Lake Highland Adapts Traditions in Troubling Times

By Christopher Raymond

Lake Highland’s spring season began to wind down early due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of attending school in-person, students and teachers have been forced to adjust their living and learning situations. With the 2019-2020 school year coming to a satisfying conclusion for all students, parents, and faculty members, we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. Admittedly, nobody really knew how long the school would stay closed, with some speculating that we would be back after Spring Break, but the reality was quite different. Instead, in mid-March, we transitioned to the swiftly assembled distance learning program that has ensured that we can all maintain our academic standards, even in an unfamiliar academic environment. While there may have been a technological issue or two along the way, for the most part this was a very smooth transition that shows the power that we can have when we come together as a community, but this transition would not be the only thing else that is my brand except for mocktails), it felt as though the world as we knew it was closing, but no change threatened to disrupt our daily lives more than the transition of our school to on-line learning. I would longer be going to see each other every day, making us miss out on some crucial human contact, but it was an unfortunate necessity in order to maintain our safety, which is the number one priority. Admittedly, nobody really knew how long the school would stay closed, with some speculating that we would be back after Spring Break, but the reality was quite different. Instead, in mid-March, we transitioned to the swiftly assembled distance learning program that has ensured that we can all maintain our academic standards, even in an unfamiliar academic environment. While there may have been a technological issue or two along the way, for the most part this was a very smooth transition that shows the power that we can have when we come together as a community, but this transition would not be the only

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An Education Initiative That is the First of its Kind

By Anoosh Kumar

Halfway through March, the school’s transition to distance learning was well underway. Without delving into details, every- everyone has certainly heard about COVID-19 far more than they’d like to, this was a necessary step followed by schools across the nation. However, while Lake Highland has the resources and administration to move classes on-line, not every- one is as lucky. Many un- der-resourced schools don’t have the money or ability to move classes on-line, and have stopped classes altogether. Thankfully, many Lake Highland students recognize this disparity and have taken initiative, starting on-line tutoring services of their own. One such student is Mimi Sawhney, grade 11, who created Learn with Me, a tutoring group offering free on-line group and individual tutoring sessions. Mimi says she created this organization, along with 20 of her other peers who also work as tutors, after she saw how the teachers at Lake Highland were getting adjusted to the on-line curriculum. Learn With Me recognizes that, especially in this time of stress and economic hardship, parents are having an extremely difficult time taking care of their children and continu- ing their education on their own. Ahad Ansari, grade 11, a partner tutor with Learn With Me, explained, “We want to give parents an opportunity to get some free time away. We’re not trying to make any profit on this, we’re just trying to help the most. We’re people.”

Another Lake Highland- founded tutoring group is

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Reopening the U.S. One Step At a Time

By Ahmed Bilal

With the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, millions of people have been forced into lockdown for well over a month. Without the knowledge of when things are going to improve, people have been reaching out to their governments for answers. In the U.S., President Donald Trump had daily press-conferences through which he relays the progress and status of the disease in the U.S. As this lockdown continued, President Trump established a three-phase reopening process and delivered it to the nation. Following his plan there were two polar opposite opinions on the process. On the one hand, many people believed that the country would be opening prematurely and would cause a devastating second wave. On the other hand, people were ready to get out of the quarantine and needed to get back to daily life, and work. With aspects such as employment and the economy completely flipped upside down, there is a sense of tension on when the country can restart. But is the process too soon too fast?

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States that are reopening with more cases than two weeks ago

(Above) Following President Trump’s re-opening plan, many states began rolling out their re-opening process. Following this, many states had a rapid increase in number of cases, putting to question how ready the country was to actually re-open. At the same time, many residents of states were faced to close for a second time, both beaches and other public places due to overcrowding. As it stands, the national and state governments are forced to take into consideration not only the political and economic viewpoints, but also the fact that people have been stuck in homes for so long.


(Above) Florida has been a state that has faced tons of criticism for the relaxed take on quarantine and lockdown. Following the initial shutdown of schools and colleges, beaches, and theme parks, the state received a lot of criticism for not taking more precautions sooner. However, following the lockdown, Governor Ron DeSantis has taken many precautions in order to safely reopen the Sunshine State. His re-opening process heavily mirrors that of Trump’s. Photo courtesy of WPTV.

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Around the globe, millions and possibly even billions of people are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. In order to fight the virus, countries around the world are taking measures to slow the spread. Most countries are motivated to protect their citizens by closing borders, schools, and religious ceremonies. However, some undeveloped countries have to choose the health of their citizens or the state of their economy, as they are less prepared to shut down for extended times like some other nations.

Italy became one of the epicenters of the crisis and experienced an incredibly high death rate compared to other countries. They closed all public schools on March 4, but informed citizens not to change their daily routines. However, only five days later, the whole country was on lockdown, banning all public gatherings and sporting events. Measures continued to tighten over time leading all ski resorts, pools, and spas to shut down in Italy. People were no longer allowed to jog or walk outside for exercise. Italy lacked ventilators and beds in intensive care units for even the sickest of patients. Today, as the curve of cases begins to flatten there, most people are praising the health care workers who did everything they could to help the sick. Nevertheless, many who have lost loved ones are planning to take authorities to trial for neglecting to implement restrictions early on. A Facebook group called, “NOI Denunceremo” (“We Will Denounce You”) has 45,000 members, who all plan to bring the government’s late reaction to light. Additionally, one retirement home is being accused of manslaughter after hundreds of residents died; critics believe they didn’t do enough to protect them.

South Korea is thought to have the most effective efforts in combating the spread of COVID-19, as they were one of the first countries to level off in infection rates. They had previously learned lessons from the Middle East Respiratory System (MERS) outbreak in 2015. The outbreak caused panic, and South Korea experienced the highest infection rate outside of the Middle East. When COVID-19 came around, South Korea began developing and distributing tests; they already had thousands by early February. When someone, either a citizen or a foreigner, is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she is put in isolation, and the government sends the individual free supplies of hand sanitizer, fresh produce, and masks.

