

# The Dumb Ox

May 2020



## A Near Perfect Prefect Board

By: Helen Rothfus

Prefect Board elections have drawn to a close, and next year looks promising for Aquinas Academy. On April 21, the student body elected rising senior Macrina Vollmer as the 2020-2021 Head Prefect. With her past experience as Ambassador Prefect, she will be a strong leader for the Prefect Board. Newly elected members also include junior Bea Schneider (Fine Arts), junior Benjamin Stalder (Ambassador), junior Jules Tambellini (Campus Ministry), sophomore Trishy Blume (Activities), sophomore Maria Figucia (Service), sophomore Emi Kartsonas (Academic), and sophomore Theo Austin (Athletic).

The 2019-2020 Head Prefect, Anna Plazek, advises the upcoming Prefect Board: "Remember that while it's important to have your own original ideas, everything you do is for the student body; your success depends on their input and involvement."

It is evident from Macrina's speech that she agrees with Anna and states: "I want to propose my ideas instead of forcing them on the student body." From past experiences, there have been events at which a whole grade is absent. As long as the Prefect Board listens to Anna's advice and adheres to Macrina's plan, the school community will get stronger. The new prefects are qualified and, as evident in their campaign speeches, bring many innovative ideas and a willingness to act on the student body's suggestions.

Bea Schneider (Fine Arts) expressed how she has been passionate about the arts her entire life. During high school, she has participated in the Fine Arts Committee, plays, Writers' Club, and the Dumb Ox. She also started her own business painting Aquinas students' calculators. Inspired by Vincent van Gogh, Bea shared that her main goal is to "paint [her] dream upon the school."

Benjamin Stalder (Ambassador) asserted, "I want to be as receptive as possible to all the ideas of the student body and those in my committee." Since sixth grade, Benjamin has

given tours of Aquinas and shares that it is rewarding to have helped new students choose Aquinas. Benjamin encourages more students to join the Ambassador Committee, which helps students improve their public speaking skills.

Jules Tambellini (Campus Ministry) announced, "I want to include students that aren't as strong in their faith or who are questioning their faith. I want events that everyone will come to." Jules desires to bring everyone together through "youth group style" events and will advertise different parishes' youth group events as well.

An Aquinas "lifer," Trishy Blume (Activities) "has experienced many great activities that [she] want[s] to bring back but also many that [she] want[s] to create."

Trishy plans on keeping events such as the color war. Her new ideas include high school seasonal events, donut days, and tailgates before home soccer and field hockey games.

Aquinas' first Service Prefect is Maria Figucia. Maria's main goal next year will be "to make sure as much of the high school is getting involved in service as possible." She plans on developing better connections with outside organizations such as the Chimbote Foundation and Light of Life. For the school itself, Maria intends to have her committee spruce up the outdoor lunch area and repaint the stairwell. She would also like to host a service opportunity fair.

Emi Kartsonas (Academic) promised keeping the "school year as stress free as possible." To carry this out, she plans to speak with teachers regularly, assign reliable tutors, reorganize Resource Period, and schedule a sweatshirt day around midterms and finals. Emi also plans to continue the Career Fair and Trivia Nights.

Theo Austin (Athletic) pledged to "grow school participation in athletics and intramurals as well as increase school support for our students on athletic teams." He will hang a bulletin board with sports highlights and a schedule of monthly home games. There will be quarterly intramurals and more themed game nights for all the sports teams.

The new Prefect Board is ready and excited to serve the student body next year.

## Upcoming Events

### May 2020:

5/22—Virtual High School Awards Ceremony

5/23—Baccalaureate Mass

5/28-29—H.S. Book Drop-off

5/29—Last Day of School

6/6 or 8/1— Commencement

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# General Election Review

By: Riley Fantini

The 2020 elections are just about six months away and are scheduled to be held on November 3. Throughout the past few months, the Democrats have put forward many candidates who excited voters. There were many candidates who touted vibrant ideas that they hoped to implement.

One by one, candidates began withdrawing from the race, most recently, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Sanders hoped to gain the Democratic National Convention (DNC) nomination but was some 300 delegates behind front runner Joe Biden. Sanders told his staff and supporters, “While we are winning the ideological battle, and while we are winning the support of so many young people and working people throughout the country, I have concluded that this battle for the Democratic nomination will not be successful.”

