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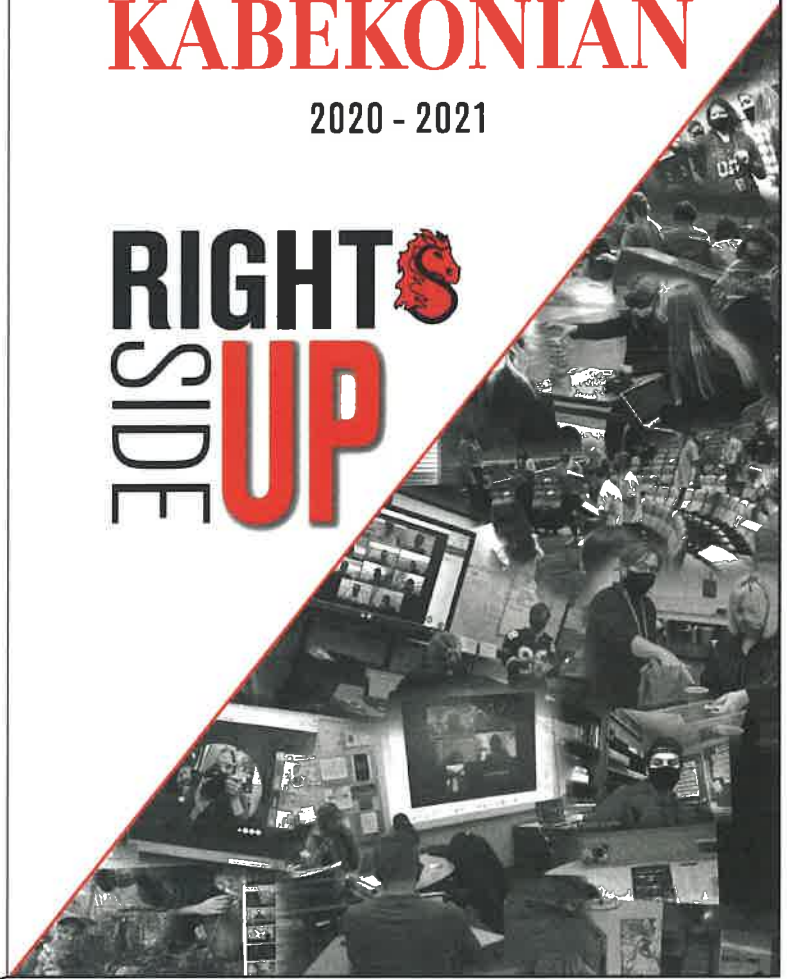


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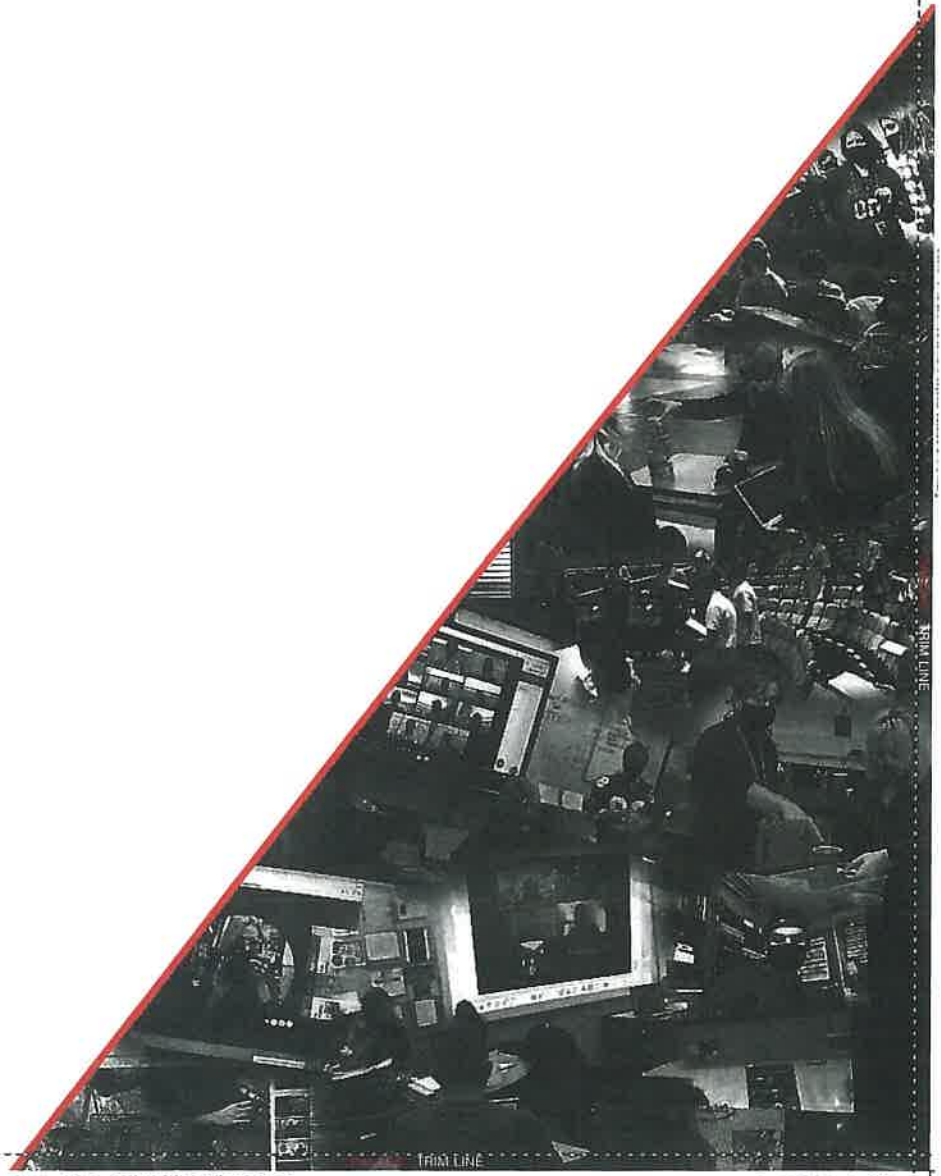
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Preparing to enter the gymnasium for a livestream recorded concert on January 21, members of the concert choir make last minute adjustments to their clothing. Senior Daklan Horen helps senior Adam Long adjust his mask. "The highlight of my choir livestream experience was definitely being able to come together as a massive ensemble again. Even while wearing masks and socially distancing, the energy in the room was electrifying," Long said.

