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CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!



Invitation Day: An SJS Tradition An Adventure “Under the Sea”

Every year, this is a time both of celebration and sadness for the 8th graders as they know their time at SJS is coming to an end. This year was no exception.

Invitation Day is one of the time-honored SJS traditions that celebrates our 8th graders and marks the start of their final SJS moments. Invitation Day and the 8th Grade Dinner Dance are put on each year by the 7th grade families, with support from the Mothers’ Club. On Invitation Day, the 7th graders and their families reveal the theme of the 8th Grade Dinner Dance. The Dinner Dance is always an evening to be remembered, and the 7th graders never cease to amaze us with their incredible transformation of the gym. Whether it be an enchanted forest or a night under the stars, it is most certainly a night that our 8th graders and their families will remember forever.

Mrs. Holdman and Mrs. McCuin began making plans for this year’s 8th Grade Graduation Dinner and Invitation Day last fall. Unfortunately, COVID-19 had other ideas.

Despite the circumstances, Mrs. Holdman and Mrs. McCuin, along with the 7th graders and their parents, pulled off a memorable Invitation Day for the 8th graders. On Friday May 15, the 7th grade class met outside of the Holdmans’ house and exercised the precautions required by the state. Families used their cars to reveal this year’s theme: Under the Sea. The families had posters, balloons, blow-up sea turtles and other ocean-themed decorations on their cars. As a convoy, nearly the entire 7th grade class traveled to each 8th grader’s house honking their horns and waving their posters. Once the convoy arrived at the student’s house, an invitation was dropped to the graduate. The invitation was a bottle that had each student’s name on a tag and included a poem that was called SJS Class of 2020. A big thank you to Mrs. Holdman for making the invitations!

It was an Invitation Day that hopefully both the 8th graders and their parents as well as the 7th graders will remember forever! Although there is no date for the Graduation Dinner at this time, the 7th graders are hopeful that it will be set soon.

Sophie Lynch ‘21 and Kara Spillane ‘21

A New Chapter Awaits

We will truly miss all of the memories we have shared together at SJS. We would like to thank all of the teachers and faculty who made these nine years so special. The second half of our 8th grade year has been an uncertain time for all of us. One thing that is certain is that we are all headed to high school next year and have a bright future ahead of us! Here is a list of where the Class of 2020 is going:

Thomas Brady - Archbishop Stepinac High School
Ronan Cahill - Fordham Preparatory School
Johnny Curto - Fordham Preparatory School
Gabriella DiLeo - Eastchester High School
Emily Encke - School of the Holy Child
Colleen Flynn - School of the Holy Child
Ryan Garipoli - Xavier High School
Matthew Hanley - Archbishop Stepinac High School
Casey Medina - Carmel High School
Brendan Meyers - Xavier High School
Emily Rebholz - Maria Regina High School
Michael Scalzo - Regis High School
Aidan Smith - Xavier High School
James Spring - Fordham Preparatory School
Kate Von Hoene - School of the Holy Child

We wish you all a wonderful summer! Please stay in touch!

Gabby DiLeo ‘20, Colleen Flynn ‘20, Ryan Garipoli ‘20 and Kate Von Hoene ‘20



Kindergarten Is Moving Up!

The Kindergarten Class of 2020 had a momentous year, learning new things and making new friends. Although their first year at SJS was disrupted, the Kindergarteners still bonded as a class. Here are their responses to how they would complete the following statement:

- My favorite Kindergarten memory was....
- Eugene Bull:** when Mom came in for Mystery Reader.
 - Ryan Capiola:** all the fun games we played in gym.
 - Serena Caprio:** the Thanksgiving Show. I liked everything about it!
 - Chad Cole:** when his classmate picked him for Star of the Week and when he shared his stories with Olivia.
 - Olivia Curtin:** when it first started and we got to learn everyone's names and we got to paint our body portraits.
 - Robert DeCecco:** my friends and singing Tommy Turkey!!!
 - Ryan Harrington:** when I played a doctor at the Thanksgiving Show. My Mom gave me her stethoscope!
 - Claire Hooks:** the Halloween parade.
 - Gianni Ibelli:** the Polar Express pajama day when everyone watched the movie and had cookies and hot chocolate.
 - Alessia Matera:** the first day of school. I met my friends and teachers. It was fun!
 - Senan Newman:** the apple picking trip because I got to ride on a bus. I saw bees in a box and Mommy got to go on the trip with me!
 - Emma Oh:** when Mom came in for Mystery Reader.
 - Griffin Palmese:** when we ate ice cream and got our mouths dirty on the 100th day of school.
 - KC Pandekakes:** when we made our time capsules because they were fun.
 - Erik Solotruk:** the Thanksgiving Show when I was a soldier.
 - Gracie Sutherland:** Polar Express Day! I wish it were Polar Express Day everyday!
 - Aidan Van De Loo:** our trip to the apple orchard.

