

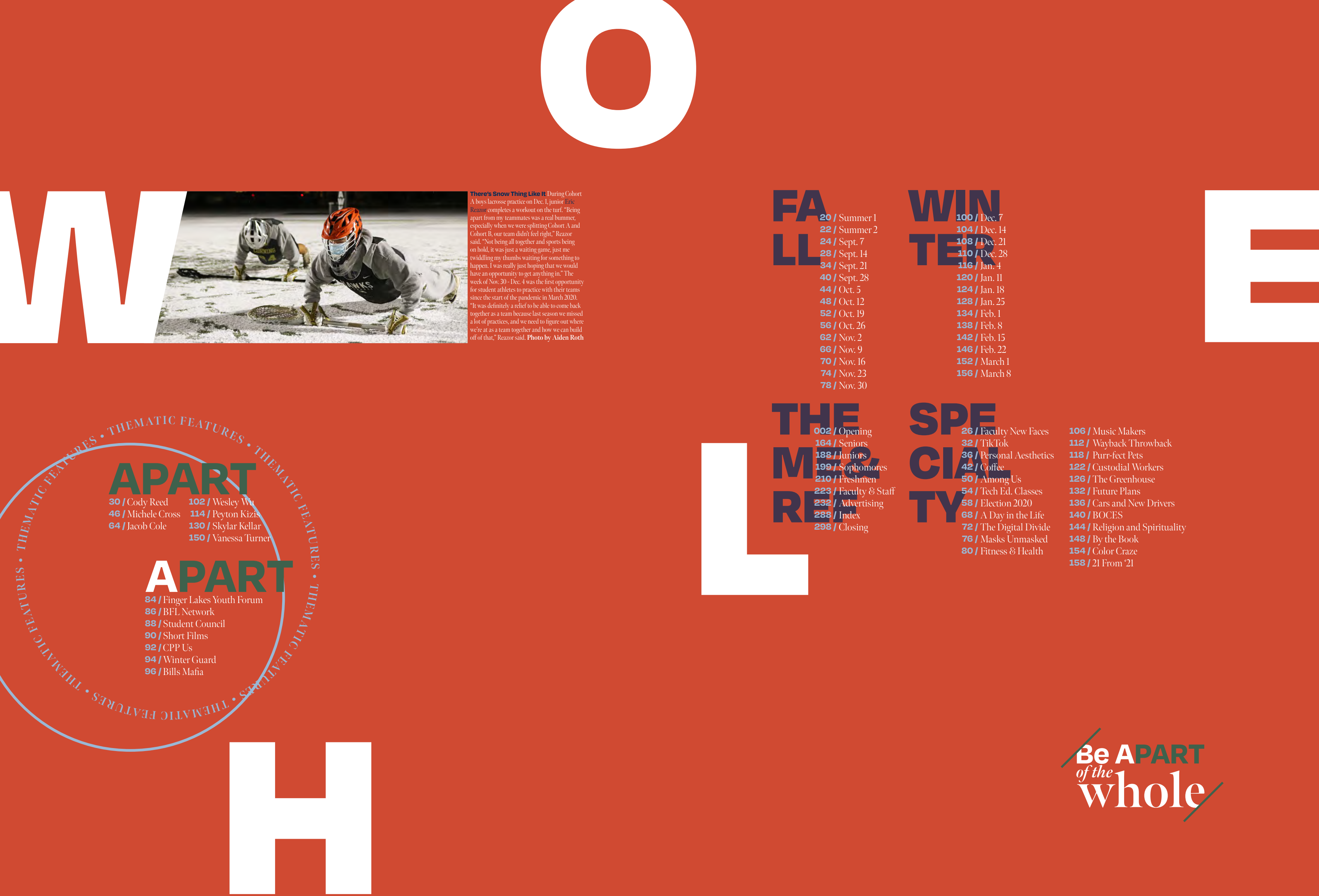


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There's Snow Thing Like It During Cohort A boys lacrosse practice on Dec. 1, junior Eric Reazor completes a workout on the turf. "Being apart from my teammates was a real bummer, especially when we were splitting Cohort A and Cohort B, our team didn't feel right," Reazor said. "Not being all together and sports being on hold, it was just a waiting game, just me twiddling my thumbs waiting for something to happen. I was really just hoping that we would have an opportunity to get anything in." The week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 4 was the first opportunity for student athletes to practice with their teams since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. "It was definitely a relief to be able to come back together as a team because last season we missed a lot of practices, and we need to figure out where we're at as a team together and how we can build off of that," Reazor said. **Photo by Aiden Roth**