This is not the first time Bernie Sanders has been spurned by the DNC. In the 2016 election, he also assumed the role of second place. Somehow, a feasible path to the Oval Office eludes him. In the last election cycle, Hillary Clinton rose to contend with Donald Trump; however, this time, President Trump faces a new challenger.

Joe Biden is the 77 year-old former Vice President of the Obama administration and the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party. Many believed Biden would be an excellent candidate as he served directly in the popular Obama administration; however, he has proved rather lackluster. A Pew research poll taken in early April showed that 59% of voters between the ages of 18 and 29 were uncertain of Biden’s ability to unite the party and become President. This should be worrisome for the Biden campaign. Historically, youth voter turnout has

been low, but recently the youth are taking matters into their own hands. According to a census conducted by the United States Census Bureau, young voters make up 36% of all collected votes.

Essentially, if Biden cannot convince youth that he is the right choice for them, he could lose one-third of his demographic. However, steps have been taken by the party in order to bring “1% Joe,” as he is affectionately called by President Trump, back into the voters’ hearts. Bernie Sanders, who is immensely popular among young voters, as well as Barack Obama endorsed Joe Biden. Obama is cited as saying, “I believe that Joe has all the qualities we need in a president right now.” It seems incumbent Trump expects to prevail against Biden though.

Trump, the former steak salesman and business mogul, has barely discussed his 2020 strategy, seemingly anticipating four more years. Trump’s approval rating is hovering at around 45% as of April 20. This number is not wholly reliable, as we are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, but Trump has had a consistently low approval rating throughout his first term. Despite ratings, he seems to feel no need to worry about his opponent, Joe Biden. At many rallies before quarantine, Trump derided the former Vice President calling him, “Quid Pro Joe,” “Sleepy Joe,” and “Very Slow Creepy Joe.” This name calling may seem childish, but many support the President’s habit.

The future is uncertain as the country weathers the coronavirus crisis, but one way or another, the United States will hold an election in November. The only question is: who will win?

# The Rise of Billie Eilish

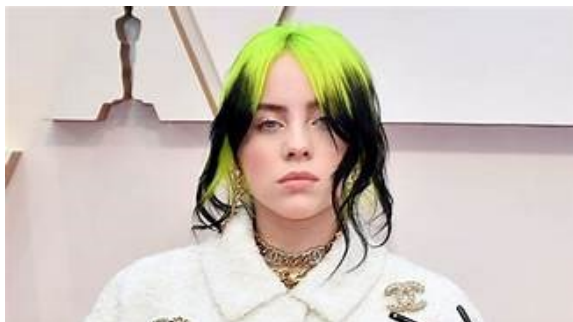
By: Bea Schneider

Billie Eilish has risen to fame within the past few years, becoming one of the top artists of 2020. I’m sure you’ve heard her song “bad guy” playing on radio stations multiple times per day. This year she was nominated for six Grammy awards: Best New Artist, Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Pop Vocal Album, and Best Pop Solo Performance. Eilish and her brother, Finneas, each won five Grammys this year (more than any of the other nominees). Eilish quickly went from simply recording songs with her brother in their childhood home to becoming a global superstar.

So, how does she deal with the stardom? Many may forget that Eilish was only 17 when she rose to fame, but she used her platform wisely, especially to address mental health issues. She opened up in interviews, revealing that she has struggled with depression ever since she was 13, and created a campaign in 2019 called “Seize the Awkward” to help open up con-

versations about mental health. She said that her depression brought her into a dark period of her life for quite a while, but therapy sessions and creating music helped her a lot. Eilish uses every opportunity she can get to offer words of encouragement to her fans, telling them, “It doesn’t make you weak to ask for help. And you should be able to ask anyone for help, everyone has to help someone if they need it” (*Showbiz CheatSheet*).

Eilish is working on another album and says that it will definitely include collaborations. She will also be releasing a documentary later this year. The whole world is watching as Billie Eilish becomes a star, and everyone is excited to see what she does next.



# Animal Crossing:

By: Izzy McGowan

## New Horizons Review

*Animal Crossing: New Horizons* was one of the most anticipated video games of 2020. *Animal Crossing* is a series with a massive following, and its newest installment for the Nintendo Switch came out Friday, March 20. The series' concept is that you play as a villager who works to pay off a mortgage, helps fellow animal villagers, and does other odd jobs. Each game has become more and more engaging, and in the new game, the goal is to turn a deserted island into a thriving town.