Additionally, the process of contact tracing is implemented: people that were exposed to someone with the virus are tested whether they exhibit symptoms or not. When someone tests positive, everywhere they have recently been is compiled in an app so people know which areas need to be disinfected and avoided. This includes any buses they’ve been on, subways they’ve ridden, or hospitals they’ve visited. Citizens get alerts on their phone about updated numbers of confirmed cases, which ensures misinformation won’t be spread. Unlike the protests spreading across the US over quarantine, people in South Korea prefer slowing the spread of the virus over maintaining privacy and normal life. Officials have set up special testing “phone booths” in 600 locations where patients enter the booth, and a doctor can swab them while wearing rubber gloves for a test. The exam is no longer than seven minutes and allows for easy identification of patients. Due to their extensive initial efforts, South Korea is beginning to re-open, but they remain ready for a possible second wave.

In Belarus, President Alexander Lukashenko had previously been known for having strict ruling over the former Soviet nation. He previously called the pandemic, “Coronapsychosis” and said wise people would ignore the pandemic. The nation refused to evacuate its citizens abroad unless individuals picked up the tab. Sporting events continue to have full stands, and factories, stores, schools, and restaurants are continuing regular business. On March 28, the President played a game of hockey, and fans filled the stands to watch. Recently, the government imposed limited restrictions in only the capital of Minsk by encouraging people to wash their hands, disinfect surfaces, wear masks, and distance tables at restaurants. The World Health Organization (WHO) is criticizing Belarus for not implementing enough measures to slow the spread. An estimated 70% of Belarusians support shutting down public events, but this hasn’t happened. The lack of response may be due to Belarus’s weakened economy; they can’t afford to close industries down. Additionally, President Lukashenko is running for re-election in August; therefore he may be holding off making decisions until then.

Senegal is known to have rapid responses to the 2014 Ebola outbreak. Moreover, the country’s Pasteur Institute, was home to the creation of one of the first Yellow Fever vaccines. They are working on tests that may diagnose people within 10 minutes. The country has closed schools, mosques, and restaurants. There are also travel restrictions and an 8:00PM curfew. It is hard to convince the large Senegalese population to change their daily habits to prevent COVID-19 transmission, but the government is implementing innovative ways to do so. As one can see, countries around the world implement different measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. While the US experiences great polarizing information of what to do during this uncertain time, examining the strategies of other nations can provide models for what is successful and not. We have to ask ourselves whether the possible implications of social distancing are worth it or not, but what other countries have shown is the more extreme measures that are taken, the shorter they will need to be in place.

By Sarah Finrock

(Above) The WHO is an international organization that protects the health of citizens around the world. They are one of the frontrunners in battling COVID-19. They alerted the world about the virus on January 5. However, U.S. President Donald Trump wasn’t satisfied with their response. He pulled the funding for the organization in mid-April. The U.S. was the biggest funder of WHO supplying nearly 15% of its budget. Photo courtesy of The Verge.

(Above) Formally crowded areas have been left abandoned in previous months. Mosques, streets, sporting arenas, and classrooms that were filled to capacity are now left barren. The NBA and many other sports organizations are saying they may restart the season without fans, but athletes worry without the excitement of filled stadiums, playing won’t be the same. Photo courtesy of Seth Wenig.

(Above) Senegal suffers from a low literacy rate compared to other nations. This predicament has forced the government to get creative when spreading the message of COVID-19. Around the country, murals were painted reminding people to wear masks and wash their hands. The one above translates to, “Use a hydroalcoholic solution,” which refers to cleaners such as hand sanitizer. Musicians have also made videos about washing hands and social distancing. Photo courtesy of Voice of America.
Boredom Busters Bring Benefits

By Camryn Curry

Due to the Coronavirus, everyday life has been shut down while everyone remains on lockdown in their homes. Because of this, restaurants, clothing stores, theme parks, travel destinations, and Broadway shows have been temporarily closed. Live television events, such as talk shows and the NFL Draft, have been modified to take place online. Below are some websites to check out during quarantine:

- **Netflix**: One of the most popular websites, Netflix, has provided viewers with a large source of movies and television shows to cure their boredom. Some of the most newest releases include: *The Circle*, *Outer Banks*, and *Extraction*. The majority of the shows were filmed prior to the virus so that no one was at risk of contracting COVID-19.

- **Disney Plus**: Although the theme parks are closed, Disney provides fans with access to almost all of the past Disney movies and shows. A few of these include: *Monsters Inc*, *Wizards of Waverly Place*, the *Avengers* movies, and much more.

- **Broadway Direct**: All of Broadway was shut down due to concerns regarding the virus on March 12. However, this site gives viewers access to some of the most popular Broadway musicals. The current plays do not appear on the site, but the older musicals are still fun to watch. However, each week, for 48 hours, a recent musical is released for a limited time only.

- **Amazon Prime**: Even though Amazon still continues to ship items throughout the world, this site provides people with access to some of the newest movies. Some of these movies, like *Trolls World Tour* for example, were supposed to be released in theaters at this time, but they can be found here.

- **ESPN**: Although all major sporting events have been canceled due to the Coronavirus, ESPN is a popular news site that informs viewers of how the sports industry is still continuing. In April, the NFL Draft was modified so teams would select one player each round online by giving them a phone call. Most major sports will restart once the virus is over.

- **Theme Park Insider**: This amazing site gives videos that consist of virtual rides from theme parks. The parks may be closed, but people can watch these videos to make it seem like they are there.

- **Youtube**: Another popular site, Youtube, gives people even more videos to watch in their spare time. YouTubers, and recently talk show hosts, have efficiently been able to continue their job at home. Talk show hosts communicate with celebrities through Zoom while YouTubers can continue to make videos from home.
Within the midst of quarantine, audiences search for entertaining TV shows or movies to pass the time. The most dazzling distraction comes from the Netflix documentary *Tiger King: Mayhem, Murder and Madness*. It has become the latest viral hit for the streaming giant, even mounting a movement to get one of its subjects, Joe Exotic, released from jail. The documentary follows a feud between two people who own big cats: Joe Exotic, who owns a private zoo in Oklahoma, and Carole Baskin, who owns a sanctuary for wild cats in Florida.

Right away, the documentary cannot seem to decide what it is. Starting in episode one, it starts to delve into its subjects’ lives, immediately leaving the big cats behind. This is misleading because the series claims in its synopsis to be about only Joe Exotic and his big cats. An entire episode is dedicated to the disappearance of Carole Baskin’s second husband, hinting that she is responsible. However, while this subject is entertaining, it shifts the tone of the documentary from serious to crazy.

