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POWER PLAY During a performance in the virtual fall theater showcase *Lost and Found* on Oct. 23, senior Olivia Geimer belts the climax of the song "With You" from the musical *Ghost*. Geimer said the song captured the loss of a loved one which embodied the losses of this year. "I felt really inspired and empowered because it felt like my way of getting to hold on to theater traditions even in the midst of everything going on," Geimer said. "I really took that moment in my own hands and embraced it for what it was because I enjoyed the showcase and the meaning behind it. It was a kind of resiliency in a time of struggle." Photo by Emma Bird

HEY TITANS,

We're gonna tell you a story.
A crazy story about a crazy year.
In some ways, **EPIC.**

NEW ME On the mini-ramp at Swenson Park, sophomore Kai Ayush performs the "fakie smith" on his skateboard. "This is my favorite trick," Ayush said. "I've been skateboarding for almost two and a half years. [In] mid-eighth grade, when I moved from Seattle, it was really hard to make new friends. Once I started skateboarding, I was able to find my friends and where I belonged. I've become a more mellow and kind person and now realize the value of friendships more." Photo by Alex Yunda-Raijer

Remember waving
to your friends in the
hallway or sitting in the
pit before school?

Remember sitting in the
tight L-shaped desk with 20
classmates, seven hours a day,
five days a week?

BECAUSE WE DON'T.

Never in a million years would
we think that we would be at
home, in bed, participating
in a graded discussion. Or
in our dining rooms doing
jumping jacks for PE. Or
spitting into a tube to gain
access into the building. Or
spending time outside during
our 100-minute lunch.

BUT WE DID IT.

We did the eight-hour Zoom
days, the social-distanced
sports, the choir rehearsals
with masks.

WE DID THIS.

This school has been around for 59 years, but

NO ONE HAS EVER EXPERIENCED WHAT WE WENT THROUGH **THE PAST YEAR.**



AT THIS STAGE

During the Glenbrook Musical *The Addams Family*, junior Alicia Penepacker and senior Grace Cullum perform the number "Pulled." "It's a really difficult song and it was hard to breathe with the mask, but it was still really nice to perform," Penepacker said. "Even in a pandemic, you're still able to connect with your castmates and form strong friendships. The friendships I formed during the show were some of the strongest I've ever formed, and it's nice to know that even under the circumstances that we're under, you can still have some really meaningful friendships."

Photo by Maryam Khandokar

We're not complaining.
We're just saying. This year, Generation Z—the generation that's been labeled apathetic, coddled and entitled—made history.