Tom Nook, a capitalist raccoon who has appeared in the series since the first installment, gives players a tent, a loan, and the ability to craft items to make the island functional and beautiful. As players advance through the game, they are able to get stores in the town, invite new animal villagers from other islands, and shape the landscape. Players can also fish, catch bugs, and dig up fossils to sell or donate to the museum, another feature that has been in the game since the beginning.

For old fans, many favorite characters continue to come to the island. Isabelle sits across from Tom Nook inside the "Resident Services" building and helps with creating town tunes and a town flag. The Nooklings, Tom Nook's nephews, and Able Sisters, Mable and Sable, have a convenience store and clothing shop respectively. There is a museum run by Blathers the Owl. Kicks, Label, Leif, and Redd come to the island to sell their goods once a week. Some characters, such as Kapp'n and Tortimer, have yet to make appearances, and Nintendo has made no statements regarding their return. Since Nintendo Switch games are easily updated, it is probable that fans will get to see even more of their favorite characters eventually.

There are also some new characters, such as the Dodo

Birds who run the airport, Flick, who runs the bug catching events, C.J., who runs the fishing events, and Daisy Mae, who runs the "stalk market." Joan, who is Daisy Mae's grandma, is no longer running the market in this game, but Daisy Mae is just as likeable.

The game is extremely fun for young and old alike. One of its main features is the cuteness of the animals in the town and the overall aesthetic of the game. The villagers are friendly and like to give you gifts, such as clothing or furniture to decorate your house.

Although this game is great, it does have one issue. If you have multiple accounts on the game, only one person gets to be the "island representative." The island representative is able to do projects such as plot out land for new villagers and start construction of bridges and slopes. Because of the nature of how the Nintendo Switch saves, you cannot have multiple towns, even if you have more than one game card. However, there are still many activities to partake in if you are playing as a secondary villager.

I would give *Animal Crossing: New Horizons* a 9.9/10 because it is a great game with only one minor flaw. In the midst of COVID-19, *Animal Crossing* spreads positivity to all who play it. You can even play with friends if you have Nintendo Switch online, thus allowing you to social distance together. *Animal Crossing* has been bringing people together since the first game in 2001, and it continues to do so in a much needed way.

## NFL's New Playoff Plan

By: Alex Hycza

The NFL season is scheduled to start September 10, assuming that the coronavirus subsides by then. Sports-lovers are pondering the fate of the 2020 NFL season after being disappointed by the cancellation of March Madness, the suspension of the NHL, and the postponement of the Masters.

The NFL has done something innovative that will make this year's season, if or when it happens, even more exciting. On March 31, the league announced that two teams will be added to the playoff bracket, meaning there will be 14 total teams instead of the current 12. One extra wildcard team will be added to the AFC and NFC, so in addition to the eight division winners, the three teams with the best records from each conference will also qualify for the playoffs.

This transformation also involves a twist that only the number-one team from each conference can obtain a first round bye, instead of both numbers one and two. There is no doubt that this change will make the NFL more interesting in the future.



# For a Successful Senior Year

By: Catherine Richthammer

Congratulations, you've made it to the end of junior year! As you embark on your last high school year, remember these tips to make next year the best one yet.

Set aside time to spend with your classmates and friends. You don't know if school will close, so enjoy their company while you can. Attend school events with your class, and keep your school spirit alive. Don't worry if you are not the best at everything. All you need to do is go and have a good time.

Try something new; you might even make it to States! After much debate, I decided to join the girl's basketball team, which was fun despite all the hard work. The team made it to States this year, which was an exciting first for an all-Aquinas team. Some of the senior girls started track for the first time and enjoyed it as well. Senior Helen Rothfus explains, "I liked adding something different. I got to see friends and have a team bond with students from other classes. Plus, it got me to workout." Seniors Susan Meland and Anna Plazek agree, adding that the track atmosphere was great, and they are all disappointed that the season is cancelled. Both the boys' lacrosse team and the new girls' soccer team need more players, so go give it a shot. Whether it's sports, the school play,

or joining a new club, getting involved helps you explore your talents, make new friends, and experience a fun break from your schoolwork.