Cover & title page photos: Ms. Andrea Schaefer and a freshman student on orientation day; Grace Cichon (24); Girls from McCarthy's class; Concert choir members rehearsing in the auditorium; Ms. Amy Randrup; Ms. Rebecca Gasker and Faith Villalta (24); Ms. Rachel Sirel and Alex Sirel (21); Isaac Albers (21); Ms. Laurie Hinson; Mr. Andy Weaver.

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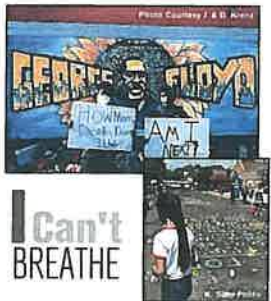
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What has been the upside of this year for you?

"Surprisingly, I made a few friends because of group FaceTimes."
Mishra Morgan (24)



Floyd Memorial: Writing the site of the George Floyd memorial are Joe and Dom Keene (21) and Ruby Saro (23). Floyd died on May 25, 2020 at the hands of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin who held his knee on Floyd's neck long after Floyd pleaded for air. Three other officers accompanying Chauvin were also charged in Floyd's death. As the yearbook went to press in April, the Chauvin trial was underway, and the nation tentatively awaited the verdict. Floyd's death spurred destructive rioting in the city for 4 days, which also spilled out into other cities across the nation, creating a rallying cry against the injustices of police brutality against African American citizens. The protests have continued all year as racial tensions flared and needed to be addressed nationwide, statewide and locally within the school district.



Time spent in quarantine meant more time spent with family. This could either drive people crazy, or drive them to get outside. For the Caserly family, it meant getting outside. James Caserly (23) and his family learned to hike at Wintergreen Dugless Lodge in Ely. Caserly ran the team for much of the time. "He was especially good at jumping off the sled and calming the dogs when we needed to stop," his mom Julie said.

One thing COVID couldn't take away was students' passion for music, whether that was participating in an academic music class or just practicing on one's own. Colin Halverson plays guitar on his boat while on a camping trip with his dad Cory. Halverson said, "Music is a way to bring people together even though we may not be within arm's reach."



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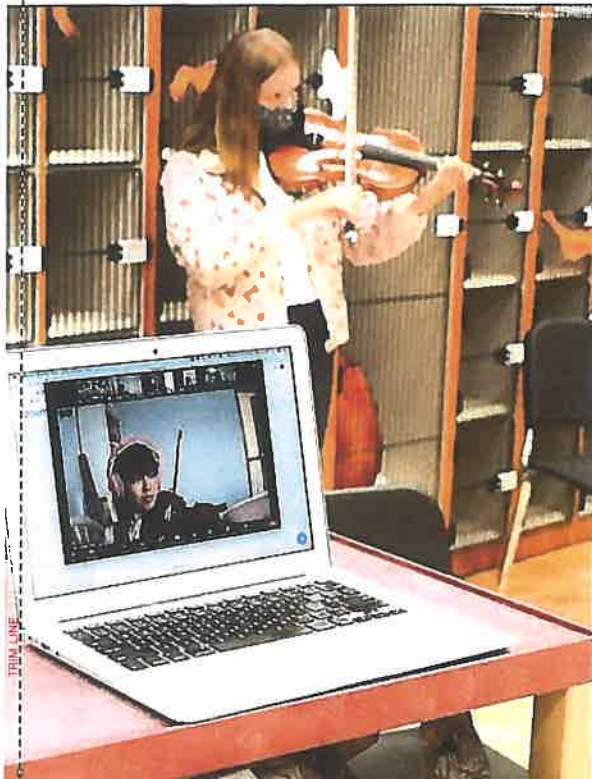
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What has been the upside of this year for you?