Such great memories of Kindergarten! Have a great summer and see you in First Grade!

Evan Utano '23



Why Science Is the Best Subject

Science is the best subject. This is for certain. This is true because it is the only subject no one knows everything about. Think about it. English was created by people to display and learn how to write a language. Math also was created by people to count money and other things. This means that we can change these subjects to our needs, while with science you cannot change how the subject works. These are some of my reasons why science is the best subject if you compare it to every other subject.

Adam Merhi '22

Missing SJS Student

Quick! An SJS student has gone missing! Here are some clues to help find the missing student. She is a girl in middle school. She has one sister who is also in middle school. She doesn't play any sports at SJS, but she has a big dog. She likes to listen to Shakira, and her favorite subject is art. She likes playing Animal Crossing, and her favorite sport is baseball. If you know this missing student, email your guess to sjsbeagle@stjosephschool.net. Good luck!

Mary Allen '23



Real School vs. Distance Learning

The pandemic has created many disruptions to our daily lives, but one of the biggest challenges has been addressing education and the need to distance learn. There are many differences between learning at home and learning at school.

One big difference is that with distance learning, you have no in-person interactions with your peers. That means no kickball during gym class, no sharing snacks during lunch, no basketball games during recess, and no socializing during class breaks. Instead, in order to spend time with our friends we are limited to Zoom meetings, texting and playing video games. With distance learning, we also miss the chance to learn from one another by sharing our ideas in the classroom.

Another big difference between distance learning and learning at school is that there are no immediate interactions with our teachers from a distance. If we have a question for the teacher, we have to wait for feedback instead of getting a response immediately. Distance learning has also made it necessary for us to use computer programs to teach us, such as Pearson Realize, IXL and Google Classroom. Because of this, we spend less time being taught by our actual teachers.

But distance learning has some perks as well. For one, we have more control over our day. We can take as many breaks and eat as many snacks as we want. We can also repeat a teacher's video instruction as many times as we need without worrying about annoying the teacher! But most of all, we can work at our own pace. If someone is an early riser, they can get all their work done in time to play outside in the early afternoon or, if they choose to sleep in, they can start their work a little later. They can also work as quickly or as slowly through subjects as they would like. Learning at home also puts us in charge of making sure that our assignments are completed and turned in on time.

Although nothing can compare to learning and socializing at school, distance learning may be helping us to become more independent and responsible students.

Scarlett Giannettino '23



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Teachers Take On Distance Learning

As students, we all have different feelings about distance learning, but what about the teachers? Distance teaching can be hard at times, too. I asked some SJS teachers for their thoughts on the current situation.

Q: In your years in teaching, have you ever experienced this kind of disruption?

A: Mrs. DiBiasi: I have never had anything like this happen in my career. The longest I have ever been away from my students was when I was on maternity leave...for 6 weeks, but I could still go in and visit!

A: Mrs. Thompson: I was teaching at the time when 9/11 happened. I was in South Ozone Park, teaching third grade. I remember driving home from work that day so scared of the unknown and what was happening in our world. Looking back at those moments it was very scary, but look how far we have come.

Q: How are you doing during this time? How are you staying in touch with your students and other teachers?

A: Mrs. DiBiasi: We are hanging in there as a family. Luckily we have all been healthy. It has been a challenge to be home with a first and third grader of my own...juggling my schedule and theirs, helping them and my students. I just take it one day at a time and do my best to help everyone I can! I keep in touch with the other teachers over text, email, phone calls, and Zoom! I miss seeing them everyday as much as the students. I love seeing all the kids at St. Joe's everyday even the ones I don't teach. I join second grade's Friday Zooms to see the kids like I would if we were in school. We have fun dancing and getting the sillies out before we kick off the weekend! It's always fun when Mrs. Thompson and I come up with a plan to have fun with the kids and show them we miss them!

