really nerve wracking, but when Anya went up we all knew it was over," Youngblood said. "She hit the grand slam and we all ran out to celebrate." Photo by Tiffany Ard

WE ALL FELT THE triumph OF BEATING HAYS THE MOMENT THE BAT HIT THE BALL OUT OF THE PARK.
LAUREN YOUNGBLOOD[®]

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SENIORS
JUNIORS
SOPHOMORES
FRESHMEN
FACULTY

HANDS clasped on stage, Connor Snow^{II} and his costar Cristina Canepa^{II} perform in the theatre Spring Shows. Masks were worn by actors throughout the play and members of the company were given the option to perform in person or virtually. Photo by Tiffany Ard

WHAT WE wondered

ABOUT PEOPLE

Who are the twins in the top ten?
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READY to bat, Tyler Thomason¹² waits for the incoming pitch during the March 26 varsity game against Del Valle. Thomason plays outfield and has played baseball all four years at Bowie. "I've learned that as an athlete I can adapt to change and continue with things I enjoy doing," Thomason said. Photo by Tiffany Ard



**BECAUSE
OF COVID
PLAYING BASEBALL
HAS BEEN A GOOD
WAY TO KEEP MY**

sports life

**WITH MY
FRIENDS
GOING**

TYLER THOMASON¹²

WHAT WE wondered

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LET'S BE
HONEST.
AFTER THIS YEAR, WE WOULD
rock
IMPROV CLUB.

FOR ALL THE THINGS WE
NEVER SAW COMING,
• zoom bombers
winter storms
flooded gym
capitol riot
destroyed theatre
pod learning
wifi outages

WE HAD TO REPEATEDLY
adapt.



HAND to her shoulder Lauren Chou¹ performs a stag jump in the Silver Star spring show 'Rise'. As a Silver Star officer Chou was in charge of leading the team despite challenges such as online practices and performance location changes. "There were so many unknowns this year in dance," Chou said. "We had to be flexible and be ready for all of the challenges that came our way throughout this crazy year," Chou said. Photo by Tiffany Ard

**WE
&
DID.**

Olivia MORENO¹⁰
IN WRESTLING
& Mia Angelina
RUJA¹² IN
TENNIS

**WE
WON
STATE.**

**we zoomed
EVERY DAY.**
OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE TOLD OUR PARENTS.

**WE DONATED
2,704** LBS OF CANNED
GOODS FOR THE
STUDENT COUNCIL
FOOD DRIVE
& FEMININE PRODUCTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES &
CLOTHES THROUGH NHS & RED CROSS CLUB.

WE JACK FEEN¹¹ & TOPHER MEEKS⁹
BEAT **2,500** AUDITIONEES
OUT **FOR ALL-STATE**
BAND.

ARMS wrapped around Dean of Instruction Susan Leos, Laine Smith¹³ walks down the aisle following her stage walk. The June 3 graduation was moved from an outdoor ceremony to an indoor event due to three inches of rain falling in the first four days of the month. "With the limited seating in the arena, my aunt and uncle couldn't see me walk, so the ceremony being moved inside was a little upset, but if it meant we could have an in-person graduation, it was a worthy sacrifice," Smith said. "I was ecstatic graduating. I walked across the stage with the biggest smile on my face because I was so proud of myself. This entirely virtual year was one of the hardest years for me in all ways, shapes and forms, so to have it end in an in-person graduation was a fantastic feeling." *Photo by Lindsey Shirack*
TRUMPET in hand, Diego Soto⁹ performs at the Band show, Bowie City Limits. Bowie City Limits contained performances from the Jazz Band as well as solos and a performance from the Steel Drums group. "Bowie City Limits was a chance to showcase our musical talents in the form of different songs and solos we had been working on," Soto said. "Being able to perform together one last time was an amazing opportunity to showcase out talent in this crazy year." *Photo by Mariah Barsotti*



POURING mulch into a flower bed, Dylan Dang¹¹ volunteers at an NHS service project. The volunteers gardened and made new flowerbeds for Patton Elementary School. "Being able to volunteer my time to something so beneficial to the nearby community was incredibly fulfilling," Dang said. "Even though we were just gardening it was great to know that we were able to make an impact on the community and make Patton a better place." *Photo by Mariah Barsotti*



which mask?
in-person? study?
meet our camera?
on or off?
work?
unmute?
**WE MADE
THE MOST
OF OUR** **thbd** **MOMENTS.**
TO BE DETERMINED



HUDDLED together before a track meet, Averi Cano², Lydia Standage¹ and Olivia Peterson¹ wait on a bench for their events to start. Track was able to have a full season as UIL restrictions eased and vaccinations became more accessible. "Playing sports allowed for us to see old teammates we hadn't seen for a long time and made things feel more normal again," Standage said. *Photo by Skylar Linscomb*

&WE became
WHAT WE WERE
determined to be.

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