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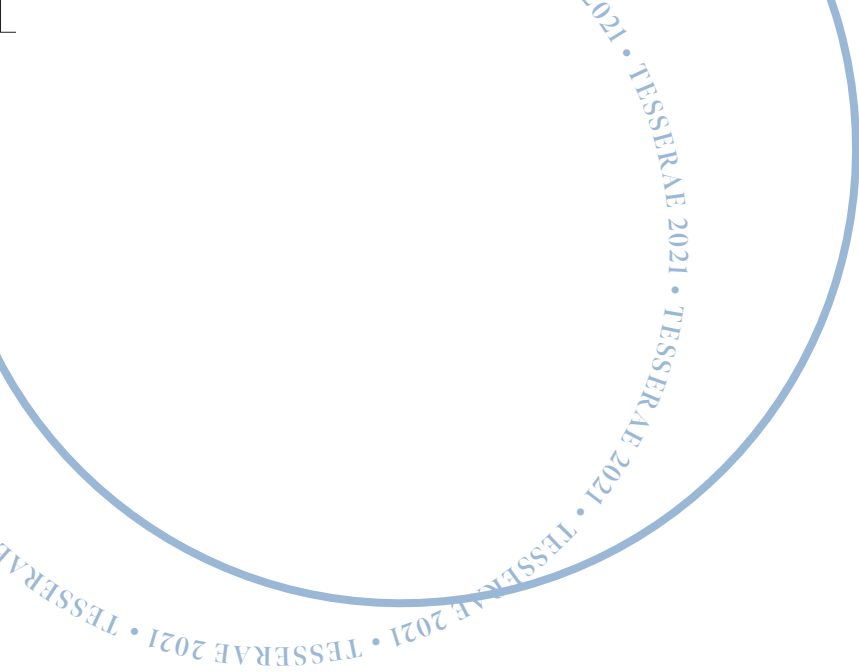
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Gettin' it, Together In between drills on March 9, varsity girls soccer coach **Julie Pierce** directs members of the team in their second week of practice. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and delays, the fall sports season ran from March 1 through April 24, with the district's buildings and grounds crew plowing snow off the stadium turf to give student athletes room to play. "I don't think the social aspect of the group has changed playing in March; I think we're a very close knit group," junior soccer player **Lauren Gerow** said. "So, no matter the situation we're able to be together and a part of the team. We still rally for each other no matter if we're playing in March or October. I'm super grateful that we're able to play, because I know some schools are not able to. And we can't take this opportunity for granted because it's not something everyone gets this year." **Photo by Ashti Tiwari**

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Sounds Like a Plan Early in the morning of Thurs., April 1, Individuals and Societies teacher **Kimberly Hufnagel** prepares for the following week's lessons. "I have always been a pretty organized teacher but this year I have definitely had to spend more time doing prep work," Hufnagel said. "Because my students are split apart into two cohorts, I have to post all my materials and lesson plans for the upcoming week each Friday on Google Classroom." Photo by Charles Marshall



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Be...what?

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Be **apart**? Yeah. We've done that since this all started.

Spring sports, prom, a real graduation — **gone**.
Summer camps? **Nope**.

Summer sports? **Definitely not**.