A: Mrs. Casarella: Thankfully my family and I are all healthy and home together trying to make the best of each day. I am keeping in touch with my students through Zoom...a great way for them to interact with me as well as their classmates. I also record myself teaching actual lessons. My students can see me and hear me...What I like best about this approach is that the parents can decide when the best time is for their child to sit and learn. It is convenient for parents, especially those that may have more than one child at home. I communicate with my fellow teachers regularly as we are all good friends. We are on the same team and we all want what is best for our students and our school. SJS Strong!

A: Mrs. Thompson: This has not been easy at all for my family. My children are trying their best with online schooling but it's hard to keep up with all the different teachers they have in middle school. I miss my teacher friends as much as I miss my students. I have invited Mrs. DiBiasi and Mrs. Pinheiro into my Zoom classes. Mrs. DiBiasi often stopped by second grade on her way to the office and the children and I would pull her in and she would do a Go Noodle with us...so Mrs. DiBiasi joins us on our Friday Zoom meetings now. Mrs. Pinherio comes to our Monday morning meetings to say "hi" ...we miss her being in our classroom, too. I visited Ms. Christensen's Zoom class last week to say "hi." I miss commuting with Ms. Christensen. When we drive down for the parade, we will follow each other to work and talk on the phone (hands-free, of course) so we feel like we are together driving again.

Q: As a result of distance learning, what have you learned about yourself as a teacher and what have you learned about your students?

A: Mrs. Kinlen: What I have learned about myself as a teacher is that I miss the interaction that the students had with each other as well as the interaction that I had with the students. I have always run my classes so that the students can "lead" the direction of the lesson with their questions and comments, even if sometimes we were discussing Physics in math class! Distance learning has made that type of teaching difficult, but we're figuring it out! What I have learned about my students during this time is that even with all the uncertainty and fear that we are all living with, the children's kindness is unwavering. I often get "Good morning" comments and an abundance of "Thank you" and "Have a great weekend". They always bring forth their best attitude, in Zoom class, or even in just a simple comment.

A: Mrs. Casarella: I have learned that "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." That goes for my students, their parents, and me as their teacher. I had to switch gears a bit, which was challenging, but the students and parents are the ones that had to alter their lives completely. Parents are juggling many different responsibilities at home and my students have lost the social aspect of being with their friends in school. I commend them for all their ability to adapt to this new norm.

Thank you to Mrs. Casarella, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Kinlen, and Mrs. DiBiasi for taking the time to share their thoughts on distance learning. One thing's for sure - SJS students miss their teachers and SJS teachers miss their students.

Evan Utano '23

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Family Time During Quarantine

Many families have been doing a number of different activities to keep busy during the Pandemic Quarantine. I collected data from fellow classmates to find out what they are doing with their families while stuck at home.

Some of these activities include playing board games like Monopoly, Checkers, Pictionary and Scrabble. Others play card games such as Uno and Old Maid or other games like trivia and Charades. Some families enjoy movies together, especially if they include popcorn and s'mores.

Family time can also consist of cooking and baking. Some families are making cookies and cakes while others are baking bread or making homemade pasta. (Not from a box!!)

Some of my favorite family activities are going for long family walks and bike rides, while virtual workouts are really fun too. Doing yard work is not as much fun. Not being with friends and classmates has been difficult, but being able to spend extra time with my family has been great.

Paxton Reyes '22

Adam's Fun Facts: Science Edition

The Largest and Smallest Living Things

The largest living thing in the world is nicknamed the humongous fungus. The humongous fungus is a fungus that is almost 4 square miles in size. This fungus is so big because it is a bunch of fungi that are connected by the roots to each other. The smallest living thing in the world is Mycoplasma genitalium. Mycoplasma genitalium is a bacteria that lives in apes' bladders.

