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again; anew
 back; backward

Returning to the new building after 529 days (we thought it would just be a week) meant we had to (re)learn what it meant to be a Cardinal again.

Once again, we adapted to change.

While we weren't quite at square one, a lot was new. In our half-finished building, the cozy auditorium we (some of us) knew was replaced by a bigger (maybe better) one and the library and cafeteria were gone (at least for now). Instead of a courtyard, we had scattered desks and chairs in the halls. After missing the end of middle school, most underclassmen were just trying to adjust to a whole new school, and learn how to (re)connect with each other. Like it or not, this was Bellaire, this was...

striking the ending pose,

Valeria Sendra¹² finishes the dance she co-choreographed with Eden (Barr¹²) for her last eMotion fall show.

"Choreographing had a lot of ups, downs and compromising but being back in person made it a lot easier to teach," Sendra said. "It was great to be together in the dance room learning and growing as a team, rather than on Zoom calls."









transferring a plant,

Luka Zhou¹² volunteers on the rooftop garden for the Gardening Club. "I had done dozens of hours of garden work before, so I knew how to replant, weed and prune," Zhou said. "While gardening with others, I enjoyed bringing my knowledge to the table and being the person that could offer advice to those who needed to look up to someone."

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With the revival of the Gardening Club and creation of many more (*Dungeons and Dragons anyone?*), we (re)formed the human connections we missed. The Dessert Club brought more than 400 desserts to over 100 students in an all-you-can-eat buffet (*only \$2 at the door!*) and all the Bellaire events we knew and loved, from Cardinal Clash to Cabaret, resumed.

A new building also came with new laptops and a new bell schedule (complete with 8-minute passing periods for the trek to the Fine Arts wing). In-person COVID-19 guidelines meant limited seating at shows and fewer academic field trips, so we reworked many (almost all) of our plans for this year. Everything was there, but nothing stayed quite the same.

This was our time to (re)define what it meant to be a Cardinal (*slap, clap, cards!*).

To give new strength.

O11 Summer Travels

Free from online school, we took time for ourselves.
Whether it was paying back our long overdue sleep debt, thrifting our new favorite find at Value Village or finally getting some fresh air in Hermann Park, we took this time to reinvigorate.

Summer was literally our breath of fresh air — our precious time to relax and (re)fresh.

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Beginning anew,

Bellaire came back to life.
The famous Noodle Room
reopened, slowly restoring
itself to its former glory. Daily
announcements were back,
with Mr. McDonough's voice
at the end of second period
every day. We rebooted our
new laptops and revived our
100+ clubs, posting flyers and
recruiting new members.

Fall was our new breeze — our chance to (re)start.

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To connect again

Despite everything looking a bit different from how we left each other in March of 2020, Cardinals took the opportunity to collaborate. Red Bird Productions and eMotion reunited to put on their first shows with a live audience in over a year. The annual Project Santa event resumed, and we began to gather for in-person celebrations once more.

Winter was our time to catch up — our time to (re)connect.

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To grow anew.

With the start of a new year, we made our resolutions to grow. We planned our future at Bellaire, whether through course selection or new extracurriculars. As the administrative wing and parking garage became taller and taller, we grew alongside our building. To branch out, some of us performed in "High School Musical," applied for a new job or joined the track & field team.

Spring was our time to develop — our time to (re)grow.

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② After singing "L-O-V-E" by Nat King Cole, Daphne Lagrone¹², Jenny Katzen¹², Jessie Han¹² and Esther Penate¹¹ tell onlookers to buy a Singing Valentine. "We did Singing Valentines every year," Han said. "Because it had been a while since we'd done them in person, we decided to go around during lunch and sing previews of our songs. It was exciting to see everyone hyping us up and clapping after we were done."

photo by jason yao



To give new meaning.

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Faculty

After a year and a half of hybrid learning, we changed our approach to school.

Teachers experimented with new methods, with the AP

U.S. History teachers utilizing the new LGIs for group lecture.

Complete with a new bell schedule to accommodate a new building, students readjusted to a full in-person day of classes.

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People are the heart of Bellaire and we (re) defined what it meant to be a Cardinal. 229 Seniors

During a game against Westside,
 Chance Cadena¹¹ cheers on the football
 team. "I remembered having more
 energy than usual because it was one
 of the last games of the year," Cadena
 said. "Since their band had more energy
 than ours, I felt like I was feeding off of
 that. The game was really memorable
 because Westside kept saying that they
 were going to win and they actually did."
 photo by keira cavanaugh





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O During Club Photo Day, Erin Pilcher¹¹ and Ms. Andrea Negri direct students to the bleachers. "I made sure that the students coming in were in the right place and tried my best to answer their questions," Pilcher said. "Since it was my first year, I was very nervous going into it because I didn't know what to expect, but once I got into the rhythm of it, I relaxed and was able to enjoy it."

With over 3,000 students and 150 faculty members, this is where we looked for our friends and favorite topics. Whether we wanted to dig up photos of Spirit Week outfits or see what dishes the Cooking Club made, this year was filled with memories to look back on.

Whenever you get the urge to flip through old memories – (re)fer to this index.

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Despite our bumpy transition into a new reality, we remained persistent through faulty fire alarms and technical difficulties (*lots of confusion*). After a long year, phase two of construction neared completion just as we (re)adjusted to (part of) our new building. Heralded by the clanging and hammering we all heard (*and got surprised by*) on the way to the Fine Arts wing, the completion of our building grew closer and closer.

Next year's Bellaire would once again be a blank slate, a place to return anew.





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