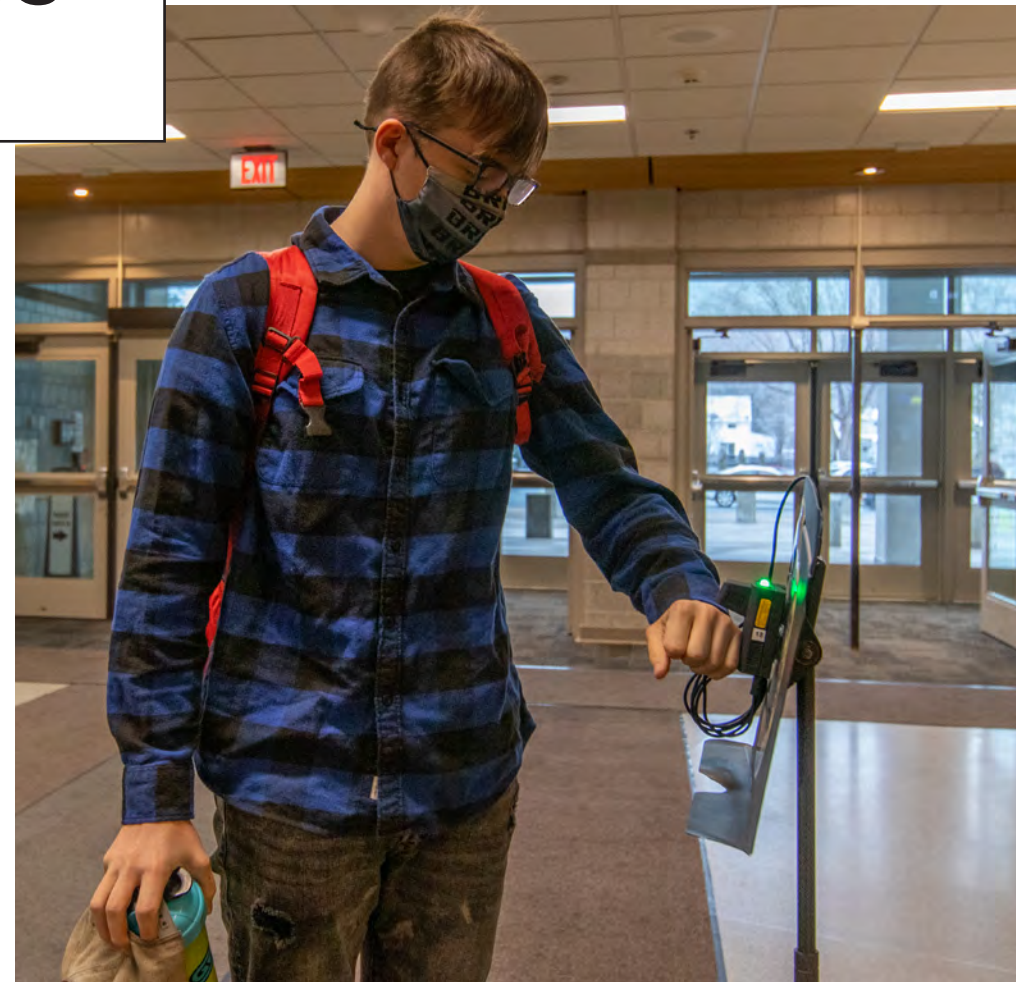
That vacation with friends you'd been planning
for months? **Forget it**.

Fast forward to September 9th,
(Or is it March 213th?)

And we're

*driving miles to the firehouse to get WiFi.
Playing a clarinet solo for Mr. Allen because
the rest of the section is virtual.
Waiting forever for Google Meet to load.*

Can't your Chromebook handle it?
WELL NO, ACTUALLY.



Get the Green Light On April 1, junior Trevor Halm gets his temperature taken as he enters the school at the Fieldhouse entrance. "To be extra safe at school, I wear a mask that has two filters in it that you can wash out whenever you want. I also just wash my hands, whenever I need to," Halm said. "Having these precautions at school hasn't impacted my learning, but having the two different cohorts split up my main friend group, that's been the most impactful thing." Photo by Charles Marshall

Even when we're together,

**we're apart.
SIX FEET, MINIMUM.**

No high-fives, hugs, or trading food at lunch.
Sorry, what'd you say?

**It's hard to hear
through your mask.**

Maybe it's a best friend who has to quarantine
or the school trips to Orlando and Iceland we lost
or the football games and pep rallies that are postponed
"for the foreseeable future,"
however long that is.

Bottom line?
BEING
APART
really sucks.

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APART FROM THE SCHOOL



"I am a part of Cohort C to protect my family. I don't want to risk going to school and getting them sick. I'd rather just stay home and make sure that everyone's safe. The hardest part of being in Cohort C is being apart from my friends and not seeing them daily. I get to see them on weekends sometimes but other than that, I don't really get to hang out with them. Since I'm away from all of my friends for a long period of time, it gets really hard because everyone else gets to see each other at school and I just sit at home, wishing I could be with them."

PRIM SUKSOMKITH, 9

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"I was excited and really looking forward to being a part of this whole group of drama club students, being near them and getting to know them better. But with COVID, it really separated and distanced us from one another and made those kinds of bonding experiences with people I don't know as well more difficult. It's weird. I don't really like how it is in rehearsals because we have a specific seat that we are supposed to sit in spread out from each other, and I don't know if this is how it would usually go, but I think I would like it better if we could all be more grouped."

BRIELLE FRIENDS, 11

APART FROM THE CLUB

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"At the beginning of the season, the whole team was apart from each other. The coaches set up Google Meets for us to go outside and practice or watch soccer videos together, but it wasn't the same. It was very disappointing to me since it was my senior soccer season. I wasn't sure if I would get playing time or even have games. However, the team stuck together and took one step at a time waiting to see what would happen. In October, we were informed that we would have a spring season. I was really excited to get the opportunity to play my last soccer season for the high school. Now that we are back together, it is awesome. I love being a part of this family. It's been an awesome journey for these last four years."