**We hand-stitched
our own masks.**

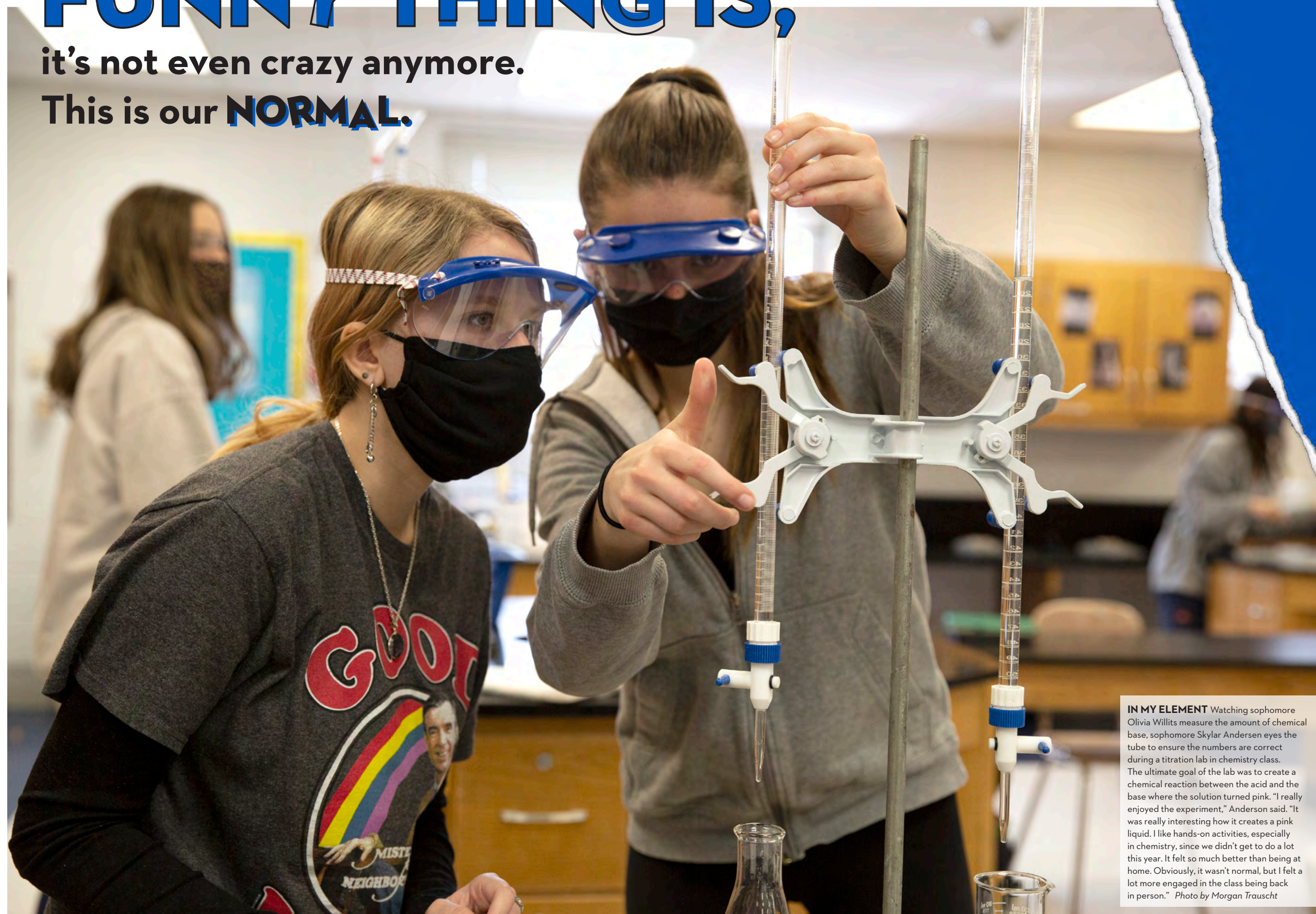
**WE
PERFORMED
IN VIRTUAL
CONCERTS,
SHOWS AND
EVENTS.**

**We marched for
justice and against
bigotry.**

FUNNY THING IS,

it's not even crazy anymore.

This is our **NORMAL**.



IN MY ELEMENT Watching sophomore Olivia Willits measure the amount of chemical base, sophomore Skylar Andersen eyes the tube to ensure the numbers are correct during a titration lab in chemistry class. The ultimate goal of the lab was to create a chemical reaction between the acid and the base where the solution turned pink. "I really enjoyed the experiment," Anderson said. "It was really interesting how it creates a pink liquid. I like hands-on activities, especially in chemistry, since we didn't get to do a lot this year. It felt so much better than being at home. Obviously, it wasn't normal, but I felt a lot more engaged in the class being back in person." Photo by Morgan Trauscht

We can't make up the awkward silent breakout rooms or the five-day presidential election. The endless Netflix cancelations of *That 70s Show* and *Parks and Recreation* or the eight-hour SAT test with masks.

THERE ARE NO REDOS.

We can't make up the freshmen's first first day of high school or the senior's last homecoming. We can't make up the final tournament team huddle or the backstage costume quick changes for Variety Show. We can't make up waiting for half an hour for a panini or screaming "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" in the student section at the first home football game.

We know this isn't a "traditional" high school experience, but

WE'RE NOT TRADITIONAL.



FINISH STRONG During the varsity baseball game on April 20, senior Matthew Rosenberger pitches the ball in a game against Fremd. The team won the game 12-2. "This year, I learned to switch my mindset and have a positive way of looking at this season," Rosenberger said. "We should take this opportunity and play. This year was different, but we were able to be a team and continue playing strong throughout the season." Photo by Audrey Topel

We adapted. We innovated. We created Fall Fest and recorded the *Lost and Found* fall play. We made up the football season and the prom.

THIS ISN'T A FAIRYTALE.

THIS ISN'T A NIGHTMARE.

THIS IS OUR LIVES.

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POOL PLAY Playing defense against Main South on April 1, junior Samuel Burman attempts to block the ball, alongside goalie junior Adam Smoron. "I was trying to contest the shot to prevent the other team from scoring [and] was trying to do my part [to] make it easier for the goalie," said Burman. "This was my first year getting experience on varsity and playing on a more competitive level. We made the most of this season by coming to every practice and staying safe outside of the sport."

Photo by Morgan Trauscht

This winter, we returned to school in nine inches of snow. Temperature checks turned into weekly saliva tests. Varsity girls basketball was postponed twice because of COVID-19. School finally reopened Jan. 19 after an adaptive pause.

WE MADE THIS WINTER OURS.

WINTER



This year, we had the first ever student announcers at our basketball and football games,
And TV filmed the first virtual variety show, masks and all.
Through the hundreds of obstacles in our way, we made this year like no other.
We watched varsity boys swimming win 1st in state.
Stuck inside during a cold winter, we managed to still wear our blue and gold.

**THIS IS THE TRUTH.
WE DID THIS.**

LOOKING UP Singing "Play Rehearsal" from *Be More Chill* in the *Lost and Found* fall play, junior Amy Ralston performs in front of her director. *Lost and Found* strung together monologues to demonstrate that people are separate but in this together. "Every Friday, we would have group rehearsals on Zoom," Ralston said. "We created this bond between the cast even though we weren't together physically. I feel like seeing the cast connect with each other was extremely memorable for me. Being able to step back into the theater and perform again was just so heart-warming."

Photo by Audrey Topel



We finally went
back to normal,
but this time
it was a new normal.

Grateful for every moment with friends.
Looking forward to that hug from Grandma.
Maybe even excited to sit in an actual classroom.

The pandemic was challenging, but maybe it
widened our perspective. Maybe we even reset our
priorities.

We went from being restricted at home to spitting
in tubes to being shoulder-to-shoulder in the
student section at the homecoming football game.

**CRAZY. UNTRADITIONAL.
EXHAUSTING. EPIC.**

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HOLDING THE WIN

After jumping into the pool with his varsity teammates on April 9, senior Maksym Rybchuk holds up the

championship trophy from the Illinois Swimming and Diving Association virtual state meet. The meet was

a compilation of every result from the season's conference meets. "We

came together as a team and made the most of it," said Rybchuk. "Winning

state is something that I'll remember forever,

especially since this was the first time in history for GBS. You sometimes take

the time you have together for granted and never know when something can

cut [the season] short."

Photo by Taylor Geltis



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