Adam Merhi '22



Quarantine Birthdays

In 2020, people have had to come up with many different ways to do things because of the quarantine. One of these things is how we celebrate birthdays. Even though you cannot see people for their birthdays, there are many different ways you can celebrate. For example, you can have a virtual birthday party on Zoom. You can form a car parade, and clap your hands or bang some pans when you drive by. You can also have parties while playing online games or stay up all night watching shows or movies. My experience of birthdays in quarantine is not as bad as I first thought it would be. My friend Timmy had a drive-by birthday party. This was like a parade as there were many cars lined up. This experience was very fun, and it was great to see all these people in line to wish Timmy a happy birthday. We are all learning to find creative birthday ideas in quarantine.

Joe Troiano '22

Quarantine Netflix Shows

During quarantine, there is not a lot to do. That is why people are finding plenty of time to binge-watch Netflix shows. Here are some good shows to binge-watch:

- Outer Banks
- The Office
- Stranger Things
- Ozark

Hope you enjoy them!

Ryan Merhi '21

Frontline Worker Spotlight

The community of SJS is proud of all of the family members that are working on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic. I interviewed Dr. Nicole Spillane about her experiences and how her hospital is managing this crisis. Dr. Spillane is the Associate Director of the Neonatal Unit at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Q: How long have you been a doctor in your current position?
A: I started at this hospital in 2011. Recently, I have served on committees to create and institute policies for the NICU to keep babies and healthcare workers safe during the pandemic.

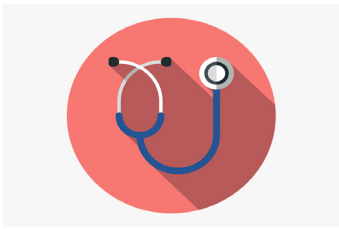
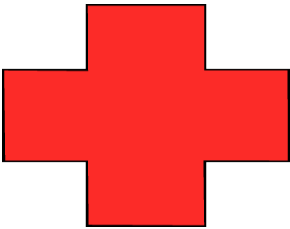
Q: How has the coronavirus impacted the NICU?
A: There has been a large impact on the NICU. Visitation policies have changed, and only one parent can visit at a time. If the mother has Coronavirus, the baby is immediately separated from the parents at birth. They cannot visit the baby for several weeks, and we use a special “facetime” several times a day so they can see their baby. We have had several nurses and doctors who have become sick with coronavirus but everyone is well now.

Q: What additional protective equipment do you have to wear?
A: We have to wear full PPE which includes a face shield, an N95 mask, a gown, and gloves.

Q: How many more patients are in your hospital than normal?
A: We normally have 771 patient beds. During the Coronavirus Crisis, bed capacity was expanded to over 900 beds. They converted the cafeteria to a patient care area of 70 beds in one week. At the peak, over 80% of all patients in the hospital were coronavirus patients.

Q: Have you noticed improvements since the peak of the coronavirus?
A: Yes, admissions to the hospital of coronavirus patients is decreasing. The hospital celebrates patients who have recovered and are being discharged home. Thankfully, we are having a lot of celebrations, because many patients are healthy again.

Ryan Spillane ‘22



Interviews with Healthcare Workers

We have interviewed healthcare workers who help Coronavirus patients. We have asked one of our very own school moms, Nurse Meredith Caprio, and Caitlin’s uncle, Dr. Matt Forte, for more information about their experiences during this health crisis.

Nurse Meredith Caprio

Q: What is your position?
A: A registered nurse.

Q: What is the hospital at which you work?
A: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.” (MSKCC)

Q: How long have you worked there?
A: 15 years.

Q: What made you want to be a nurse?
A: I love science and I was always very interested in how the human body works. Nursing is the perfect combination of helping people and learning how the human body works.

Q: How long have you been a nurse?
A: 20 years.

Q: What do you like most about being a nurse?
A: Seeing people get better and going home to their families.

Q: What is the worst part about being a nurse?
A: Seeing people not get better.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your job?
A: Seeing young people pass away.

Q: Do you work with coronavirus patients?
A: Yes.

Q: How has coronavirus impacted your job?
A: It has made me nervous to go to work. I do not want to bring coronavirus home to my family. I was never nervous to go to work before.

Dr. Matt Forte

Q: What is your position?
A: Doctor.

Q: What hospital do you work at?
A: New York Presbyterian. (NYP)

Q: How long have you been working there?
A: 4 years.

Q: What made you want to be a doctor?
A: I always had an interest in helping people.

Q: How long have you been a doctor?
A: 25 years.

