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Shawnee Mission North

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Overland Park, Kansas

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After rescheduling school picture day for the second time, students were finally able to get their photos taken on Oct. 20 and 22 from 1:30 - 6:45 p.m. by a photographer from Rolland Studios. Junior Lyla Nash (left) stands in line in the fieldhouse to get her photo taken; each student followed the 6-foot markers on the floor as a guideline. "I was nervous but excited to come back," Nash said about the transition into hybrid school. "I liked virtual learning and didn't have a problem with it, but I wanted to see more of my friends and my teachers." *photo by anna miesner*

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Comparing the mural to a mock-up in her hand, seniors Zoe English and Oliver Fowler participated in a field trip with their AP Studio Art Class where they walked to talk with a local muralist and illustrator. "The field trip was a good way to remain interactive during class especially since there are restrictions to where we can go," English said. "The main reason I chose in-person is to have a more personal interaction with my teachers and have a more accessible way to get art supplies or anything I may need." The class was later able to meet with the artist on Webex to learn more about the mediums he used and how he built his career in art. Even though 988 students chose in-person classes first semester, everyone learned remotely until hybrid began on Oct. 26. *photo by evan whitaker*

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| 14 • September | 60 • January |
| 28 • October | 70 • February |
| 40 • November | 80 • March |
| 50 • December | 90 • April |

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Halfway through her first race, freshman Erika Nunez Siguenza lets her mind wander. "I look at my competitors, my teammates and the spectators and wonder what they're thinking," Nunez Siguenza said. "One word I would use to describe my cross country season is **unforgettable** because I made friends, learned about perseverance and learned to enjoy the challenges that are brought upon ourselves because they make everything even more worthwhile." *photo by evan whitaker*

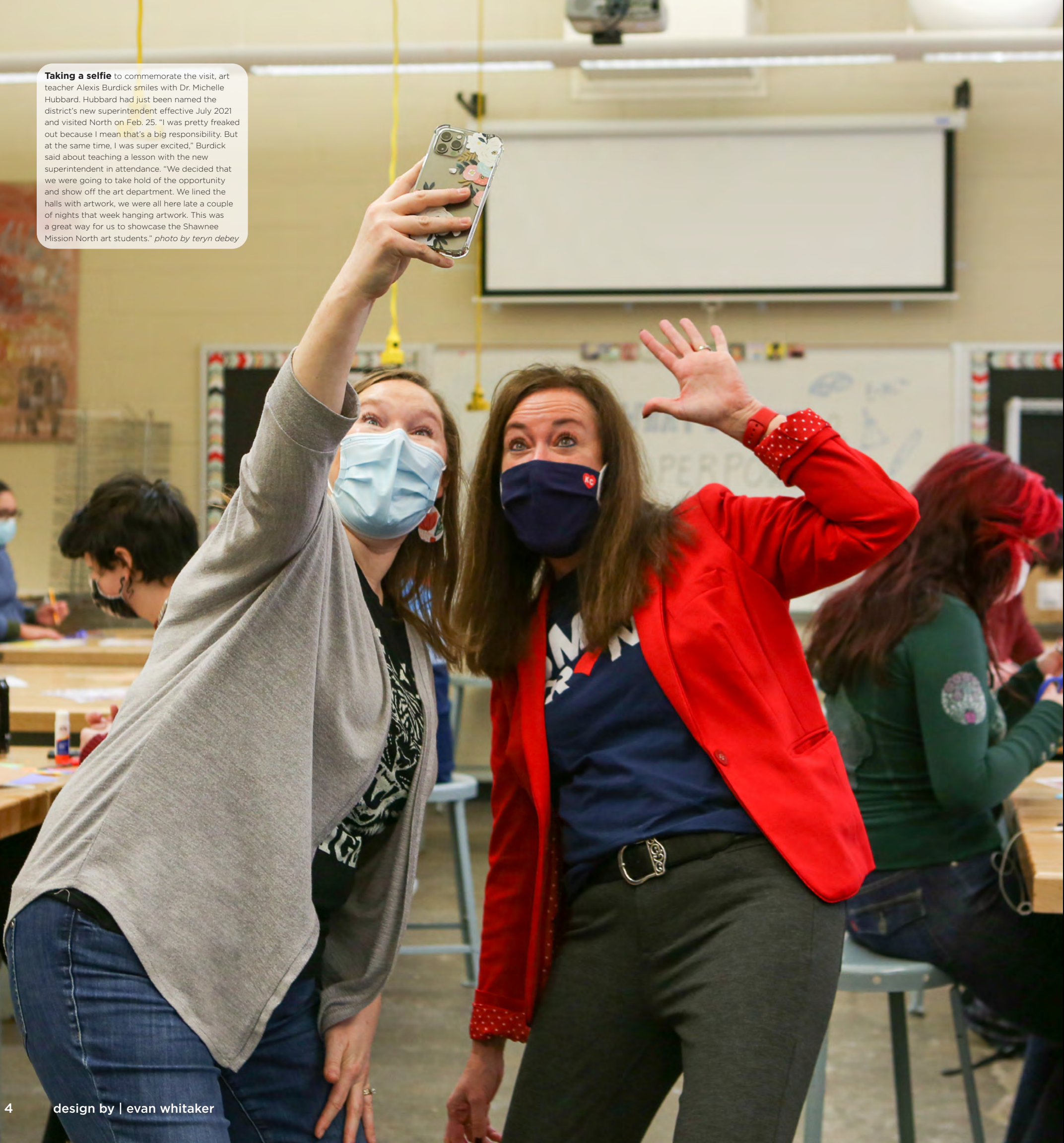


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429 Freshmen • 400 Sophomores • 348 Juniors • 334 Seniors
Semester 1: 988 in person • 577 remote
Semester 2: 953 in person • 561 remote • 176 staff

