



MARCH MADNESS

Students, families adapt to new normal after school closes on March 12 in midst of global pandemic

Hannah Khairandish | EIC



STAY TO PLAY

Completing an at-home orchestra assignment, senior Noah Czelusta teaches a family member how to play his cello. His sister, sophomore Sophie Czelusta, caught on quickly because she already played the viola. "We had fun," Czelusta said. "It helped eliminate the boredom and monotony of quarantine." *Photo courtesy of Noah Czelusta.*



NO WAIT

Making the most of his Spring Break, freshman Oliver Grossman travels with his family to Incline Village, Nevada. Grossman and his family went ahead with their travel plans to go skiing in Nevada. "The crazy part was that the airport was nearly empty even though it was the middle of the day," Grossman said. "On the way back, there were 33 people on our flight." *Photo by Josie Grossman.*

HELPING HANDS

At the Kids' Meals warehouse in Houston, senior Ellie Zarr helps pack lunches for 7,000 area children. Zarr used some of her time away from school to help others. "The number of hungry kids in Houston increased significantly, as they did not have access to school meals," Zarr said. "It was heartwarming to see the kids' faces light up when we delivered to them." *Photo courtesy of Ellie Zarr.*



plenty of spare TIME

03/11 RODEO CLOSED

"I was at the rodeo when they made the announcement, and everyone was scrambling to leave. All I could think about was the money and opportunities I was losing. After a while, I was amazed at how big it all got, and I realized that the rodeo being canceled was just a small part."

Annie Valicek | 12



03/13-22 SPRING BREAK

"Corona almost ruined our trip, but we didn't let it stop us. Olivia Gore and I went to Oaxaca, Mexico, mainly to see my cousin's wedding."

Alexa Herrera | 12

03/11 BAND TRIP TO FLORIDA

"I sent this picture to my mom because she was very concerned about everyone staying safe. I wasn't very nervous because there were not many confirmed cases at the time. Once we were all home and safe, I was very glad that I was able to go on the trip with a lot of my friends."

Rebecca Lorentzatos | 9



03/12 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

"Kyle [Nguyen] asked me to prom that night. I'd heard about school being canceled before that. I wasn't that upset because it was Spring Break anyway, until my trip to Mexico got canceled. I wasn't that upset about prom being canceled since we have so many other dances, but I missed my friends and all the senior traditions we missed out on."

Emily Goertz | 12





Luke Springer | 10
 "When school got canceled on March 12, it was unreal. The whole process was drawn out and boring - just repeating the same thing every day. What I didn't expect to miss was going to school and seeing my friends."

QUARANTEENED

Students share what they miss most about their lives after staying home for weeks on end



Gabby Rosenwasser | 11



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Christopher Hickey | 12



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Kevin Xiong | 9



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INNER CIRCLE

Following social distancing guidelines, members of the girls varsity basketball team meet in the school parking lot on March 22. Sophomore Gianna Vlahakos suggested the idea after seeing something similar on Tik Tok. "We were always such a close team, so when that was taken away, we needed to find a way to get together while still following COVID-19 guidelines," Vlahakos said. Photo by Macey Muchard.



GAME ON

Passing time, senior Hunter Canales spends the majority of his day gaming. Canales often played "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare" or "GTA 5" online with several of his friends. "Gaming was a great way to stay in touch and connect with people," Canales said. Photo courtesy of Hunter Canales.



SPARE A SQUARE?

On the hunt for toilet paper, junior Megan Benz walks through an empty aisle at the Echo Lane Kroger. After the COVID-19 outbreak, toilet paper became extremely scarce. "My dad was the sacrificial lamb and went to shop first, but everything he brought home was wrong," Benz said. "I had to go back and return everything and buy the groceries again the next day." Photo courtesy of Megan Benz.



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03/30 ONLINE SCHOOL STARTS

"I was on Lake Conroe and Zooming with Mrs. Iler. I was okay with online schooling. I was able to do whatever, whenever, like go fishing, and was able to stay away from people."

Nick Kroger | 12

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04/17 SCHOOL CANCELED FOR REST OF YEAR

"Although I wasn't really expecting to go back, it still hit me hard when they officially announced it. I really took for granted seeing my teachers and friends every day. As a senior, school was actually fun this year. I was the most upset about missing prom."

Ashley Smelley | 12

03/18 STOCK MARKET CRASH

"If Corona continues, we are going to see the biggest recession we've had since 2008. In February, the Dow was at 29,000 and then it went down to 18,500. My college fund is through the stock market, so I'm stressed."

Drew Moxley | 12