Take your classes seriously, but have fun as well. Senior year can be stressful between classes and college applications, so you should set up a schedule but remain flexible. Don't let your schedule hinder you from attending special events.

Take time to relax and move. Movement is critical for mental and physical health. There are so many ways to incorporate movement and exercise into your life, and YouTube offers many free, enjoyable exercise videos from beginner to advanced workouts. My personal favorite is Faithful Workouts, which includes fun dance, cardio, and strength training to Christian music. Lastly, plan to attend Mass at least once a week to stay close to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Daily prayer also allows you to increase your relationship with God. During your conversation with God, talk to Him about your fears, stresses, and worries, and ask Him for help in making your decision for the next step in your life.

Senior year is a special time in your life. Enjoy each and every moment because the year will pass quickly.



# Not the Best Advice

By: Payton Roblaski

At this point, I'm sure we have all lost our minds. You either have not looked at Google Classroom at all and are too scared to start, or you are spending many more hours on your schoolwork than you did when you were actually in school. You might hate your siblings for constantly singing Taylor Swift in their rooms or for yelling from the basement when they play Xbox. You probably miss your friends and wish you could be anywhere but your house.

Due to our newly messed-up sleep patterns, lack of a social life, and constant mental turmoil about the state of the world, many of us have made questionable choices, like actually investing time into watching *Tiger King*. I'm sure by now your friends or family have told you not to do something rash like cut your own bangs, dye your hair or clothes, or make embarrassing TikToks.

Well, that is a sign that you SHOULD cut, bleach, or even shave your head if you want. So what if you come to regret it? Now is the perfect time to make impulsive decisions. Are you more afraid of taking risks or of being an average Joe? You might discover a new version of yourself, and if you fail miserably, then you have a story to impress people with just how interesting you are.

Since there are no cons, you will find that this is a win-win situation. So good luck and disappoint your loved ones!



# Coronativities

By: Kate McLaughlin

During this period of isolation, we all have a lot of extra time on our hands. Instead of spending 12 hours a day watching TikToks, here are some ideas to keep you occupied.

**1. Discover your inner Gordon Ramsay:** The best way to spend your time is by making delicious food that you can “boredom snack” away. Although it may seem otherwise, whipped coffee isn’t the only thing you can make yourself during quarantine. Desserts are some of the easiest and most fun recipes to make. Get creative and spend time decorating a beautiful cake, or make the world’s best brownies. As we can now take our time in the morning, you can also make amazing breakfasts like banana pancakes, French toast casserole, or cinnamon rolls.

**2. Tidy your Room:** With all this extra time being spent in your house, the chances are you’ve basically been living in your bedroom. Why not clear your mind by cleaning your room? Since we have all the time in the world, you might as well do a deep clean. You can vacuum, put clothes away, dust, and Windex your windows. You can sort through old clothes and, if they don’t “spark joy,” either sell or give them away.

**3. Stage a Movie Night:** Go all out and make a movie theater in the comfort of your own home. Make popcorn, grab lots of pillows and blankets, put up some string lights, or even make a blanket fort. You can enjoy it with your family, or if quarantine has caused a civil war in your household, watch it virtually with your friends. Search “Netflix Party” online, which will sync up the movie with you and your friends, as well as open a chat for everyone to comment on or make fun of the movie.



## Salted Peanut Butter Cookies

By: Ibby Tessier

When everything in the world is out of control, there’s something comforting about baking cookies. For those with siblings at home during this time, I encourage you to bring them into the kitchen and bake these delicious cookies. Baking is a great stay-at-home activity, which I recommend that everyone does. This is a time for us to slow down and enjoy the loved ones around us. These cookies are very simple, and the ingredients are pantry staples.

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped dark chocolate bar
- Coarse sea salt

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line the baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a mixing bowl, fit with the paddle attachment, beat the softened butter for two minutes or until fluffy.
3. Add the peanut butter and sugars; mix for another minute. Add the egg and vanilla extract, then stir until combined.
4. Turn the mixer to low speed and add the flour and baking soda until combined. Stir in the chocolate chips and chopped chocolate.
5. Using a large cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the parchment-paper lined baking sheet and sprinkle with coarse sea salt. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer the cookies to a cooling rack. Enjoy!