DIDI MOLINGOU, 12

APART FROM THE GAME



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Let's Get Started At the beginning of practice on March 4, the varsity volleyball team huddles up with a cheer before they start warmups. "It was exciting to get back into a routine with the girls I've played with all of high school. It was pretty easy to get back into the flow but it's a whole different vibe this late in the year since we've always started school off with a full schedule. Through the lost time in sports I've learned that it's so important to stay connected outside of the season and it just felt really good to be somewhere that I could have fun and watch my teammates grow as athletes and people after not seeing some of them for a year," senior *Abbygale Kerwan* said. **Photo by** *Michael Bankston*



Or...
Be APART?

Be a **part** of what?
We're all stuck at home, remember?

We can't exactly
shave four seconds off a PR in the kitchen,
shoot the winning three in bed,
or dance en pointe in bunny slippers —
The pandemic's taken everything from us.

ALMOST.

It can't stop indoor drumline from picking up
where they left off with "Embrace the Space."
(It's 301 days later, but who's counting?)

It can't stifle the spirit of the Bills Mafia
celebrating a winning season three decades
in the making — **you better Bill-ieve it!**
It can't derail Mr. Hurd and Mr. Smith
from writing drama club's next show.
Or student council's
plans for the fall festival —
**see you when we get back
from the yellow zone.**

It can't bench the girls soccer team because
they still wake up at six to scrimmage with
Coach Pierce every week.
**(There's no "i" in team, but
there is an a.m.)**

It can't limit the possibilities of this year,
because we decide what **parts** we play
and how hard we work.

we choose
*how much effort we put in with Lawson,
how many weeks we procrastinate an IA,
and how long we practice for our
SkillsUSA competition.*



It's Showtime On Saturday, March 27, senior Asad Ruffin performs the show 'Creep' with indoor drumline as the ensemble records their entry for the New York State Percussion Circuit championships at the middle school. "There's just something special about making music with your friends. In a way, it's like a sixth sense, the opportunity to emot, express and execute at a high level is irreplaceable. After almost a year of this not being a possibility, getting this group together re-lit our students' and staffs' flame of passion. If anything, the time away served as an accelerant — we had our biggest group and our highest score ever," director Joe Stork said. The group's performance earned them a season-best 85.50 score and the championship in the NYSPC Scholastic A Standstill division. Photo by Michael Bankston

It's our **choice.**
We're the ones to take the step,
make the leap, and
Be APART
of it.

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APART OF THE SHOW

“The pandemic has taught me that being a part of a cast is important. It’s made up of people you can practice and laugh with, and they are usually super supportive and outgoing. Not being able to be in one during the pandemic just reminded me how much I love being in one.”

SOFIA SCOUTEN, 9

You’re in the Spotlight On Feb. 23, freshman Sofia Scouten auditions for Virtual Variety Show. The show, featuring different theatrical and musical performances, was directed by Dean of Students Mike Hurd and Music Teacher David Smith and released on YouTube on March 19. Photo by Michael Bankston

Ready for Delivery Teacher aide Deb Ward loads bags of books for distribution on Feb. 11. “The Book Dating project was a great opportunity for students and staff to still be connected with the library even though we were not able to be in person. It was very rewarding to see how many students and staff signed up and connected with the librarians in allowing them to pick books out for them and to see their faces light up when we delivered the bags of books,” Ward said. Photo by Charles Marshall

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APART OF THE TEAM

“Being a part of this team, it’s really just like a family, you have to help each other out in any way you can, and just work together. We all had to come together as one and to get through it. Luckily our season wasn’t cut short by quarantine or anything, and we just got to get out there and play, which we were all ready for. The pandemic definitely made it a little bit harder for us to all work together, seeing that we couldn’t be together all the time.”