Q: What do you like most about being a doctor?
A: When I can make someone better.

Q: What is the worst part about being a doctor?
A: When people do not get better. I also work a lot of hours.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your job?
A: Dealing with sick people.

Q: Do you work with coronavirus patients?
A: Yes, all my patients have coronavirus.

Q: How has the Coronavirus impacted on your job?
A: The virus is sad but people are working as a team to help people get better.

We want to thank all healthcare workers, frontline workers and first responders for being there. THANK YOU!!!!

Ella Caprio ‘23 and Caitlin McDonagh ‘23

SJS Word Search

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Mary Allen ‘23

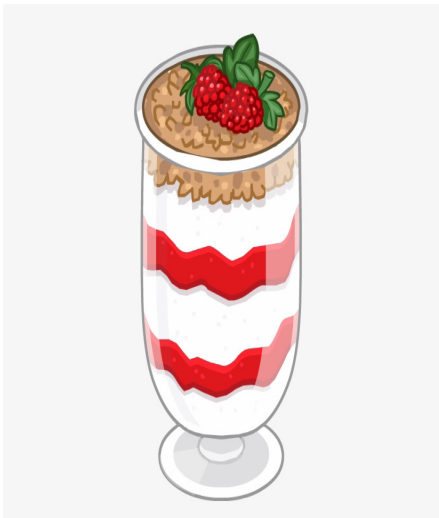
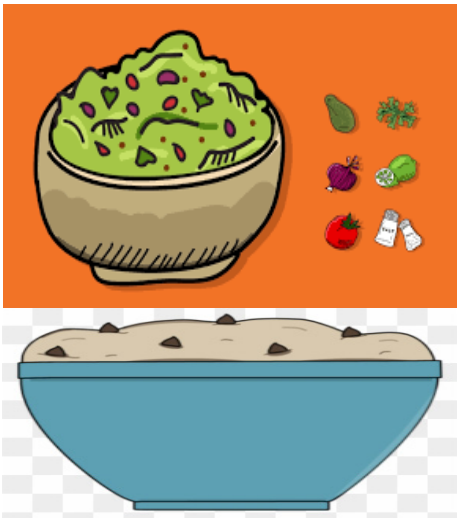
Top 20 Quarantine Movies

When you can’t go outside and a good movie is what you need! Here are our picks for best movies! Grab some popcorn and ENJOY!

Jack’s Top Picks
Title: Hoosiers
Genre: Drama, Sports
Running Time: 1:54
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 4.5
Title: Ironman
Genre: Action, Sci-fi
Running Time: 2:06
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 5
Title: Avengers: Endgame
Genre: Action, Sci-fi, Drama
Running Time: 3:10
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 5
Title: National Treasure
Genre: Thriller, Mystery
Running Time: 2:11
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 4
Christian’s Top Picks
Title: Back to the Future
Genre: Science fiction
Running Time: 1:56
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 5
Title: Space Jam
Genre: Animation/Family
Running Time: 1:40
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 3
Title: Rocky III
Genre: Sport/Drama
Running Time: 1:40
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 2
Title: Avengers: Infinity War
Genre: Sci-fi/Action
Running Time: 2:40
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 3
Ryan’s Top Picks
Title: Venom
Genre: Action, Sci-fi
Running Time: 1:52
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 3
Title:Star Wars Revenge of the Sith
Genre: Sci-fi
Running Time: 2:20
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 5
Title: Doctor Strange
Genre: Fantasy, Action Adventure
Running Time: 1:56
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 4
Title: Ant Man
Genre: Sci-fi, Comedy, Action Adventure
Running Time: 1:58
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 3

Brian’s Top Picks
Title: Rocky IV
Genre: Sport/Drama
Running Time: 1:31
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 4
Title: Onward
Genre:Comedy/Family
Running Time: 1:42
Rating: PG
Stars Rating:4
Title: Miracle on Ice
Genre: Sports
Running Time: 2:30
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 5
Title: Jumanji the Next Level
Genre: Comedy/Action
Running Time: 2:03
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 4
Luca’s Top Picks
Title: The Martian
Genre: Sci-fi, Drama
Running Time: 2:31
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 4.5
Title: Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade
Genre: Adventure, Action
Running Time: 2:08
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 5
Title: Solo: A Star Wars Story
Genre: Action, Sci-fi
Running Time: 2:15
Rating: PG-13
Stars Rating: 4
Title: Apollo 13
Genre: Drama, Adventure
Running Time: 2:20
Rating: PG
Stars Rating: 4.5