## Cats Are Objectively Superior to Dogs

Cats are better than dogs. There, I said it. I'm sure by this point every dog-lover reading this article is fuming with indignation and angrily sputtering admonishments at this flagrant blasphemy, but I stand by my case. Cats are better than dogs. And I'm going to prove it, not with emotions but plain old, irrefutable logic.

1. Cats don't bark. Dogs do. Need I say more?
2. You don't need to walk a cat. Cats are perfectly content with living indoors and exercising on their own time.
3. Cats are potty-trained. They do their business without dragging their owners outside into negative 20 degree weather or a torrential downpour only to sit there for 15 minutes before they decide to relieve themselves. Not only do dog owners have to waste time waiting for their dog to go, but they also have to pick up the excrement with their hand. While there is a plastic bag between the human skin and the fecal matter, the sensory experience remains highly unpleasant. With a cat, zero contact is made between fecal matter and the human hand. A litter scoop makes the job simple and bearable.
4. Dogs require intensive training. Cats don't. When getting a cat, the only training a kitten needs is to be taught where the litter box is. That's all—easy as pie. A puppy, on the other hand, cannot be left alone for more than a few hours unless the owners want to come home to multiple "accidents" all over the carpet. Puppies need to be house and

potty trained and taught not to bark or run at neighbors. If training is not done properly, the owners (not to mention guests) are stuck with a poorly behaved dog that becomes more of a nuisance than a pet.

5. Cats are more cost effective than dogs. According to a study by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, cats are cheaper than dogs when considering medical bills, food and supplies, grooming, training, and toys. Over their lifetimes, cats cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000 less than dogs.
6. Cats live longer than dogs. No one likes saying goodbye to their pets. If a pet owner wants to maximize the amount of time he/she gets to spend with his/her furry loved-one, a cat is the smart choice. According to PetMD, dogs have an average lifespan of around 8-11 years, depending on their size, whereas cats live on average 10-15 years. In fact, it is not uncommon for a domestic housecat to live up to twenty years.
7. Cats clean themselves—just another example of cats' independence and dogs' neediness.
8. Owning a cat may reduce your risk of dying of a heart attack. Scientists have found that owning a cat can reduce risks of heart attacks and strokes by a third. Cats "help to relieve stress and anxiety... protect[ing] against heart disease by lowering blood pressure and reducing heart rate" (The Telegraph). Dog owners do not receive this health benefit, however.

9. A cat's affection means more than a dog's. (I will admit, this point may be a little biased...) Dogs, in general, love everyone. They run up to people the minute they step into the house, jump all over them, slobber on them, scare guests, etc. Dogs crave attention like nothing else and will accept affection from anyone in the nearest vicinity. One must earn a cat's affection. Cats are more skeptical, nay, have higher standards than dogs. There is such a sense of accomplishment when a cat chooses to accept you. That pride isn't there with a dog because it doesn't matter to them who pets them as long as someone—anyone—is paying attention to them.

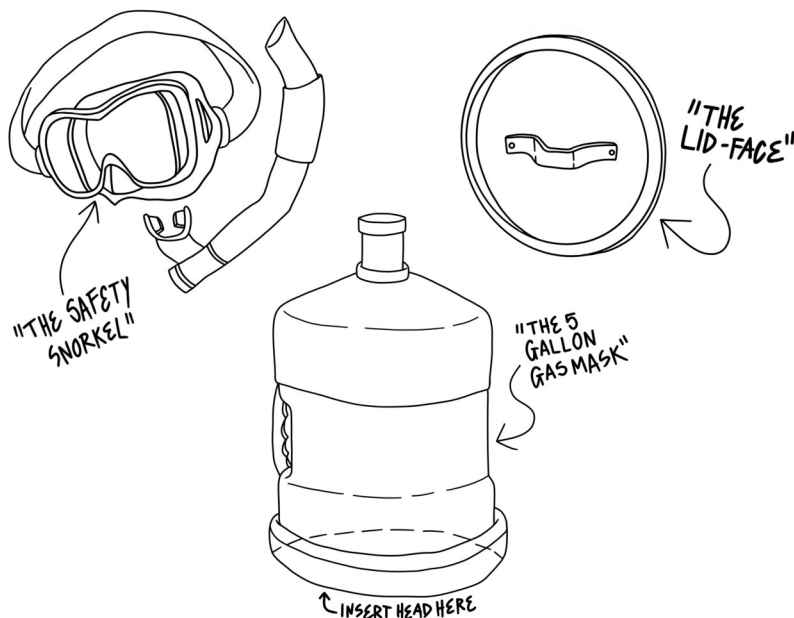
If you, dear dog lover, are not convinced by this point, then I'm afraid you are a hopeless case. Enjoy a life of muddy paw prints all over your house and barking at 3 a.m. Oh, by the way, studies have shown that cat owners scored higher on intelligence tests than dog owners.

