

"When it came out on Netflix I finally got to watch all of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. I finished the show in three days."

christian LEYVA '21

MY

"NORMAL"

SUMMER

quarantine brings surprises

For Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, sophomore **Nava Teller** spent the weekend at the synagogue. "For this year's Rosh Hashanah, my dad, our synagogue's rabbi did services through a YouTube live stream," Teller said. "Usually, though, Shabbat services were done on Zoom each week. We assigned who would lead the different parts of the service beforehand so each person would be at their house when it was their turn to speak. When we were in person, we actually had a sacred Torah scroll we read

from, but online, people had a book in front of them instead."

Over the quarantine, sophomore **Sonya Kulkarni** adopted her first pet, a dog. "It was an interesting experience," Kulkarni said. "I really wasn't expecting all that came with it but it was a lot of fun and I was glad I adopted her. Funny story: My mom had always been reluctant to letting me have any pets. I wrote persuasive letters to her in English every single grade begging her for a dog. I think she realized it was important for me to have fun when I couldn't go out with friends."

QUARAN-TEENING 101

"SNACKS!!!"

- eden barr '22

"I couldn't live without my snacks during quarantine. My favorites were frozen blueberries, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and Takis, even though I just started eating them."



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TL;DR

some key events

COVID-19

\KOH-vid nīn-tēn\ noun

1. A highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus
2. NOT the flu

MAY 15
Avatar: The Last Airbender comes to Netflix, staying on its top 10 shows for a record 61 days

MAY 26
George Floyd's death sparks protests nationwide and in more than 60 countries
more on protests on page 15

JUNE 11
the PS5 is unveiled to the public
more on gaming on page 19

JULY 6
the United States announces plans to withdraw from the World Health Organization

JULY 30
NASA launches *Perseverance*, a rover bound for Mars in February 2021

AUGUST 17-27
both the Democratic and Republican parties host their national conventions virtually

AUGUST 28
Chadwick Boseman, the lead actor in *Black Panther*, dies at 43

SEPTEMBER 21
the CDC releases guidelines for a COVID-friendly Halloween
more on halloween on page 35

SEPTEMBER 29
the first presidential debate
more on the 2020 election on page 79

OCTOBER 7
11 vaccines in phase 3 large-scale efficacy tests

PROTECT YOURSELF

have you:

worn a mask?

washed your hands?

avoided close contact?

disinfected frequently

touched spots (phone,

laptop, etc.)?



makeup AP exams

JUNE 2

"I put in a good 20 hours into studying for the AP Calculus exam so it sucked that I couldn't submit it the first time since it was my first AP. I actually thought I did worse the second time, but I still knew I passed even though I didn't know two questions."

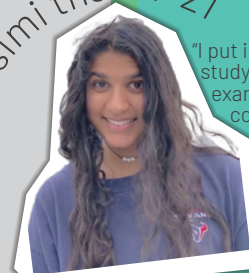


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bellaire unity rally

JUNE 12

"Even though I didn't go to any in-person protests, I did speak at a unity rally in Bellaire. The rally was organized by Bellaire community members and the emphasis was for it not to be political, rather a safe space for people to share ideas. I spoke about how everyone has little bits of privilege we each don't realize."



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mask mandate issued (TX)

JULY 2

"My work day remained normal as a lifeguard. After the mask mandate came into effect, I just wasn't able to see some of my coworkers' faces. Now, instead of being open the whole day, we had time slots set up that required reservations from patrons."



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NBA resumes play

JULY 30

"I feel like the NBA returned pretty well; the bubble was a safe way to play basketball so that everyone can watch it. After not having basketball for a while, it was pretty cool to have the NBA back. I watched mainly the Rockets because they were my favorite team, and they were the underdogs in most of the playoff series. With the finals in play, I was rooting for the Heat in seven games, but I thought it would be Lakers in six."



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executive order bans tiktok

AUGUST 6

"I didn't have the occasional TikTok addiction most people have, but I did enjoy making dance videos. So, when Trump came out with the ban, I was kind of upset I couldn't use this platform anymore to learn new dances. Throughout quarantine, I haven't been able to learn new dances, so having TikTok dances to learn and do has been very enjoyable. Also, using TikTok, I created a workshop called National Activism Day to connect people that weren't as involved in politics with people and organizations that they could be a part of. I knew the algorithm sends our videos out to people who like videos about politics. Our first video went viral and we got 500 RSVPs for my workshop just off of TikTok."



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FIRST² DAY

"This first day wasn't very exciting. It was completely different than middle school. Instead of doing things like icebreakers on the first day, we jumped directly into lessons. Still, the teachers did a pretty good job of giving students enough time to log in and make sure all their technology issues were sorted out."

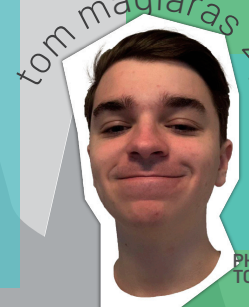
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LAST FIRST DAY

"I was excited to be back. Even though it was the same thing from the last semester, I was ready to get a routine going again. The fact that this was my last first day made me a sad and excited at the same time. I was ready for my next chapter after high school and my life after that."

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COVID-19 CASES PER DAY

last updated September 30, 2020

- world
- usa
- texas
- harris county

source: the european center for disease prevention and control, texas department of state health services

june 1
pandemic day 151

JUN

july 1

JUL

august 1

AUG

september 1

SUMMER
SCHOOL

september
8th

THE RUNDOWN

the hub might've

CRASHED

teams might've

LAGGED

you might've

OVERSLEPT

we still made it through

SQUARE ONE

8:30 AM

- 1st period

- 2nd period

- 3rd period

- 4th period

12:20 PM

- cardinal hour

1:20 PM

- office hours

2:10 PM

- content hour 1

- content hour 2

4:10 PM

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COVID-19 TIMELINE

student life by evan zhao