"I like that I can have more alone time."
Leah Coyle (24)

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A virtual blending: Megan Thao (21) an online "C" student during the fall hybrid schedule is transported via Zoom into the orchestra rehearsal room on Oct. 30 flanked by fellow violin players Cursinest Dalry (21) and Kate Johnson (22). After the sudden departure of director Zach Sawyer in August, previous director Jerry Jones came in for the remainder to take the helm. Mr. Kent Musser, director of the Philharmonic orchestra was nominated by a student and received a Partnership Plus Award on March 3 for recognition of his work in engaging all music students during distance learning.

Dissection time: In Mr. Doug Leng's CIS Human Anatomy class on Oct. 21, seniors Gannon Jones and Keegan Kopf dissect a rat. The assignment has students identifying parts such as the intestinal tract and nerves. Kopf said, "My favorite part was being able to see how the different body systems worked together."

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A year for the history BOOKS

Let's face it. Our world was turned upside down this year. After the dust of the spring and summer quarantine settled, we came back cautiously to a hybrid school year with 1st, 3rd and 5th hours during quarter 1, and 2nd, 4th and 6th hours during quarter 2. We will be telling stories about our A, B or C designations for years to come. Would the world be back to normal by Thanksgiving? By winter break? By semester's end? In mid-November, the Covid-19 cases in Washington county rose enough to send us back into distance learning for the winter, and Zoom classes became the viable method to connect with our teachers. "You're on mute" became the most common discussion comment. We saw the interiors of our teachers' and peers' homes, and the antics of our classmates' pets became the highlights of our isolated days. A shift in political leadership did not necessarily bring much-needed unity to the country. The pandemic tossed many obstacles in our paths, academically, mentally and spiritually: delayed sports seasons, no homecoming, no fans, no live audiences, no after-school club meetings, and the list could go on until the last page of this book. Luckily, this is a history book. This is the kind of year a book like this is made for. It's going to show how we kept our eyes on the prize. How we made it through our most challenging academic year. How we kept focused on doing our best, focused on what really matters - our health, our families and friends. We kept clicking on the Zoom link, knowing in our hearts we would eventually land

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After COVID, what are you most excited about doing again?

"I'm excited to be able to go fish in Canada." Zohé Goh (21)



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After COVID, what are you most excited about doing again?

"Getting to shop more. And staying at my grandma's house." Kristina Bekke (21)



Photo booth: Senior girls from Mr. Hansen's journalism class practice photography skills in the courtyard below D-wing. Practicing the stopping of motion with fast shutter speeds, the girls check to see if the subject is frozen in place. Pictured are Morgan Mantel, Sydney Reinseth, Sami Pihle, Grace Sjoelen and Ella Nelson. The girls posed shortly after this shot was taken.

Journalism photos (top to bottom, left to right): Reagan Graham, Samantha Buser, Blanka Lopez, Collin Smith (all '24); Ben Yang ('24); George Palm ('24); Jack Wells and Tommy Lindeberg (both '22); Brode Fuerstenberg ('24) and his aunt, Mr. Granger Tahr; Emily Kappel ('23); Tim Brown ('32); Mr. Todd Kapantz with his Woodworking class; Emma Kinder ('21); Isabel Gorske ('21)

FALL LIFESTYLE 113

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What is something you have overcome this year?

"Adversity" Ryan Grant (21)



At the CAPITOL

Participating in a press conference with Governor Tim Walz on Friday, Oct. 2, Menn area student journalists were able to question Walz on issues of importance...



Walk out for Wright: Over 100 schools in Minnesota took part in a walk out on April 19. Senior Will Raymond thanks students for attending the SAHS walk out after powerful speeches...

COVID quarantine allowed families to escape together and enjoy outdoor activities. What could be more Minnesota than getting a snowmobile fixed up and ready for the season?

Class relay: Signphorone Kyle Erman runs back to his group in Mr. Becky Skogom's Spanish class on Oct. 21. After checking out the wall in the hallway, students had to interpret the sentences and then run back into the classroom to relay the information to their groups.