The following episodes document the insanity of each big cat owner’s life. Of course, it’s important to see who’s caring for these cats, and maybe the owners’ treatment of people indicates how they treat their cats. But yet it also has no relation. After episode three, the series starts to lose direction and becomes a reality TV show. Footage of Joe Exotic blowing trees up and threatening to kill Carole makes the episodes more repetitive and aimless. And maybe this is on purpose — the audience comes to expect about how he can give better treatment to tigers than they get in the wild. Another song, “Here Kitty Kitty,” best showcases Joe’s hatred toward Carole, especially in the music video, in which he hires a Carole look-a-like to feed meat disguised as a person to a tiger. All of the music videos add new layers to this somewhat deranged character and bring the viewer more into his strange world.

The music seems to feed the cult of personality that is strange because it devotes time to other scandal as well. Similarly, Joe Exotic and Doc Antle because they were in earlier episodes, it is easier to forget about Joe’s bad behaviors. The documentary ends with hope, but the cost of it is the attempted rehabilitation of a person that does not entirely deserve it. *Tiger King* tries to rehabilitate its hero’s image but forgets all people and animals he has hurt.

By Maddy Russell

* Tiger King Whimpers its Conservation Message

I thought that Doc Antle’s private zoo was far more interesting than both of theirs. I wish Netflix made a separate documentary about his zoo.

Carole Baskin, Owner of Big Cat Rescue, a big cat sanctuary in Tampa, Florida

(Above) Photo courtesy of Entertainment Weekly.

Carole Baskin, Owner of Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park in Wynnewood, Oklahoma

(Above) Photo courtesy of Leafley.com.

For example, his song “I Saw a Tiger” emphasizes Joe’s strange belief that he and tigers have a mythical connection, explaining why he chose to open the private zoo in the first place. It shows his delusional personality most clearly, as he sings about how he can give better treatment to tigers than they get in the wild. Another song, “Here Kitty Kitty,” best showcases Joe’s hatred toward Carole, especially in the music video, in which he hires a Carole look-a-like to feed meat disguised as a person to a tiger. All of the music videos add new layers to this somewhat deranged character and bring the viewer more into his strange world.

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If the director Eric Goode devotes a whole episode about Carole Baskin’s husband’s disappearance, he should give more time to this scandal as well. Similarly, Joe Exotic and Doc Anten get away with paying their workers 100-150 dollars a week, yet this was never questioned. This issue seemed more relevant to the documentary than others that were included.

I liked how they interviewed a former employee of Doc Antle because she did shed some necessary light on this situation. However, she was only in the series for two episodes. This was actually indicative of the entire documentary series; while it was focused primarily on Carole and Joe, the filmmakers are trying to remain unbiased, but they are actively on Joe Exotic’s side by trying to rehabilitate his image. This essentially discredits the facts that they present to the audience because the filmmakers tend to spin events in favor of their side. Thus, the audience should not take everything that they say as true. Carole Baskin should’ve received more airtime because I think she should have the chance to defend herself like how the filmmakers defended Joe.

Endangered and Rare Species, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

(Above) Photo courtesy of Knews.com.
Lake Highland Students Spark Change Amid Global Pandemic

By Santiago Calderon

We are all being tested during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether it be socially distancing from each other or suffering the anxiety of self-quarantine. During this crisis, families are hoping for essential workers to reduce the spread of the pandemic. Every life counts, especially those on the frontlines—grocery store workers, first responders, and medical professionals. Although not being an essential worker may be discouraging, it is crucial to stand out. Making a difference in the community in any unique way can help foster positivity during such dire situations. Using the expertise to make the world a better place can be accomplished even by a single individual.

Take students at Lake Highland, for instance. Neither grocery store workers nor medical professionals, current sophomore, Arjun Verma and sister Hannah Verma, current junior at Yale University, co-founded the organization TeleHealth Access for Seniors. Their organization’s objective is to connect seniors in low-income communities to their physicians via digital health appointments, by collecting devices nationwide. This process, known as telehealth, allows doctors to have virtual medical appointments with their patients, skipping the in-person contact of going to the doctor’s office (which is crucial during a pandemic). Telehealth is also critical, as Arjun explains, “Many of these elderly patients are suffering from more than one chronic condition, so they are particularly at-risk and can’t afford to suspend their checkups.”

Since its inception just a few weeks ago, this organization has been hitting success with volunteers in over 20 different states, hundreds of donations collected, and medical practice connections from all over the country. Each volunteer works around the clock in order to get as many donations as possible. These donations are connected to their own community where they reach out to practices in their area that have a demand for devices. Zeal Patel, grade 10, and one of the volunteers from Orlando said that, “After sitting around bored from quarantine, I realized that it would be beneficial to help those that have been hit the hardest. When I found out about TeleHealth Access for Seniors, I realized that it would be an amazing way to dually connect patents to their practice while mitigating the risks of contracting the Coronavirus.”

During times like these, it is important to start movements like TeleHealth Access for Seniors, as Aakshi Agarwal, another co-founder of the organization and current junior at Yale University, explained, “I think we all agree healthcare is a human right, and unfortunately America is plagued by a lot of ageism where we see elderly people are not always able to get care among other things. Helping the most vulnerable is almost a responsibility for us who are fortunate enough to be healthy right now. We’re giving back now when older Americans have given back to us before.”

Sparking change is no simple task. Some Veterans Affairs medical facilities like those of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island have asked for over a hundred devices each. Another important idea to note is that the organization constantly adapts to the changing laws around the country, especially since the government has been stricter with organizations during the pandemic. In order to make sure everything is according to protocol, Aakshi explained that, “We do our best to stay informed and when in doubt, use the safest measures suggested by the government and scientists.” The organization even uses CDC protocol for the distribution of devices during the pandemic, using specific sanitization guidelines. For example, the organization directs volunteers to leave the collected devices separated from their household, in storage areas such as in the garage, for a few days as the virus cannot live on those types of surfaces for that long. In fact, according to Aakshi they are very, “Careful to ship the devices instead of doing in-person drop-offs.”