AIDEN PROUDFOOT, 12

Take Your Best Shot In the rivalry game against Horseheads on Feb. 22, senior Aiden Proudfoot goes in for a layup, delivering two points in the third quarter. Proudfoot and the team took the game 63-55. Photo by Aaryaa Donthu

Brain Candy Freshman Taylor Evans uses pieces of candy to create a model of a cell membrane in Kelly Jo Newman’s Biology class on Nov 20. “I think that the benefit of doing labs is that it gives a hands-on experience and it helps to clear up some of the confusion, they’re also really fun,” freshman Tori Holmes said. “I liked that for the candy lab you had to be creative but I wish we could have done it with partners because not only is it more fun also if you’re confused on something you can ask them.” Photo by Lillian Farrand

P

APART OF THE CLASS

“Mr. Gargiulo makes class fun with interactive assignments for everyone. In our engineering class, he gave us materials to build bridges at home so we can still be a part of class. He encourages cameras and mics on to have a interactive college class to shrink the gap between virtual and in-person. He keeps class fun and is very personal sharing his life and is someone we can always turn to for help. He understands that this year is different and does everything he can to help every student and do every the can to help everyone and makes both virtual and in-person feel included in class.”

ROBERT OHL, 11

Weight for It Engineering teacher Charlie Gargiulo gives junior Robert Ohl guidance as he sets up his balsa wood bridge for a load-bearing test in sixth period ACE. Engineering Orientation on March 19. Photo by Charles Marshall

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APART OF THE TEAM

Lax Attack Braving the cold at an informal girls lacrosse practice on Dec 11, junior Gillian Mason leaps to catch a ball. “The lacrosse team stayed connected in the offseason through GroupMe messages and during the winter we had optional practices. They helped us improve our stick skills but also to keep in touch with each other” sophomore Katie Grottenhaler said. Photo by Graham Simons

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And so,
WE'RE
BACK.

Two days at school and three days
on the couch.

*(Actually, it's five on the couch
for some of us.)*

What happens next?

NO IDEA.

But we're trying —
to eat healthy

*and get to first period on time
and stay on top of Algebra
and get enough sleep (unless
Tik Tok's an option)
and make time for our friends
and make time for ourselves*

so we can find normal again.

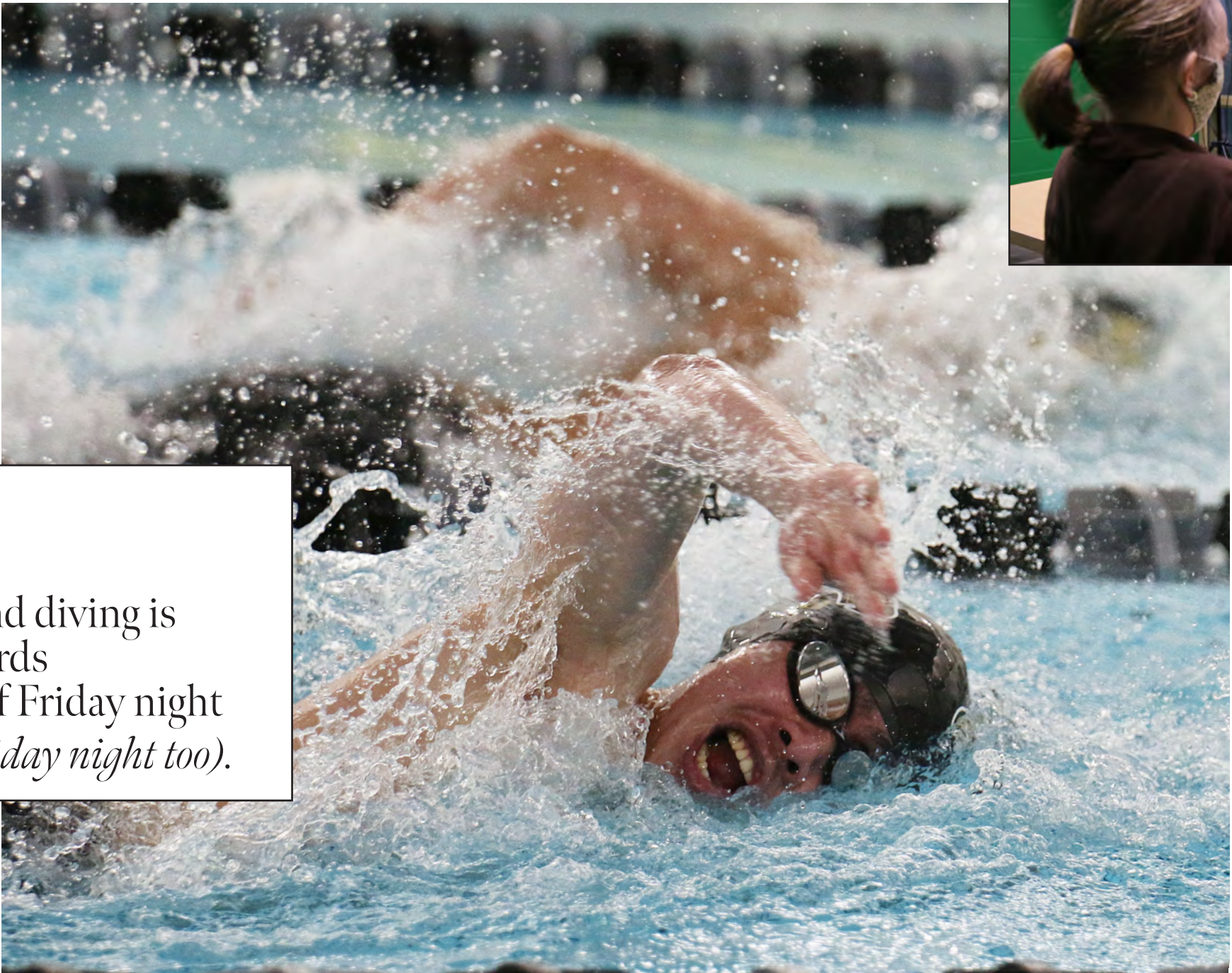
SOMEDAY.