Jack Cappelleri ‘23, Brian Flynn ‘23,
Christian Portilla ‘23, Luca Rivera ‘23,
Ryan Smith ‘23



Quarantine Snack Recipes

As of now, we are all familiar with the coronavirus pandemic. It is keeping us all in our houses, away from friends and family, and full of boredom. While we are sitting on our phones all day, we still need to exercise, learn, and eat. Here are three simple, easy, and delicious recipes for some things to snack on while in quarantine.

Safe-To-Eat Raw Cookie Dough

Ingredients:
½ cup of salted butter
1 cup of all purpose flour
½ of light brown sugar
2 tablespoons of granulated sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
2 tablespoons of milk
½ cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips (optional)

Instructions:
In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Continue to cook it until it starts to boil, foam, and is amber in color. Let it cool for about 20 minutes. While the butter is cooling, put the flour in a large, microwave-safe bowl and heat it in 30 second intervals, whisking after each. Do this until a thermometer inserted in the flour reaches 160°F. When your butter is cooled, mix the brown and granulated sugar into the flour until evenly mixed. Stir in the cooled butter and vanilla extract using a wooden spoon until well combined. Stir in the chocolate chips. Chill in the refrigerator for later or enjoy now!

Guacamole

Ingredients:
2 avocados
½ cup of diced tomatoes
½ cup of diced onions
1 lime
1 teaspoon of salt (to taste)

Instructions:
Open and pit the avocados, then put them in a bowl and smash with a fork. Do this until you have reached your desired consistency. Gently mix in the onions and tomatoes with a spatula. Cut the lime in half and either squeeze both halves directly in or juice them and pour in the juice. Then add the salt and a few parsley leaves if you wish to. Either enjoy with tortilla chips or put it on toast!

Yogurt Parfait

Ingredients:
12 tablespoons of greek yogurt
6 tablespoons of granola (any kind)
20 raspberries

Instructions:
Put 2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt in a tall glass. Layer 2 tablespoons of granola on top of the yogurt. Put 2 more tablespoons of Greek yogurt. Place 5 raspberries over the yogurt. Repeat steps 1-4 three more times. Enjoy your healthy snack!

Aurora Cierro ‘22

Sports Cancelled

Due to the coronavirus, all professional sports have been cancelled. Most people like watching professional sports on television, but without them, lots of people are looking for other things to do instead.

March Madness, the popular college basketball tournament, was supposed to occur right before quarantine, but was cancelled. At first, it was supposed to take place with no fans, but the Coronavirus spread very rapidly and ultimately the tournament was cancelled. This was very difficult for the graduating seniors because this was their last year to win.

All local kids' sports were cancelled too, including spring basketball, lacrosse, baseball, softball and track just to name a few. We are unable to go to spring SJS basketball games, which was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

March Madness was probably the first major event to be shut down. SJS students were upset by it because many of us are big basketball fans. We all miss sports, but all we can do is hope COVID-19 blows over soon and life can return to normal. Until then, there are always replays!

JJ Flynn '21 and Kyle Terri '21

NFL Draft 2020

The 2020 NFL Draft was very interesting to watch. The first round of the draft was held April 23, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the draft was held for the first time ever at NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's house right here in Bronxville, New York. The NFL Draft was broadcast on ESPN or ESPN 2, and it was also streamed live on the ESPN app. This year there were many top NFL prospects coming into the draft for the quarterback position. Amazing quarterbacks Joe Burrow, Tua Tagovailoa, and Justin Herbert all had the potential to go top 5 in the draft. There was also really good defensive talent going into the draft like Chase Young and Jeff Okudah from Ohio State.