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What is something you have overcome this year?

"Not being able to play sports" Jay Jacobs (21)



Socratic celebration: Senior students from Mr. Laurie Hansen's journalism class celebrate getting to the end of 2nd quarter while on distance learning. The class finished a Socratic discussion on the novel Final Sale...

Back in person in the spring, students were able to use hands-on items in classrooms once again. Mr. Doug Long obtained a few suturing kits for his Human Anatomy class, and he said they were a hit. His student Maia Bergan (21) practices her skills with the kit on Wednesday, March 17.

The year for a new NORMAL

This was a year when every teacher in the district felt like a first-year teacher. A year when students missed out on normal milestone events and struggled to succeed in a Zoom universe. Then, a light at the end of the tunnel faintly appeared. After Governor Tim Walz announced that schools could return to in-person learning as early as March 8, the Stillwater school district committed to returning by that date...

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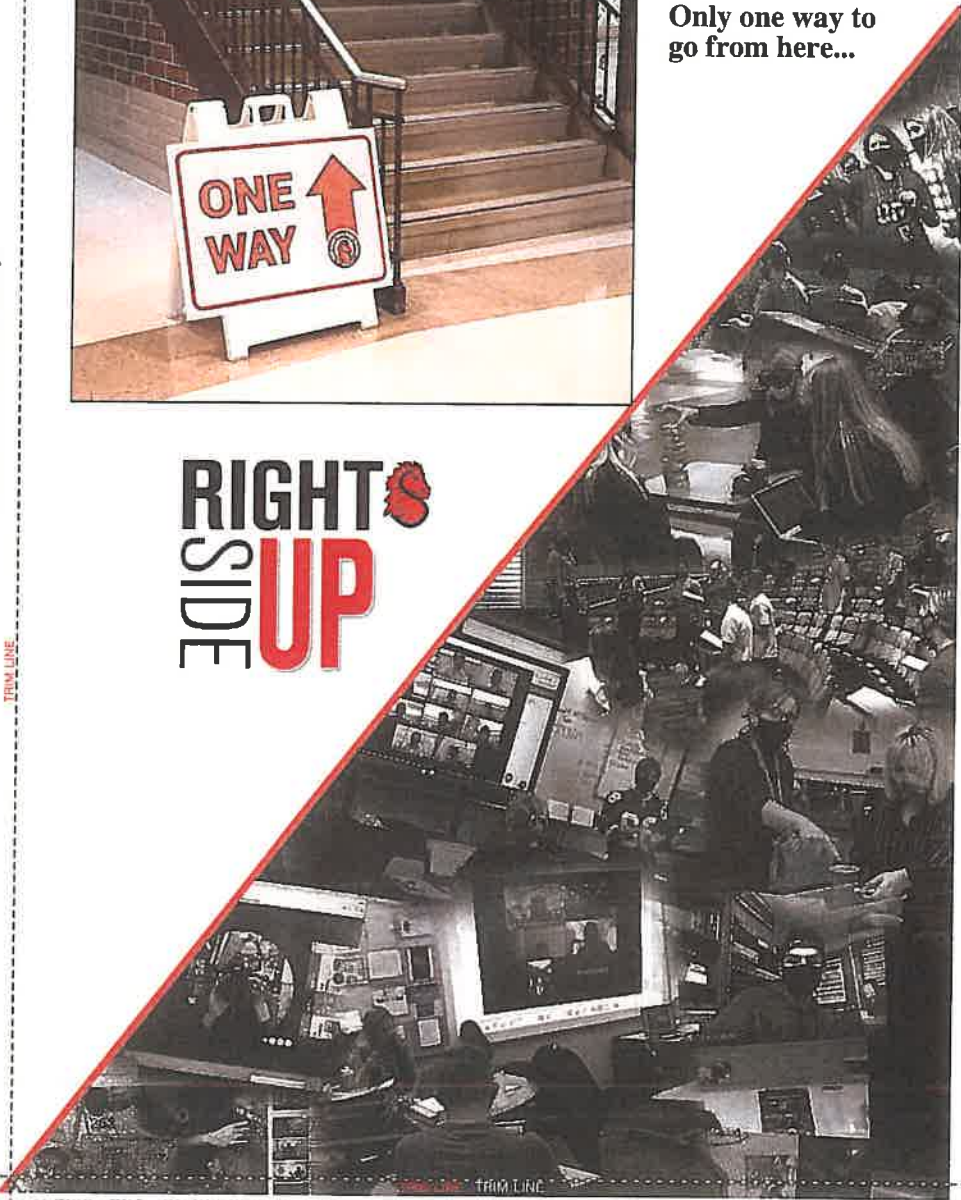


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