### MASK MAYHEM

MISSING A MASK?

HERE ARE SOME GREAT ALTERNATIVES!

(as seen in Walmart)



# Senior Questionnaire

By: Evie Archer

We bid a fond farewell to the Class of 2020, whose presence is felt across the quarantine. With gratitude for all that they have meant to us, we cherish their friendships, celebrate their achievements, and wish them joy on their journeys!

1. What's your plan after graduation?
2. What is your favorite Aquinas memory?
3. What is your most embarrassing moment at Aquinas?
4. Who would die first in a zombie apocalypse?
5. Describe the scariest encounter you've had.
6. In some cultures, if you save someone's life, he/she is forever in your debt. Who would you most want to be indebted to you?

Jonathan Bates:

1. Not sure, we'll see what happens. I'll be chillin' somewhere.
2. Going outside after finals and dunking on Jack McGhee's old basketball hoop in the far end of the parking lot while we were jammin'. You guys should have been there. We were hittin' 'em like Vince Carter.
3. Freshman year: Mass study hall. It was dead silent, and there were roughly 60 people in the triples. I tried to hold in a sneeze, but it was too late and it ended up coming out sounding like a combination of throwing up and a dragon groaning.
4. Catherine Scioscia, rest in peace.
5. When they caught me for spraying THE SPRAY in the stairwells. Mrs. Mitros and Mr. Flynn took Tony and me into separate rooms and interrogated us like it was the FBI.
6. Tony Bousamra. We've saved each other multiple times --honestly surprised we aren't dead yet.

Tony Bousamra:

1. Go to Jonathan's house.
2. Spending time with my classmates.
3. When I was in 9th grade and I said "hazelnut eyes" to Ms. Dill in class when we were in the sight section in the chapter. She would remember.
4. Catherine Scioscia most definitely.
5. When one of my employers got really angry at me.
6. Probably Ryan.

Daniel Cahill:

1. To major in construction management at Kent State.
2. The first, last, and only lacrosse game.
3. Getting stuck to Gabe. Giggity
4. For sure, Catherine Scioscia once all the chapstick ran out.
5. Making eye contact with Mrs. Meland.
6. Alex Hyrcza

Erica Cerny:

1. University of Pittsburgh Dental School
2. Jumonville and Cedar Point
3. There's plenty, believe me, but I cannot think of any.
4. Isaac
5. Everytime I look in the mirror lol also cheeseman's
6. Kris Jenner—the woman has connections, my life would be set.

Jack Dingle:

1. Take two gap years and save up enough money to invest and purchase a vehicle and apartment.
2. Going home
3. Everything
4. Definitely not me.
5. Playing Outlast at 1:30 a.m. in my basement in complete darkness.
6. Tbh, probably everyone.

Matt Flynn:

1. To pursue a career in Hvac
2. The soccer team winning their first game in 3 seasons.
3. When I airballed a free throw shot when my whole family was watching the game
4. Isaac McKinney
5. Being chased by a Rottweiler during Halloween
6. Bill Gates

Ryan Gubitosi:

1. Majoring in chem at the University of Pittsburgh.
2. Seeing Mr V.'s flow in a hat
3. Sitting next to Catherine and Helen on the bus ride back from Jumonville freshman year and saying nothing.
4. Catherine Scioscia
5. Walking into the junior year religion final and being told there wasn't a study period.
6. Lindsay Lohan

Gina Liguori:

1. Quarantine in my home, I presume.
2. I have a bunch
3. When I accidentally almost stole a construction worker's lunch ... while he watched me do it ...
4. Catherine Scioscia
5. When Ms. Dill came out of her office and asked me to stop hiccuping so loud ... she scared me so bad the hiccup disappeared.
6. Donald Trump