We're getting there.

The pool is done,

so boys swimming and diving is
back to breaking records
as just another part of Friday night
(and last Friday night too).

Life in The Fast Lane On the Jan. 29 meet, freshman Linus Law swims freestyle against the Binghamton Patriots. The boys swim team had an undefeated season, going 9-0, while junior Ryan McNutt and seniors Owen Fisher, Daniel Hursh and Cal Bartone broke the New York public school state record of 1:24.36 in the 200 freestyle event, which also earned them All-American Honors, the first in the boys swim team history. "Every time me or one of my teammates gets a personal record, we obviously celebrate it in the moment, and we're happy about it, but we always knew that there is always going to be another goal, and we can't focus too much on whatever record we just broke, but instead to keep moving on to the next one. If you do want to get better at swimming, and anything really, is to stay consistent in the process and work day in and day out," McNutt said. **Photo by Carolyn Heckle**



Upstairs in the media lab,
IT'S LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

as CPPtv

brings news from the Nest
to the whole school — *keep flying, Hawks.*



News You Can Use As first period begins on March 12, freshman Sarah Lawson reads the teleprompter in the CPPtv green room studio in the Student Media Lab. "Everything you see on CPPtv is made from the students. We learn how to write scripts, create graphics, produce shows, and be on air. Not very much has changed, we can still do the same shows we did pre-COVID," junior Lucas Zawko said. **Photo by Graham Simons**

One day (and one cup of
Dunkin') at a time.

From 7:55 in the morning
to 3:03 in the afternoon,

**WE LEARN, ADAPT,
AND SUCCEED**

**ON OUR OWN,
AND TOGETHER.**

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Home Schooling On Monday Dec 21, Honors and IB Biology teacher **Kristine Taylor** demonstrates chromatography to her freshman biology class. Taylor had to quarantine and guided her students through the lab from home. "I performed the lab on my island in my kitchen and I set up my camera and a bunch of books. It wasn't the best thing but it was kind of fun because I got to be the student since I got to perform the experiment. I felt bad because none of my students were doing the lab hands-on," Taylor said. Photo provided by Kristine Taylor

YOU AND I ARE
APART
with different cohorts,
schedules, and plans.



Rounding the Corner On Dec. 3, sophomores Gyasi Rutfin and Madison Olson and junior Lauren Gerow work out during indoor track practice. Student-athletes returned to practice the week of Nov. 30 and began mixing cohorts in early January. "Because of COVID restrictions, namely the cohort system, track actually brought the team even closer than we would be normally since we weren't all able to see each other in school. It was a really nice way to connect with people who were in other cohorts that we otherwise would never see," Gerow said. Photo by Samuel Cornfield

WE ARE
APART
of the same teams,
classes, and community.

AND THIS?
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OUR

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Play Your Part Junior **Georg Sauer** and the rest of the competition band play their "Freedom Soars" show in the theater on Oct. 22 during a recording for the 34th annual Bandtoberfest. The ensemble and their classmates in performance band and II other groups recorded their fall shows for a virtual exhibition that premiered on YouTube on Oct. 2. "The pandemic basically shut down all of the extracurricular activities I used to do. Playing in the band gave me a chance to work towards something again and enjoy something I was used to," Sauer said. "I'm definitely thankful we had a season at all. I'm glad the directors did what they could to make the season feel normal and to have us make music together. And it was definitely rewarding to hear the band play together despite everything keeping it from happening."