**yeah,
this is kinda**

Taking a selfie to commemorate the visit, art teacher Alexis Burdick smiles with Dr. Michelle Hubbard. Hubbard had just been named the district's new superintendent effective July 2021 and visited North on Feb. 25. "I was pretty freaked out because I mean that's a big responsibility. But at the same time, I was super excited," Burdick said about teaching a lesson with the new superintendent in attendance. "We decided that we were going to take hold of the opportunity and show off the art department. We lined the halls with artwork, we were all here late a couple of nights that week hanging artwork. This was a great way for us to showcase the Shawnee Mission North art students." *photo by teryn debey*



hopeful

"I came from a different school to this school and just being here felt a lot better. It feels like I'm more accepted, and I feel more comfortable around everybody, and I feel like the teachers really try to do what they can to make sure that you are good and successful. And it just felt like a lot more warming to be here."

Beatrice Hodges, 11

Finally starting school in September was actually kinda **exciting**.

We were ready to get into the swing of things after a 179-day summer.

Fall sports started, stopped, and started again, but at least online class was a **consistent** change from spring 2020.

And we were **eager** to go back to hybrid on Oct. 26 to finally see our friends, even if it was only two days a week.

And those a-synchronous days were **great** nap opportunities.

On day one, we asked you for one word to describe your year, you said:

Lit
Complicated
Difficult
Fun
Disappointing
Terrifying
An adventure
Wack
Okay
Exhausting
Chaotic
Humbling

That's just 12 of 287.



Putting the finishing touches on the “L” before the first football game, senior Glory Obi adds words to the stands for the game later that week. Pep Club was not allowed at any sporting events and had to find new ways to support the teams. “My role was to reimagine what Pep Club could be in an online setting. So for that we’ve adapted our assemblies into an online format, we’ve totally revamped our social media presence, that was the biggest thing I think we did this year,” Obi said. “It was actually really disappointing. Pep Club was restricted from attending anything. Even for Northman, which we’re usually there, or homecoming court; we weren’t able to go to any games at all.” *photo by evan whitaker*

On Nov. 19, the last hybrid, in-person day of 2020, sophomore Jayden Miley walks to her bus at the end of the day. "I was sad because when we went hybrid I definitely was learning more," Miley said. On Nov. 16 the district announced that students would go back to remote learning for the rest of the semester. Students who chose in-person learning started the second semester hybrid on Jan. 25, returning fully in person on March 22. *photo by evan whitaker*

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"I mostly felt confused, and also a little annoyed because everything felt so last minute. It felt like we all kind of just got thrown into it, not really knowing what to expect. I also didn't really get how classes were going to work and so the entire time it's like: 'Am I supposed to be going to this meeting right now? Am I reading the schedule wrong?'"

Scarlett Marchman, 9

That was this year.

Online school was **tricky**-juggling the dishes and your APUSH Webex during third hour.

Your new kitten typing **ahgijsdgnk** in chat.

And your **struggle** to get out of bed on the a-synchronous days.

The 7 schedule changes you had to keep up with this year were pretty **confusing**.

Just like trying to remember if you had to sign on at 12:55 or 12:40 for seminar.

Nothing this year felt **consistent**.

You played sports to an **empty** stadium, and then with just your parents.

But you found a way to make it work.

The introverts **loved** at-home school.

And the extroverts were **hyped** to go back in person.

You found a way to make this year your own.

Because it was a lot of things, I mean, kinda?

Fighting through tears to maintain focus, senior captain Natalie Medina (right) comes out of her calypso. "I was just super depressed because I don't really want to leave at all and knowing that I'm not going to dance in college really sucks for me," Medina said. "The dance is all about passing it on to the next set of captains. It was really sad that I was dancing with my best friend for the last time." Medina danced with senior drill team captain Meka Rynerson to Harry Styles's "Sign of the Times" at the dance team spring show "Oldies but Goodies". *photo by matthew cunningham*



brook & field volleyball hannah sports

"Sports are motivating, I think, because it's been hard to find motivation for school. Especially this year with volleyball and softball, like at the beginning of the year being cooped up inside then getting to go play a sport. And now being in classes for like an hour and a half, two hours, and getting to come outside and be with your friends is really, really nice."

Julia Dirks, 11

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Sitting up straight, senior Mollie Mae Brooks temporarily holds her mask while her yearbook photo is taken. "I thought [the gym layout] was a unique way of making sure students were spread out," Brooks said. School photos were taken in the Fieldhouse with one camera and backdrop while students were still full-remote on Oct. 22. Sign in was in the Fieldhouse lobby.