Organizations like these will have a long lasting impact after the Coronavirus, as their goal is to expand much further after the crisis. This is because telehealth is becoming a practice more quickly adopted by physicians across the country, Arjun said, “Whether it be lacking time or ability to even go to the doctor’s office, patients are sometimes unable to attend a physical check-up. Elderly patients will still have restrictions regarding visiting the doctor in person even after the pandemic recedes. Concerns about a return of the Coronavirus will make telehealth a necessity for the foreseeable future.” Therefore, the goal of TeleHealth Access for Seniors extends far into the future because of the importance of a rapidly changing landscape for medical practices and the way appointments are held.

Overall, this organization is a prime example of getting out in the community during this stressful time and making positive change in the world. Such efforts won’t simply last during the short term outbreak but extend into the long term as well. Arjun describes his efforts perfectly, concluding that, “Anytime you see a problem and a potential solution, you should go for it. Every effort by a dedicated person to make a difference will change somebody else’s life. If you know what you are doing is important, don’t let small roadblocks hold you back because the potential for change is amazing.” This is especially true if you have the ability to work with other people who share the same mindset as you and want to change the world.
During quarantine, many people may find themselves at a loss for activities to keep themselves entertained. This may lead them to begin a DIY project. DIY projects, otherwise known as Do It Yourself projects, have become increasingly popular due to the availability of easy-to-follow instructions on YouTube, Pinterest, the DIY Network, and various other Internet platforms. All DIY projects can be modified to where a person can use the materials that are most accessible at home. Also, DIY projects are an important alternative for people who may not be able to pay a professional or expert for the improvement they wish to perform or on the object they want to make. For the people who are struggling financially at this time due to the downfall of the economy and unemployment, but want to do activities to keep themselves entertained or to upgrade their home, DIYs are an affordable option as they can be made out of almost anything. A perk people also find with DIYs is that no experience is necessarily needed when the project is started. However, they may gain new skills after a DIY project is complete. When the DIY project is performed by one or more people together, whether the skills be artistic or physical, there is the added benefit of improving teamwork skills while being able to spend more time with someone a person cares about. With all the extra time one may have with quarantine, it is a wonderful time to try a DIY.

(Left) Breadsticks are a food that many restaurants offer. However, instead of having to go out to enjoy breadsticks, they can be made at home with a few ingredients. All the ingredients that are needed to make the dough are one and a half cups of warm water, two tablespoons of instant yeast, two tablespoons of sugar, one teaspoon of salt, and three to four cups of flour. To add more flavor, three tablespoons of melted butter (to put on the baking sheet before the dough is placed on), and a mixture of any dried herbs, garlic salt, and parmesan cheese can be added to the top of the breadsticks. Photo by Rebecca Reif.

(Right) Coasters are a nice gift to give to family or friends. A plain white tile can be turned into an artistic coaster, with permanent markers, rubbing alcohol, and a lighter. Drawn onto the tile can be any design of choice, and it does not need to be perfect. Once the use of the marker is complete, rubbing alcohol is poured across the tile until every space is covered. That is when the lighter is used. Go over the rubbing alcohol with the lighter, which will then make the marker blend together. The DIY is done, and can now be used to protect surfaces when a cup is placed down, or can add a creative touch to the home. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Jennifer Reif.

(Above) Tie-dye is a popular activity to be done especially during the warm times of the year. Most people reach for tie-dye kits, yet the dye can be made from two materials that are commonly found inside a person’s home: food coloring and water. With just half a cup of water, and 15 drops of food dye for a more pastel look, or 20 drops of food dye for a more bold and vibrant look, the dye can be formed. Before the dye can be placed onto the item, the item should rest in a closed baggy for at least eight hours, and then washed. A cool and interesting item is made out of a plain white object. If food dye and vinegar are not available, the DIY can be done with a colored shirt and bleach. Photo by Rebecca Reif.
Coronavirus and How It Has Transformed Our Society

By Noor Sattar

A new outbreak has recently stepped foot into our society and is impacting life everywhere. Schools are closing, cities are on lockdown, and the entire country has gone quiet. People all over the world have rushed to make last minute preparations to avoid the deadly virus. In late December 2019, the virus began in China, where, according to the CDC, live wet markets spread the virus to people. Now, the virus is being claimed as a pandemic, and as of April 29, 2020, according to CNN, there are over 3,000,000 cases worldwide, with the number continuously growing.

Friendly reminders to wash your hands are posted around the LHPS campus. These posters serve a purpose to prevent the spread of this virus by keeping hygiene. Though we are not at school at the moment, you should keep in mind to wash your hands, and stay safe.

(Right) In various stores throughout Orlando, items such as wipes, sanitizers, and disinfecting sprays are flying off the shelves. Employees at these stores have begun limiting the amounts of these items being bought to spare items for everyone. This sign notifies customers to limit their shopping to 6 items, at a local Target. All photos by Noor Sattar.

(Right) Rumors are going around about cures to the deadly Covid-19 virus. A magazine at a local Target claims to have found the cure. Though it may seem real, research has not found a cure yet.

(Above) People everywhere are trying to buy the last of things like toilet paper rolls or everyday essentials. An example is this woman, who is preparing for the worse in crisis, getting everyday essentials. She may not be able to go out for a while, like most of us.

(Above) Out of the many items sold out in stores across the US, disinfecting items like Clorox are items which have empty shelves. People all across America are you snatching the remaining items off of the shelves. This chaos leads to empty shelves like these, with nothing left for those who need them.

Due to high demand and to support all guests, we will be limiting the quantities of disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizers and hand & face wipes to 6 per guest.

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(Above) Not only is disinfecting items and toilet paper flying off of the shelves; food is at the same rate. People are buying non-perishable food like instant noodles and canned soup. People are planning to buy enough food to feed their families for weeks to come. Many meat plants are also closing due to sicknesses at their plants, which is causing food shortages, leaving families without basic necessities. All photos by Noor Sattar.

(Above) Though basic medications will not stop the spread of the virus, people are buying them to prepare for future weeks of self-quarantine. Stores such as Walmart, are offering curb-side pickup, where workers will deliver your groceries or medications in your trunk.