Photo by Seojun Cho

FALL

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Will it Ever Come to Pass? With temperatures in the mid 40s, senior Caleb Chaffee leaps to catch a pass during a no-contact drill with members of the varsity football team on Dec. 10. The team and their fellow student-athletes practiced for the first time all year on Nov. 30, but at that time, high-risk sports like football, volleyball and others had not received authorization to return to full contact practices and competitions. "It has meant a lot being part of this team. As you play with the same group of people for so long, you become a family, and I am thankful for every one of them. I'm also thankful for my coaches. This year definitely feels more significant because it's your last year playing with your brothers. Everytime I walk past the picture of us after we won the Section IV Championship last season, I get sad because we can't fight for another one this year. So yeah — this season is more important because it's shorter, and I want it to last as long as possible," Chaffee said. Photo by Gwendlyn Wieland

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APART *of the* COMMUNITY



Flying Back to the Nest At the varsity volleyball match against the Elmira Express on March 16, senior Max Freeman runs the flag past the Hawks Nest student section during a second set timeout. With COVID restrictions, each player could have two spectators in attendance. Instead of their parents, the girls on the varsity squad invited fellow student-athletes to be in the first student section of the year. "It felt great to be out there supporting the team. It was exciting being back in a student section after the crazy year we had. There was a lot of energy out there and you could see the girls out there feeding off it. Being an athlete, I know how important it is to have that home field advantage with your community rallying behind you. I'm glad that our student section was able to bring a little bit of that advantage back to the volleyball team," Freeman said. Photo by Charles Marshall

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It's All Up in the Air At the varsity volleyball team's home opener against Elmira Heights, senior Abbygale Kerwan spikes the ball in the third set. New head coach Barbra Smith and the team started their season five and a half months late, coming away with a 3-1 win in their first outing and finishing with an overall 10-3 record. **Photo** by Aaryaa Donthu

There's no doubt that these past months have been
A ROLLERCOASTER RIDE.
 We've had our fair share of bad days
 when it's hard to get out of bed in the morning,
(except on Wednesdays)
 but we can't deny
 that there have been some good ones too —
Like when we got back-to-back snow days the week before Christmas.
And when we could finally take the court for the home opener with our teammates.
And when our teachers started getting vaccinated —
AND WE WERE NEXT IN LINE.

**This year?
 We know.
 It's been a lot.
 A whole lot.**

*A first day of school with social distancing
 and without a best friend.
 A winter with remote learning snow days
 and without Sparkle or the
 Parade of Lights.
 A fall season with the first practice on March 1
 and without the student
 section in the stands.*

It's experiencing these moments
that helped us get through the hard ones.
 It's the pride, possibility, and community
**we found here
 that made this year
 feel a *little more*** **whole.**

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Being **apart** wasn't what we expected in every way possible.

We didn't know what was around the next corner, but even so, we jumped in headfirst —

When we

*Set up our own business for our CAS project.
Volunteered to distribute meals at the food pantry.
Started an after-school flag football league.*

And that was just in the fall.

Did we stop there?
OF COURSE NOT.

Dancing on Air In November, seniors Anna Morgan, Jolina Fajardo, Evelyn Piech, and Victoria Collins rehearse with their fellow dancers for the 171 Senior Tribute Video. "My favorite memory of dancing at 171 is making the senior video. I got to see the people I've danced with since I was a little kid all come together to create this piece of art that showcases all of our strengths and passion for dance," senior Brooke Yorio said. "Through our different parts, we showed our individuality, but dancing as a whole, we were able to show our collective beauty and grace. We all may be different but when we come together, it can create a really powerful message." Photo by Michael Bankston



At the Line Tackled by three defensemen from St. Francis and with juniors Grayson Saltzer (50) and Zackery Nelson (52) pushing him forward at the goal line, junior Lucas Zawko rushes for a touchdown on April 12. The rare Monday night game was scheduled after Ithaca High School cancelled their game with the varsity football team due to high quarantine numbers for the Little Red, leaving head coach George Bacalles' staff and team with little time to get ready for the St. Francis Red Raiders. "To be able to prepare for and beat a very good opponent in 48 hours is oftentimes unheard of in football. But our coaching staff came up with a phenomenal plan, and our players executed it very well. We're very proud of our players being able to play anyone on a moment's notice." Zawko and the team came away with a 37-14 win, pushing the team's record to 4-0, before ending the season undefeated at 5-0. Photo by Charles Marshall