Fieldhouse Innovations freshman reference

"I think looking back, we will see that there are more good times than we realize. But this year, you had to be intentional with friendships and relationships with your teachers. As a student body we had to rely on each other a lot more while being further apart, and that's created some unique bonds."

Kate Mook, 11

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Celebrating their COVID-19 shots.
art teachers Alexis Burdick and Chandra Beadleston, along with paraprofessional Bridget Peters pose for an impromptu photo shoot in front of the "I got the shot!" banner. The Center for Academic Achievement was one center for SMSD teachers to get their vaccine. "It was really funny that we were literally all sitting together and didn't even realize it. I looked over and they were like 'ohhh!'" Peters said about seeing Beadleston and Burdick there. *photo by matthew cunningham*



this year
wasn't

perfect

"I had no idea what I was doing and honestly it took me a while to get the hang of it. The thing I remember the most would be the guilt I felt. During online learning I, along with many others did not turn my camera on. I didn't want to be seen and felt horrible for isolated teachers."

Regan Campsey, 9

It wasn't the year we all hoped for.

COVID shut down the building for half the year.

It was a little,

Weird
Overwhelming
Crazy
Stressful
Challenging
Tumultuous

You used those words to summarize the year, and you weren't wrong.

Walking into a building of 953 kids on March 22 for the first day of full in-person was almost **overwhelming**, it felt like August again.

Taking a test in person was **stressful** when a teacher was actually watching over your shoulder.

It was **weird** to hear someone suggest a gummy worm or mason wasp for our new mascot, knowing we would never be the Indians again.



His hand reaching for the baton.
freshman Nick Eytcheson picks up from junior Michael Brown to finish the 4x100 relay. "At first I was really nervous because I had injured myself recently, and I really didn't want to let my team down. So there's a lot of pressure," Eytcheson said. "When it came to it I just let it all out of my mind, and I just ran." The team placed first in the heat and eleventh overall. *photo by evan whitaker*

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"The constant emotional push and pull of, "we might be able to do this.... annnnd never mind it's been canceled," was just not worth it. I think all of us are going to take away a lot of flexibility from this part of our lives. Whether it's for better or for worse, we're always going to remember that nothing is guaranteed."

Ruth Long, 12

You sat on a red dot with two friends on the far side of the lunch table.

And 5th hour on Fridays lasted decades to allow for those spaced out lunches.

Only one school dance, only a couple in-person theater shows, and no Pep Club for basketball games.

That kinda **sucked**.

We lived through a pandemic though.

There was no way around it, we were part of history.

In late March we went back full in-person, and felt things slowly shift towards **normal**.

COVID-19 vaccines opened up to everyone 16 and older, and the Band-Aid selfies took over your Snapchat feed.

And while some of us were still remote, we had 2/3 full classes, 2/3 full hallways, and the building finally recovered some of its **energy**.



Arms above his head. Associate Principal David Ewers celebrates knocking over Principal Jeremy Higgins in the Pep Assembly 'jousting' competition. "Dr. Higgins and I had a staged jousting battle where I 'defeated' him," Ewers said. "I thought the energy at the assembly was great, and it was nice to have the school celebrate our year in a safe, successful manner." Ewers fulfilled Higgins's role as Principal on July 1 as Dr. Higgins left SM North to become the Director of Secondary Human Resources. *photo by alexis kelly*

but it
got

better

"Regardless of the challenges, I had the pleasure of seeing my friends and peers take the difficulties of this year head on, and they all came out for the better. This year has been a roller coaster, but we've taken it in stride, and we're going to come out stronger, tight-knit, and more determined than ever before."

Ira Carmondy, 11

You saw friends in the other hybrid group for the first time in more than a year.

We had the first Pep Assembly of the year, outside, where freshmen Jourden Arbee reached the finish line ahead of all the other grade levels in the 4x100 relay.

Prom happened and we still dove into the crowd and jumped around to "All I Want for Christmas is You" (despite the guidelines).

And while we still all wore masks, and seniors only received six graduation tickets, things felt **safer**.

Whether you were remote and spent every day on Webex, or if you eventually got to see North in-person, each day brought new feelings.

It was **strange**, but also kinda **nice** to do class at home.

Kinda **odd** you had to come up to the building for MAP testing, even if you were remote.

Some of it was **painful** and **difficult**, some of it was **great**, but it all went by fairly **quickly**.

Just like any other year.

You said it best, it was all kinda...



Kicking around balloons in the front entrance vestibule, seniors Isaac Wadman and Mekaela Rynerson play around as students walk into the building at 7:20 a.m. on May 18. "It's especially rough, knowing it's your senior year, it's that year everyone looks forward to and something you're just so ready for since freshman year," Wadman said about being a remote student. Wadman traveled to North to help seniors decorate the halls with balloons, streamers and Saran wrap for the senior prank on their second-to-last day. "Even if it's just a little senior prank like this, it's been nice coming in to see everyone and do things with the school." *photo by evan whitaker*





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