With the first pick of the 2020 NFL draft, the Cincinnati Bengals selected Joe Burrow, a quarterback from LSU. The second pick by the Washington Redskins was Chase Young, and the third pick was Jeff Okudah. Including these two picks, Ohio State had a total of 10 of its players chosen in this year's draft. Tua Tagovailoa and Justin Herbert were selected by the Miami Dolphins and the LA Chargers as the fifth and sixth picks, respectively. The first offensive tackle was taken as the fourth pick by the Giants. The Carolina Panthers took a Defensive tackle despite people expecting them to take Isaiah Simmons, who fell to the Arizona Cardinals at pick number 8. Jordan Love, a quarterback, was taken by the Greenbay Packers at pick number 26 even though they needed help for Aaron Rodgers in the form of a wide receiver. Jake Fromm and Jacob Eason were expected to get drafted in the 2nd round, but fell in the draft to below the 3rd round. It was surprising to see the New England Patriots draft a division 2 player, Kyle Dugger from Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Overall, there were many surprising but promising selections. We are looking forward to seeing what these players will do in the NFL.

Daniel McQuade '22 and Connor Van de Loo '23

Fun Lawn Games to Play During Quarantine

My family and I like to play lawn games together. Lawn games are a good choice of activity because everything else is closed right now due to the quarantine. There are many different lawn games to play, but my favorites are badminton, lawn bowling, cornhole, and bocce.

Badminton is a game that is similar to tennis. It uses rackets and a net like tennis. However, instead of hitting a tennis ball, you hit a shuttlecock, which is a half ball with a plastic tail or feathers. If you don't have a net on your lawn, you can play without one, you just have to decide ahead of time where the line will be to divide the court. A player scores points by hitting the shuttlecock to their opponent's court, and if the opponent can't hit it back, the player scores a point. A player wins when they score 21 points. Badminton is my favorite lawn game because the matches can get really intense and exciting, and it is also good exercise.

My second favorite lawn game is cornhole. Cornhole is a game like no other. It is played with two 2x4 foot cornhole boards with holes cut into them that are angled with the backs 12 inches above the ground. The boards are placed across from each other so the holes are 33 feet apart. Each two-membered team stands behind their board and tries to throw bean-bags filled with corn kernels at their opposing team's board. The team gets one point for every bag that lands on the board and three-points for every bag that goes into the hole. The team that scores 21 first wins the match. I love cornhole because it can be a fun game to play outside and with my friends or with my family.

Two other fun games to play are lawn bowling and bocce, which are very similar. Lawn bowling originally started in Europe and is very popular there. Bocce has been very popular with Italian immigrants here. They both use a small white ball called a "jack" that is thrown a certain distance on your lawn. You have to throw your bocce balls or lawn bowls to get as close as possible to where the jack lands. The team with the closest ball to the jack wins. Bocce is usually played on a court and lawn bowling is played on a "green" or field. Bocce balls are rounder than lawn bowls but they are both made out of heavy wood or plastic material. I think both games are very fun to play with your family. They are a fun alternative to going to a bowling alley which we are not able to do right now.

Lawn games are fun things to play while sports and activities away from home are unavailable. They are good activities to do to spend time with your family and be active. You can even make up your own rules or use things around your house if you don't have the proper equipment. Even when the quarantine is over, I will still play lawn games!

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The Death of a Sports Legend

The year 2020 was supposed to start off great. Then, a tragedy struck. On January 26, 2020 at 11:24 A.M. in Calabasas, California, the greatest Laker of all time Kobe Bryant, his 13 year old daughter Gianna and seven others passed away in a helicopter crash. Natalia Bryant, his oldest daughter, was at volleyball practice. During practice, someone told her the news. She started to hyperventilate and fainted. She was rushed to the hospital. Nobody could believe this tragic moment in sports history.

Kobe Bryant was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1978. He attended Lower Merion High School. Kobe started his NBA career in 1996, and his work ethic was obvious to teammates, opponents and fans. Former NBA player Jay Williams told a story in which he was going to the gym to practice and found that Kobe had already been there for four hours. Kobe said, "No matter how hard you work, you will never work harder than me." Former NBA player Dwayne Wade once broke Kobe Bryant's nose in an All Star Game. After the game, Wade called Kobe to apologize, and Kobe responded, "I love it." The next time they played, Kobe Bryant scored 25 points against Wade.

Kobe was a great basketball player and a lot of people liked him. He was a very talented player. All of us send our condolences to the Bryant Family and all the others affected. Thank you for your time and dedication, Kobe! Rest in peace.

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Best of Luck Class of 2020!

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