(Above) Most everyday essentials are sold out in stores all across Orlando. This photo is an example of this, as basic toiletries and everyday items have been wiped off the shelves. Items like hand sanitizer and wipes are all sold out. Various companies, such as Louis Vitton which specialize in making other items, are making items like sanitizer to help in the crisis.

(Above) Shelves are empty at pharmacies like CVS. People are racing to get the last of their desired items. These essential businesses are required to stay open. Stores such as Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens, and Publix are keeping their stores open, but are taking safety precautions such as adding barricades, limiting the number of customers inside, and enforcing strict social distancing of at least six feet.
Artists Create Masterpieces in Solidarity

By Maggie Palmer

During quarantine students and teachers use this time to work on their specialties: from practicing sports, writing, video gaming, and making beautiful works of art. Art is form of meditation, expression, and therapy. One person that uses the arts spectacularly is Sherise Lyou, grade 11 at Lake Highland. She is the recipient of nine Scholastic awards, and nominated for the American Voices & Visions Medals (only five pieces in the southeastern twelve states were chosen)!

“I made [art] to hang in my new classroom to complement the new MS English classroom’s color scheme and desired something cheerful.” - Ms. Elizabeth Witengier

Sherise Lyou, grade 11, Wonder, Pencils

Sherise Lyou, grade 11, The Purrfessors, Colored pencils

Sherise Lyou, grade 11, Reflections, Oil on canvas

Sherise Lyou, grade 11, Kickflip, Oil on canvas

Sherise shows her strong commitment by spending months on her pieces of art. Photo courtesy of Sherise Lyou.

Santiago Calderon, grade 10, Splash, Photography

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Sherise Lyou: A lot of my works are done using colored pencils and graphite. But recently, I’ve been using a lot more oil paint, which is what I enjoy using the most at the moment.

Twice-Told Tale: What medium do you use the most? Which do you enjoy using the most?

Sherise Lyou: Definitely Realism. All my art has been realistic with lots of details, which is why they usually take up to a few months to finish.

Twice-Told Tale: What subject matter do you use the most?

Sherise Lyou: Usually humans or animals. My portfolio concentration last year in AP Art was about animals exhibiting human characteristics, so a lot of my works are focused on animals.

Twice-Told Tale: What inspires you?

Sherise Lyou: My parents inspire me. They have always encouraged me to keep working on my art and my portfolio, even when I felt unmotivated. My classmates in my art classes also inspire me because they are all so talented.

Twice-Told Tale: Which one of your works are you most proud of?

Sherise Lyou: I’m most proud of my work Wonder. I spent six months working on it, and it won Best of Show in the Lake Highland Art Show, was nominated for the American Visions Medal for the Southeast region in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and won a national gold medal for the Scholastic art contest.

Twice-Told Tale: Have you won any awards for your artwork?

Sherise Lyou: A few of my awards include first place in the Japan International Environmental Drawing Contest out of over 17,000 entries, over 12 regional Scholastic Art Gold Key Awards, including two national gold medals, Florida’s first place winner in the National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, second place in the National State Fish Art Contest, second place in the High School Art Competition at Purdue University, Award of Distinction at the Winter Park Arts Festival, and Best of Show at the Lake Highland Arts Show.

Twice-Told Tale: What do you have any showings of your artwork?

Sherise Lyou: My artwork was shown at the Kasama Nichido Museum in Japan. I also have some artworks published in the Celebrating Art Books that have been displayed in the Winter Park Art Show and Lake Highland Art Show. My artworks were also exhibited at Rueff Galleries at Purdue University, Orlando City Hall and J.B. Ding Darling Education Center in Sanibel. I also had prints of my artwork for sale at the Faith Arts Village in Orlando.

Twice-Told Tale: Who is your favorite artist?

Sherise Lyou: My favorite artist is Kehinde Wiley. Over the summer last year, I went to the St. Louis Art Museum, where one of his paintings was displayed, and I was amazed by his realistic depictions of people and floral designs.
Bullet Journaling Allows Life To Be Intentional

By Taylor Battie

Because of social distancing and self-quarantining procedures, most people are spending much more time at home than usual. The transition to working from home and on-line learning, combined with the lack of ability to interact with others, has left many people with extra free-time to kill. One interesting hobby that can kill time and be beneficial is bullet journaling.

Bullet journaling is an analog method of journaling created by Ryder Carroll. The Bullet Journal Method became extremely popular in 2014 to 2015, and since then it has been seen as an effective way to not only stay organized but also to get creative. Carroll created the method in the late 1990s as a way to help him stay organized as he went through college. Studies show that writing notes and journal entries by hand is the most beneficial way, but as someone who has attention deficit disorder, Carroll found long entries to be difficult to focus on and extremely time consuming. So, he devised the bullet journal, or BuJo, method to cater to his needs. The system is simple and provides people with a basic foundation for their journal that they can expand on and cater to their personal needs. It’s customizable, and every Bullet Journal will look a little different. However, it’s adaptable style makes it suitable for anyone.

The key aspect of the BuJo system is rapid logging language. It’s a style of writing things down that captures important information in a concise way up by using Bullets that fall into three different categories. Firstly, Bullets can represent a Task. Tasks are repre- sented by a dot, and are ways to write down things that need to be done like chores or homework assign- ments. Or, the Bullet could be an Event, represent- ed by a dash. A Note is a fact, idea, or thought that is import- ant. Lastly, a Bullet could be a Note, represented by a circle, and are ways to write down things that need to be achieved during the month. The Daily Log is used on a day-to-day basis to Rapid Log everything that needs to be done each day. This macro or micro view of life is a great way to stay organized and prevent becoming overwhelmed. Within this setup, one of the most im- portant aspects of the BuJo method is Migration. Carroll realizes that things don’t always go as planned, and sometimes Tasks don’t get completed or Events get rescheduled. When setting up a new Monthly Log at the beginning of a new month, it’s important to look back and see what Bullets weren’t accomplished and to mi- grated them to the new month. This could even happen on a daily basis if time runs out during the day. To migrate a Bullet, simply change the original dot or circle into a rightward facing chevron and rewrite the Bullet in the new month or on the next Daily Log list. The migration process is a good way to assess progress on a daily and monthly basis and to see which Bullets have been prioritized.