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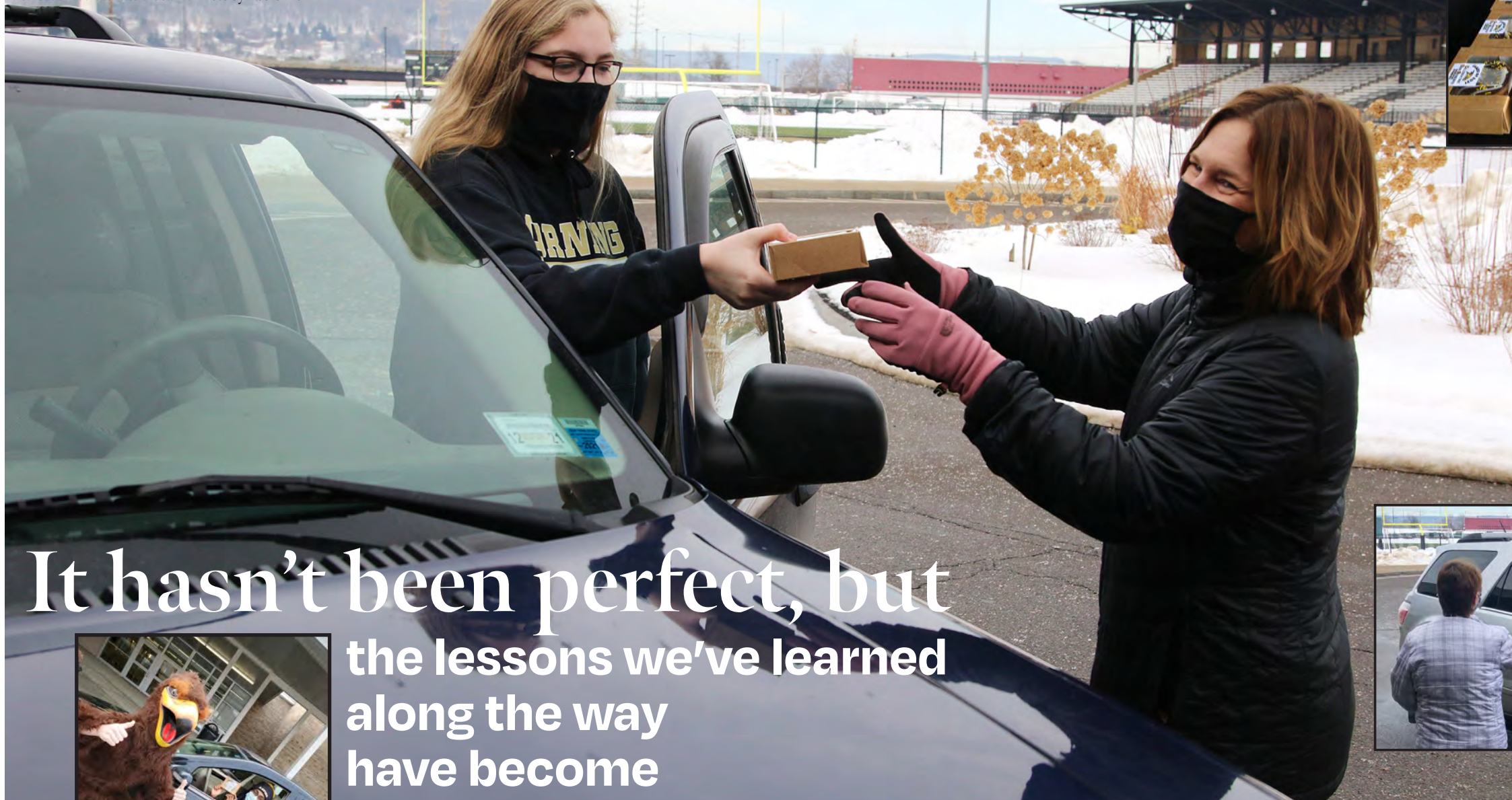
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Donut Worry Math Teacher Jami Perry hands senior Riley Ford a donut at a midday drive-thru pickup on Wednesday Feb. 24. The senior class advisers and administration organized monthly recognitions and celebrations for the Class of 2021. "Around the 21st of each month there was a Wednesday drive-through in the cafeteria loop and a lot of teachers were there handing out gifts to all the seniors," Ford said. Other celebrations were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with distribution at the concessions stand. **Photo by Rob O'Dell**



It hasn't been perfect, but
the lessons we've learned
along the way
have become



APART of us.

And we'll keep them
no matter how far
APART
we may be.

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The story of this year
was unlike any we've ever experienced.

There were twists and turns
with every step, but
we faced them together
because

WE WERE,
WE ARE,
WE WILL
ALWAYS
~~Be APART~~
of the
whole



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