Isaac Mckinney:

1. Go into the Engineering Exploration or Computing Exploration at the Rochester Institute of Technology
2. Being named captain of the soccer team and scoring on senior night in our first win in two years.
3. Didn't really have one.
4. Erica
5. Watching Ms. Dill yell at Nate Jernigan in freshman year biology after he showed up to class 20 minutes late. (I was feeling a lot of secondhand fear that time.)
6. Elon Musk

Susan Meland:

1. For now at least, I don't see college in my future. I'll keep growing my business and see what happens!
2. Anna and I reading our elaborate MS fall fest murder mystery plot to Salinas/ all random excursions to the MS to see Mr. Salinas, Mr. Malchano, and Mr. Volkwein
3. All of Middle School
4. I'm sorry, Isaac, but it's gotta be you. Right?
5. Seeing myself in the dark, in a mirror, and thinking someone was attacking me.
6. Mr. Salinas...so that I could finally wipe that smug smile off his face.

# Senior Questionnaire (cont'd)

Anna Plazek:

1. Live a life of unbridled hedonism
2. When I brought an 18 inch mega-carrot from the Asian Market for lunch or giving Mr. V the poster I made for our Pre-Calc class musical "Shmoove"
3. The time I tackled Catherine Scioscia in front of Mr. Malchano because she was going to tell the whole class I was obsessed with anime (which I'm NOT)
4. Isaac
5. Whenever I fell backwards off the railing near the cafeteria and temporarily went blind, or the time Mrs. Hathaway assaulted me with a newspaper.
6. Claire Babicz

Catherine Richtammer:

1. I plan to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville to major in Elementary Education, and I hope to minor in theater.
2. My favorite Aquinas memory is playing Puzzle in the fourth grade Narnia play.
3. One day in middle-school, I was kneeling on a desk before school and Mr. Volkwein asked what I was doing, and I responded, "I'm a dare-devil."
4. I would have to say me because I wouldn't want anyone else to die. Also, I would definitely be so terrified that I would be unable to defend myself.
5. In third grade on a family trip to Disney World, I was forced to go on the Haunted Mansion ride. I cried the entire ride, and then at the end, the ride announced that one of the ghosts would follow us out which scared me even more. I kept glancing over my shoulder the rest of the day to see if a ghost was there.
6. I would want Susan Meland to be indebted to me, because it would mean that I was able to save her life and that we could continue to share beautiful memories together.

Payton Roblaski:

1. Survive College, then rise to the top.
2. The retreats and being with my friends.
3. That will remain repressed in my mind.
4. Sam and Isaac
5. Life
6. Rihanna, no need to explain.

Helen Rothfus:

1. To have the best summer ever.
2. Learning about Susan's multiple personalities.
3. When I asked if Mike Tyson was "the chicken nugget guy."
4. Isaac...who else?
5. When I thought I had mysterious allergic reactions to apple juice.
6. Mr. Wonderful

Sam Schirra:

1. To attend a four-year Catholic college and major in Theology.
2. Probably... acting in *Guys and Dolls sophomore year!!*
3. Accidentally calling Catherine S. stupid while playing Mafia in 8th grade... I am forever ashamed.
4. None-zombies don't exist!
5. Perhaps when I was the recipient of a certain science teacher's incredulous displeasure in 9th grade... but I deserved it!
6. Bill Gates... I could go on a ton of complementary vacations!

Pedro Schmitt:

1. Study Industrial engineering at Pitt
2. Soccer
3. Junior year when Mr. Meland walked in the bathroom while all the boys were there.
4. Catherine S. for sure
5. Mrs Meland's death stare
6. Alex Hyrcza

Catherine Scioscia:

1. No sleep, bus, club, another club, another club, another club, plane, next place, no sleep, another club.
2. Having an asthma attack at a cross country meet and going to the hospital.
3. Winter dance freshman year: iykyk
4. Isaac
5. idk. I hate thunderstorms.
6. Harry Styles, because then he would have to marry me.

Gabe Vangura:

1. To hang with my family
2. Playing basketball all 4 years
3. When I said "hazelnut eyes" to Mrs. Dill in regard to eye color in class... she knows the story.
4. Catherine S.
5. When I went over the handlebars on my bike and got knocked out.
6. Ryan





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