The method and the notation might seem like a lot to take in, but visiting bulletjournal.com and reading the website helps break things down in an even simpler way. After understanding the method, the next step is to start a journal. Any notebook or journal will do, but tradition- ally dotted paper is used when bullet journaling. Carroll describes the BuJo method as a prac- tice of mindfulness and being about the, “Art of inten- tional living.” During quarantine, practices like this seem to be especially important. Many people have struggled to cope as their life has changed. What they are used to doing on a daily basis has now adapted to a new format, and for many people it can be over- whelming. By mindfulling and effectively journaling the Tasks, Events, and Notes that occur in their life, it can help to reduce stress and become more organized. This intentional lifestyle is one that is more produc- tive and has more meaning as it allows the Journal- ist to visualize exactly what needs to be done and to prioritize accordingly. It is an easy way to improve their quality of life, and between the pages of each Monthly or Daily Log, there’s empty journal pages to allow people to get anything off their mind. This space can include diary entries, poetry, drawing, collages, doodles, photographs, and whatever else the journalist wants to include. The Bullet Journal can be a way to express creativity by adding personality to each page. This hobby can become a part of daily life and be a simple, easy, and therapeutic way for the journalist to stay organized and to get things off his or her mind.
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storm with major implications that our community would weather together.

Once school had been moved online, we began to see a number of other great events fall, often to cancellation. From sports league to festivals, a wide variety of cultural institutions began to cancel, taking quite the toll on American society. Unfortunately, this wave of cancellations made its way to the shores of Lake Highland. A number of quintessentially Lake Highland events unfortunately became cancelled, including Prom, the Senior Trip, the Baccalaureate Dinner, and even the Eighth Grade North Carolina Trip (what will all of the kids on Homecoming Court from the Class of 2024 say was their favorite LHP memory now?). While some of these things were outright cancelled, other events and traditions have been modified in order to match our current circumstances as best as possible. For instance, the yearly End of Year Celebration assembly will be converted into a Senior Awards Zoom call for the Senior Class. On top of this, other events like team banquets and Baccalaureate Dinner have similarly been converted to take advantage of the digital platforms that we now use for everyday learning. However, there are two major events for all high schoolers that will be seeing significant changes that don’t merely shift things to an on-line platform.

Coming to the end of any school year, it feels like there are two things that dominate the campus conversation: AP Exams and Graduation. Both of these events are modifying their ways to ensure that students get the best experience possible, all while maintaining social distancing standards. As many Americans are stuck at home, the College Board has officially moved all AP Exams to an on-line, abbreviated format that students can take at home. While some exams merely cut out sections to bring the time down to 45 minutes, others completely changed the types of questions in order to gain the greatest and most comprehensive understanding of each student’s knowledge of the subject matter. As a result of this and the necessary open note policy, AP exams will be turned into a way to measure the ways in which students can apply skills. From speaking impromptu and conversational languages to putting history into context, these exams are sure to help all students to earn college credit while staying safe.

An even bigger event on campus that will be seeing major changes is graduation. Now moved to our campus football field, this modified outdoor ceremony will ensure that graduating Seniors and their immediate families all get their moment to shine before moving into the next stages of life. While some details are still being ironed out, it appears that many hallmarks of graduation—like the inclusion of Junior ushers and Distinguished Speakers—will still occur, balancing tradition and change out of necessity.

In addition to events lost or modified by this event, the school is even working to add brand new events to compensate for some losses. On May 2, Seniors participated in a car parade that brought school spirit back to campus in a socially distanced manner that allowed for Seniors to even receive some special surprises of their own, including their caps and gowns. While these new events may not have been what we all expected, they are very much appreciated as we all attempt to find some sense of normalcy in this tragedy.

As we continue into the unknowns of the future, it is important that we all look to do the next right thing, and do our part in slowing the spread. While we can often feel lost in the woods of this ever-changing conflict, we can take comfort in the fact that some things never change, from our spirit to our community. So, while this may seem a little too much at the moment, take it year by year, month by month. At the very least, recognize that you will have one heck of a story to tell when you are older.

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CS or make an impact on our community. So one night we started to brainstorm what we could do, and we settled on creating a tutoring service for kids in Orlando. Thus became Orlando Student Tutoring. We know that this will help kids that have found it difficult to transition to this new mode of learning. Not only is this service extremely helpful for the students, it’s also very rewarding for the tutors.

Orlando Student Tutoring, created by members of the Upper School robotics team, another free tutoring service run by high schoolers, Orlando Student Tutoring assists students in subjects spanning from math, science, English, standardized testing, history, and language. One of the organization’s co-founders, Alan Chen, grade 11, says, “My favorite part of tutoring is my art class. Because I get to share something I love.” As Lake Highland’s on-line academic curriculum comes to a close, these tutoring organizations plan to continue offering their services. Even as the country starts opening back up, these free tutoring services still keep their value. Both groups are still growing at extraordinary rates, so consider applying to them as a volunteer. With all that Lake Highland has provided for us, it’s good to give back to the community.
Online Ordering Brings Stability in Changing Times

By Lauren Shang

It’s obvious that Covid-19 has taken control of our lives in ways that we thought weren’t possible initially when the outbreak happened in Wuhan, China. However, it’s here in the United States, and now those nights of hanging out with friends or days of going to school probably won’t happen for a while. Thankfully, not everything has to be impacted. Many restaurants understand the crazy situation that we are in, and instead of closing, they are giving customers the option to order for pick-up or delivery. Some restaurant chains are even doing free delivery with the help of apps like DoorDash, Uber Eats, and Grubhub to name a few. Furthermore, it’s not just famous food chains that are involved in delivery and pick-up, many local restaurants are also offering this service to keep their business running.

Many local businesses like DOMU and Seito Sushi have been using delivery and pick-up apps to their advantage since Covid-19 has made them close their doors to dining in the restaurant. Although not much would change with the food itself, many of the restaurants have changed their packaging for customers. For example, this past week I ordered from DOMU. DOMU is a Asian-cuisine restaurant with three locations well-known for its ramen and other creative dishes. At first, I will admit that I was a skeptic. I usually stay away from ordering take-out ramen since the customer has to assemble the dish themselves because the ingredients are in their own separate boxes; this mostly stems from my laziness. Since the customer is deciding to not dine in, he or she has to consider the extra time to prepare the food in addition to delivery time. One thing that upsets me is that the food isn’t as fresh as it would be if dining on the premises. For example, if someone is in a restaurant then he or she will receive his or her food when it’s cooked. However, depending on the restaurant location, the customer will now have to wait an extra duration of time for food since it still has to be delivered, making the food less fresh or less hot. Despite this, since I was craving some real food other than frozen pizza, I was willing to ignore my laziness. I ordered one bowl of their Tokyo Ramen from the location at Dr. Phillips. When the food arrived, it came packaged in the way I expected. There was a container of the broth and a box of all the solid ingredients. This included the noodles, fried chicken thigh, ajitama brulee, kikurage, seared garlic chives, infused duck fat, and garlic scallion confit. The broth was warmed enough to just assemble the dinner, but I would consider myself picky when it comes to eating ramen so I chose to reheat it on the stove top. Then I proceeded to pour the broth into my bowl and add all the ingredients. Unfortunately, one thing that I didn’t enjoy was the amount of broth they gave me. Since there were so many noodles and dry ingredients, there wasn’t enough broth to compensate. This caused me to reheat some of my own water and add it to the broth. Thankfully it didn’t dilute the flavor at all. Overall, I would definitely order DOMU again during quarantine if I have another craving for it. The ingredients were still relatively fresh despite the 30 minute long drive from its restaurant to my house, and the ramen itself tasted great. The only thing I would warn others about is the low broth serving size because their containers were too tiny.

Another restaurant I ordered from was Seito Sushi located in Phillips Crossing. I was curious to see how the food at the restaurant would taste after being in the car for delivery, so I decided to test them. My favorite dish at Seito Sushi is their T.N.T. CRUNCH roll. The roll consists of shrimp tempura, cucumber, spicy mayonnaise, scallions, avocado, tobiko, spicy kobachi sauce, and shichimi tempura flakes. The main reason why this dish is my favorite is because of how crispy their shrimp tempura is. For those who may not be familiar with shrimp tempura, it’s a common dish that many Japanese restaurants offer. It consists of shrimp being coated and then fried with tempura batter, hence the name T.N.T. CRUNCH. While the sushi may not have been as fresh as it would be in a restaurant or served on a decorated platter, the dish did not disappoint. The tempura was very crispy and had amazing flavor. The presentation was still acceptable as well with the sushi being placed in an organized line with complementary side condiments on their own separate containers for customers.

Overall I would say that online delivery still offers people stability in a time where Covid-19 has seemingly turned everything upside down. Many people have not only done delivery but also pick-up. Alex Hynds, grade 10, even voices that, “My family has been picking up food from a lot of places.” And because of the large variety of restaurants that Uber Eats, DoorDash, and Grubhub can provide, there seems to be a restaurant just for everyone. Online delivery has always been there for convenience for people in the past, but at this time, it’s also a necessity for which many people are grateful.
Connecting the Globe Through Distance Learning

By Luis Roldan

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everaly empty classrooms mean something positive, such as summer vacation or a field trip. But with the current COVID-19 crisis at hand, empty classrooms have gained a new meaning. In today’s world, education is considered essential to continuing a successful and happy life. One of the things that we took for granted before this crisis was being face to face with one another. With distance learning replacing typical schooling, we inevitably lose some connection with our friends and community. Not only does this impact our daily routines, but it also changes how we view the world around us.

Studying abroad is a popular option among college students that are eager enough to learn more about different cultures in foreign destinations while receiving a quality education. Unfortunately, most students who chose to discover this option during this year’s spring semester were sent home because of the obvious precautions taken by universities internationally. Studying abroad has actually proven to have a positive effect on a student’s personal and academic growth.

In a study directed by Brian Whalen, CEO of the Forum on Education Abroad, he came to the conclusion that alumni who had the chance to study abroad found meaning in their experiences years later. Because of the popular demand, there have been new initiatives made by

The Last Dance Provides Relief for Sports Fans

By Siddarth Pinnamaneni

With the spread of the Coronavirus, the National Basketball Association has been on an extended hiatus since March 11, when Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert was diagnosed with Covid-19. With the exception of older highlights, basketball fans have been essentially starved for content. However, with its expedited production, “The Last Dance,” a ten-part miniseries centered around the 1997-1998 Chicago Bulls team, provides newly arrived footage for basketball fanatics.

The documentary provides a detailed look into the rise of Michael Jordan, the dynamite run of the Chicago Bulls, and the obstacles presented in their final championship season. Each episode, with a runtime of approximately one hour, is a balanced mix of in-person interviews from personnel on the 1997-1998 Chicago Bulls team and authentic footage from the season. The first two episodes focus mainly on the rise of Michael Jordan as he entered the season. The first two episodes also revealed the contentious relationship between the Chicago Bulls general manager, Mr. Jerry Krause, and the rest of the team. Mr. Krause alienated personnel through statements such as, “Players and coaches alone don’t win championships; organizations win championships.” As a result, Chicago Bulls players, including Michael Jordan, would directly mock Mr. Krause throughout the regular season.

The opening episodes of the documentary also detailed the salary of Scottie Pippen. In 1991, prior to their dynastical run of six championships in eight years, Scottie Pippen signed a seven year, 18 million dollar deal. However, in the coming years, he would develop into one of the top talents in the NBA, leading the Chicago Bulls in steals and assists despite his clear underpayment. His low salary, as well as constant trade rumors, would go on to jeopardize the beginning of the 1997-1998 season, as the Chicago Bulls would begin with an even record of four wins and four losses.

The next two episodes continued to track the development of the Chicago Bulls as they chased their first championship. It documented their failed attempts to beat the Detroit Pistons, until they finally broke through in 1991, securing their first championship. The documentary also covered the role of Dennis Rodman, the team’s starting power forward. With key players, such as Scottie Pippen, injured for parts of the season, Dennis Rodman was tasked with stepping up to help Michael Jordan during the 1997-1998 regular season. Through in-person interviews, the series also manages to capture a part of Rodman’s eccentric lifestyle.

With two episodes released each Sunday at 9:00 P.M., The Last Dance will continue to provide sports fans with fresh content to watch during quarantine. The director, Jason Hehir, ensures that the documentary doesn’t simply cover the Chicago Bulls 1997-1998 season, but rather it details the accolades building up to that year. Viewers within the United States can watch episodes for free either through a Hulu subscription or on the ESPN app.

" Why is education considered essential in today’s world?"
With most sport-related activities cancelled for the remainder of their own seasons because of COVID-19, many participants are left to cope with on-line schooling and indoor activity before quarantine is lifted and regular practice can resume. One generic sport that is luckily able to continue practice is dance. With dance typically being a solo sport, team practice is not a concern, and many can continue their dance classes at home. Dance classes can work by using the platform Zoom, which has risen in popularity due to its ability to provide communication for distance learning. It can be customized for groups or few individuals to meet on-line. It can be customized for groups or few individuals to meet on-line. The Watters School of Irish Dancing, based in Ocecee and Gainesville, has been using Zoom for classes for the past several weeks. With a schedule that is able to suit those who are busy completing their required schoolwork in the daytime, the time provided for dance is feasible for dancers. Instead of coming home from school and having a limited time before dance to do homework for classes, including scheduled time to commute to the dance studio, dancers can easily finish schoolwork before and relax before preparing to dance in their living rooms. Alyssa Wiboon, grade 7, explained, “I have a more flexible schedule by the schoolwork and dance class. Normally, the homework I am assigned to do on regular school days, is more stressful to complete because I would barely have time to do the work before dance, and I would have to stay up late after coming home from dance, struggling to complete my assignments. Now, I have so much time to complete my school work and set the extra time I have before dance to do other hobbies I love, such as art and texting my friends on social media,” who Irish dances at the Watters School. She also participates in Ms. Renee Korte’s dance technique class in the Annex. Alyssa uses the living room flooring designated for Irish dance to also work on choreography assignments for the class. “I’m glad that with all of this COVID-19 stuff going on, quarantine doesn’t limit my ability to still participate in dance. I can still be able to do the things that I would normally do in actual class time. Nothing much has changed in the sport,” she admits.

Not only does the convenient schedule work for dancers participating in the sport during quarantine, but there have been many benefits to continuing dance at home. As daily physical activity is encouraged for individuals staying at home, the continuity of dance classes in the midst of this crisis has become a great way to maintain individual health. Focus on drilling, stretching, using yoga mats at home, and individual attention by instructors without a noisy filled environment are a few of the benefits.

The Watters School had a goal to make big improvements in solo dancing within the timeframe after hearing that the national competition for Irish dancing in July was cancelled. The school has now decided to even host weekly private lessons via Zoom. In these private lessons, thanks to the platform, a dancer and the instructor can work on improving footwork together and talk about what small aspects to think about when performing their dance in actual class time. “I like the idea of weekly one-on-one sessions with my dance teacher. Though many people would think that dancers would just attend their classes and not cover most of the work during actual class in quarantine, the things that I learn to focus on during my privates makes my brain still flow and have a lot to think about. The weekly schedule of it is able to retain the corrections and advice that she gives me,” Alyssa says. Personal reflection and attention has contributed to improvement. Many dancers have a shared feeling of making progress while not in the studio. However long dance will be offered at home may be, COVID-19 has not affected dancers in a negative way, which was what many initially thought would happen. This demonstrates that despite hard times, activity can still continue as normal. How dancers work around COVID and make the most out of the time indoors deserves praise. Frankly, the best can come out of the most unexpected situations.
Staying at Home

By Ethan Leckie

Wake up. Coffee. Homework. Wake up. Coffee. Homework. Wake up. Coffee. Homework. This has become the routine of my life. At first it was liberating to have no obligation to be anywhere. I could finally stop and smell the roses, and slow down to devote time to the things I enjoy. Don’t get me wrong- people should do more of that- but when it becomes the only thing one can do, well, we all know what happens after that. It’s like the school policy on shaving (thanks for enjoying that piece). I initially didn’t mind doing it, but now that it’s the only option, I hate it. I feel like a hamster running on a wheel, not going anywhere but still fruitlessly expending energy.

Time feels different too. I can’t remember what happened last week, let alone a few hours ago. The days melt together into one collective experience because nothing makes them different anymore. Being able to go places feels like ancient history; it feels like I’ve spent my entire life in social distancing. I find the difference in how we react to pandemics now compared to 700 years ago very funny. For starters, I’m not saying that what happened last week is as bad as the pandemic that killed nearly a third of Europe seven centuries ago (if you don’t know what I’m talking about, you are the reason we now have distance learning), but for everyone that’s alive right now they’re kinda the same thing. It’s so weird how we can still go outside to exercise or go to the grocery store even in the midst of our prevailing circumstances. But if you were to live in Europe in the 1300s, that would be the least of your concerns. We have a very optimistic mentality about combating the cause of our situation; all we need to do, the experts say, is just stay home and we’ll all be fine. On the other hand, when a thing like this happened in Europe all those centuries ago, it caused enough of a ruckus to alter the course of world history.

I can’t finish my thoughts on our current situation without expressing how grateful I am to be able to spend this period of social distancing in a home stocked with everything I need. I cannot imagine what it would be like to have to spend this time in an apartment, or worse, homeless. I’m glad I get to be around my family, and am able to stay in touch with friends. I feel really bad for the people who don’t have access to the Internet, which in a time like this, could be the difference between life or death. That brings me to another point: the economy. Now, I’m not a money guy, but considering that a lot of small businesses, the majority of businesses in America, are now either closed, out of business, or operating at limited capacity, we might be in for a tough time even after our stay-at-home orders are lifted. In fact, we’re already seeing the effects right now- millions of people have filed for unemployment, and thousands of others have been furloughed.

I didn’t even know what furlough meant until this whole thing happened! With that said though, I’m glad that my parents are still able to provide for my brothers and me. Long story short, I’ve got a lot to be thankful for.

If our prevailing circumstances have taught me anything, it would be that sometimes there are things in life that we simply can’t control. Sports are canceled, graduation plans have been altered, and summer plans are dashed. And there isn’t a whole lot we can do about that. Like Huckleberry Finn once said, “It don’t do a body no good to worry about it,” or something like that.